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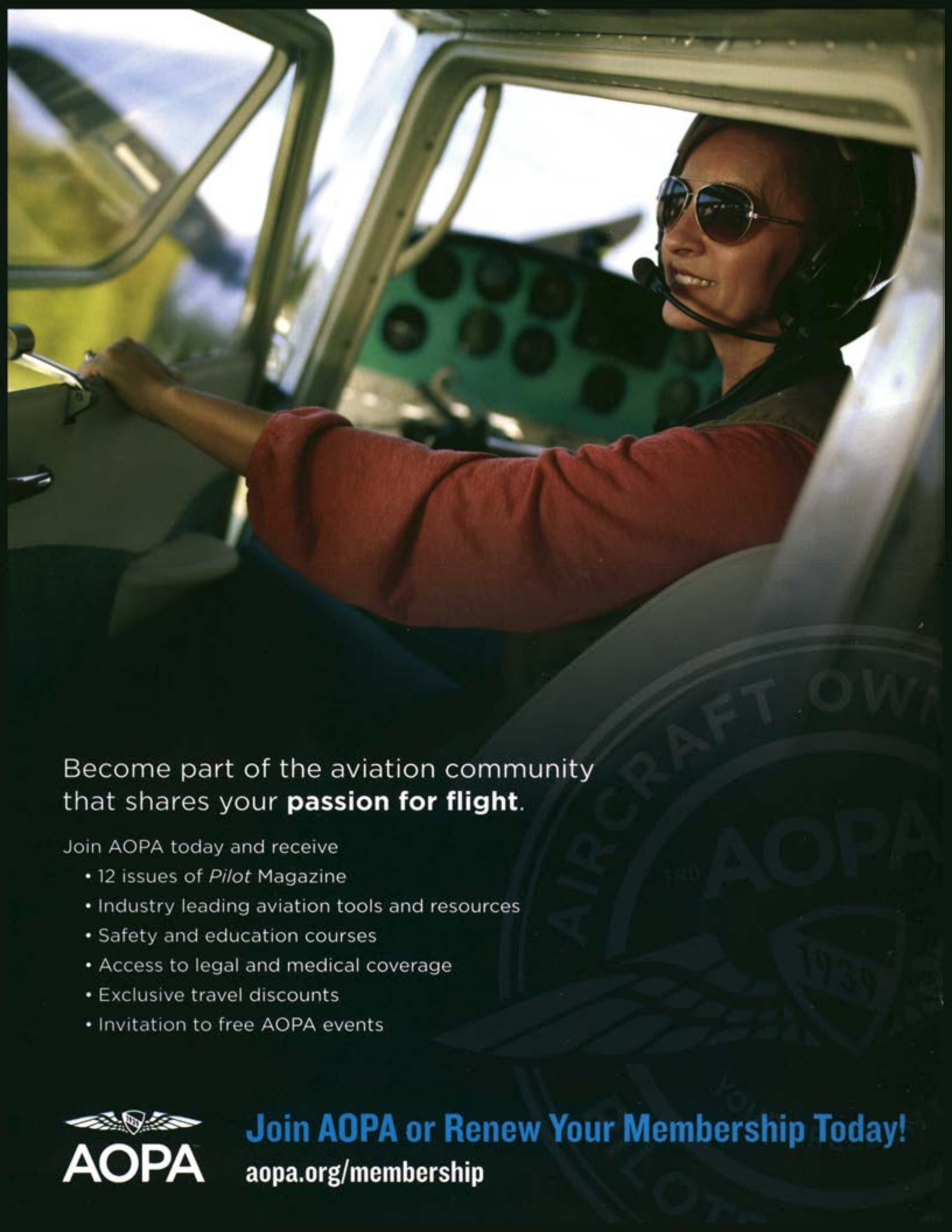
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## President's Welcome

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 2019 Air Race Classic! This year marks the 43rd running of our race, and the 90th anniversary of women's air racing! With roots dating back to the 1929 Women's Air Derby, the current Air Race Classic is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on encouraging and educating women pilots and preserving and promoting the tradition of female aviation pioneers. Air Race Classic Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials spend thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing the race. I am personally grateful for their generous talents and commitment to all aspects of this event. The women racers who participate embody some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our country.

The Air Race Classic would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the hundreds of volunteers throughout the country. Planning is underway to welcome the teams at this year's start, Jackson, Tennessee; multiple enroute stops along the route; and the terminus in Welland, Ontario. Enroute stops allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and planned overnight stops for the race teams. Since the Start, Terminus and race route change every year, new volunteers are recruited at each of the enroute stops, as well as the Start and Terminus, for each race. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers, aircraft inspectors; anything that needs done to make that stop a success. They may be former racers, aviation enthusiasts who follow their hometown racer or team, and pilots willing to travel to the stops to be a part of the competitive camaraderie that is the Air Race Classic. Along with our volunteers, scores of loyal fans across the country are eagerly anticipating the arrival of ARC racers in their hometowns. We are extraordinarily grateful to each of them for their enthusiasm and support; the perpetuity of this one-of-a-kind race is due to the dedication and efforts of everyone involved! We thank you for your participation in the Air Race Classic, the premier transcontinental speed competition for women pilots!

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# ARC Airplane Qualifications, Scoring, and Race Handicaps

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](http://www.airraceclassic.org) and select Follow ARC Racers to the Finish link.

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1985-1987



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2002-2005



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2005-2006



**Valdeen Wooton**  
2006-2007



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2008-2014



## Air Race Classic Mission

The Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to: encouraging and educating current and future women pilots; increasing public awareness of general aviation; demonstrating women's roles in aviation; preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation.





**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Air Race Classic**  
 Celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Air Racing



**2019 General Information**

**START**

**McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport (Jackson, TN)**

|  |          |         |               |
|--|----------|---------|---------------|
| Airplane Inspections   | Friday   | June 14 | 0800-1700 CDT |
| ARC Credentials, Start Check-In, Hospitality                   |          |         | 0900-1700 CDT |
| Early Arrivals Gathering – Jackson General vs. Biloxi Shuckers |          |         | 1800-2200 CDT |
| Pancake Breakfast @ MKL  | Saturday | June 15 | 0700-0900 CDT |
| Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials                          |          |         | 0800-1500 CDT |
| Start Check-In, Hospitality                                    |          |         | 0900-1500 CDT |
| Racers Arrival – DEADLINE                                      |          |         | 1200 CDT      |
| Racers & Youth Aviation Event – "Mingle with the Racers"       |          |         | 1200-1500 CDT |
| ARC Credentials, Airplane Inspections – CLOSE                  |          |         | 1500 CDT      |
| "Welcome the Racers" – MANDATORY                               |          |         | 1800-2100 CDT |
| Start Check-In – CLOSE   | Sunday   | June 16 | 0800 CDT      |
| Collegiate Racers Meeting – MANDATORY                          |          |         | 0800-0900 CDT |
| All Contestants Briefing – MANDATORY                           |          |         | 0900-1200 CDT |
| Timing Technology & Judging Briefing – MANDATORY               |          |         | 1330-1500 CDT |
| Social Hour & Take -Off Banquet – MANDATORY                    |          |         | 1730-2130 CDT |
| Flying Canada – MANDATORY                                      | Monday   | June 17 | 0800-0900 CDT |
| Racer Flyby Briefing – MANDATORY                               |          |         | 0900-1030 CDT |
| Race Start / Terminus Briefing – MANDATORY                     |          |         | 1030-1130 CDT |
| Weather Briefing   |          |         | 1130-1200 CDT |
| First-Time Racers Clinic – MANDATORY                           |          |         | 1330-1430 CDT |
| Race Officials Meeting   |          |         | 1500-1530 CDT |
| Launch Breakfast, All Contestants Final Briefing – MANDATORY   | Tuesday  | June 18 | 0600-0700 CDT |
| Start Take-Off   |          |         | 0800 CDT      |

**TERMINUS**

**Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (Welland, ON)**

|   |          |         |               |
|---|----------|---------|---------------|
| Terminus Check -In, Hospitality                 | Friday   | June 21 | 0830-1700 EDT |
| Racers Finish – DEADLINE                        |          |         | 1700 EDT      |
| Meltdown Party                                  |          |         | 1800-2100 EDT |
| Terminus Check -in, Hospitality                 | Saturday | June 22 | 0830-1800 EDT |
| Airplane Inspections                            |          |         | 0900-1200 EDT |
| Score Sheet Signing, Meet with Judges           |          |         | 0900-1400 EDT |
| Racers & Youth Aviation Event – Meet the Racers |          |         | 1300-1500 EDT |
| Hiring Fair                                     |          |         | 1300-1500 EDT |
| Collegiate Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED      |          |         | 1530-1615 EDT |
| First-Time Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED      |          |         | 1615-1700 EDT |
| All Conte starts Debriefing – MANDATORY         | Sunday   | June 23 | 0900-1000 EDT |
| Social Hour & ARC Awards Banquet – MANDATORY    |          |         | 1900-2200 EDT |

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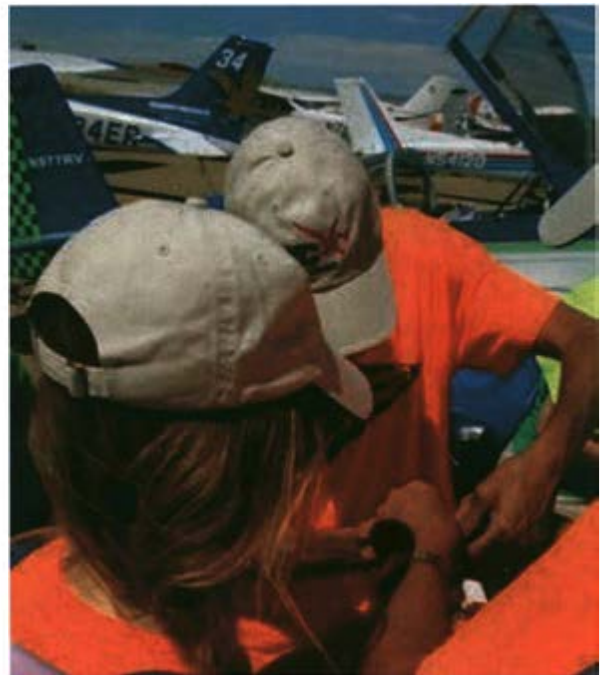
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Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, the Individuals that keep the planes flying. According to one website the global aviation maintenance technicians workforce will need to add almost 38,000 new technicians annually in order to meet the projected demand. The Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance is hoping to inspire young women to be a 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 fields 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 a 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!!*

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# TENNESSEE JACKSON

Connect Here

Visitors find it easy to love Jackson and West Tennessee. A major draw is our music, a sound heard only halfway between Nashville and Memphis. Our musical heritage is bolstered by a new generation of talent making its mark on the live music scene.

Our region offers many other reasons to visit, too: Beautiful state parks like Reelfoot Lake. Historical Civil War battle sites, like Parkers Crossroads and Shiloh National Military Park. Historic sites, like Davy Crockett's home and the Alex Haley Museum, and music destinations, like the new Tennessee Legends of Music Museum at the Carnegie and the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center.

Discovery Park in Union City and Casey Jones Village in Jackson attract visitors from across the country. And, it's a usual

occurrence for international visitors – enamored with rockabilly pioneer Carl Perkins – to show up at the Rock-a-Billy Hall of Fame.

Many come to watch the Minor League's Jackson Generals or to play ball at the West Tennessee Sportsplex, which features 17 fields and is the Southeast's premier youth baseball and softball facility.

Charming small towns, beaming with history and culture, food like pulled pork barbecue and fried catfish, and a friendly welcome await our visitors.

From Civil War cannons to baseballs and fiddles, from music festivals to wineries and distilleries, from dinosaurs and giraffes to heroes and legends — you'll find them all right here in Jackson and West Tennessee.





# McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport



McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport is located in the geographic center of West Tennessee. The airport was established by the U.S. government in 1941 as a military aviation training center and later was given to the City of Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee. As the airport has grown and evolved through the years to better serve the community, our commitment to excellence and exemplary service remain top priority.

Each year MKL hosts an annual fish fry and the Jackson Business After Hours. The airport also sponsors the Tennessee Army Air Guard's Fallen Aviators Car Show/Fly-in, the Madison County Volunteer Fire Department's Firefighters Freedom Festival and participates in the annual Angel Tree Christmas gifts for children. Over the past year, MKL has made a concerted effort to encourage future pilots by reaching out to local youth organizations and educating our community by hosting Aviation Adventure day camps, 99s Let's Fly Now events and community cookouts.

MKL is home to three past Tennessee Airport Managers of the Year who have proven records of offering southern hospitality at its finest. Prepare to be pampered

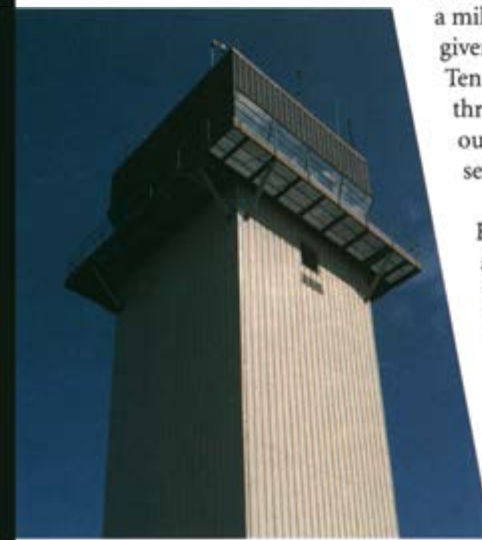
and treated like royalty during your stay. The week is yours, and we are devoted to making it unforgettable. Friday evening Ladies Night Out will be the fun-filled kick-off of the weekend. Saturday will begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Memphis 99's. At noon, a youth event will be hosted by Aviation Adventures. Saturday evening's Meet the Racers reception will precede a Hawaiian Luau Hangar Party featuring The University of Tennessee Martin's Jamaica Me Happy band, which is sure to be a hit!

For those of you who will be flying commercial, Air Choice One offers direct flights from St. Louis and Atlanta. For anyone in need of a rental car to explore the area, Hertz is located on the field.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our airport and our wonderful community with the amazing women of the Air Race Classic. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your visit more enjoyable.

**Steve Smith**, Executive Director  
Jackson-Madison County  
Airport Authority

**Jo Ann Speer**, Start Chair  
FBO Manager, McKellar-Sipes  
Regional Airport



# LAGRANGE, GA KLGK

## LaGrange Callaway Airport

**Stop Chair Dexter Wells**  
**Airport Manager Dexter Wells**

The Troup County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to the charming region of Troup County, Georgia. With a population of almost 70,000, Troup County is home to diverse industries, Fortune 500 companies and higher education. Since its establishment in 1826, Troup County has earned a warm reputation as a premier, family-friendly community, as well as a growing destination for commerce.

With 446 square miles of beautiful water, emerging landscape and thriving economic development, Troup County houses three municipalities: LaGrange (County seat), West Point and Hogansville. Located just miles from thriving downtown LaGrange, the LaGrange Callaway Airport (KLGK) strives to service the needs of general and business aviation users. With excellent year round weather and no congestion or ATC delays, the airport offers 300 VFR flying days each year. In addition, the Terminal Building (FBO) was renovated in 2009 to provide modern amenities, such as a pilot's lounge, snooze room, kitchen, and a conference room.

Troup County has evolved into a leading county that is known today for its broad education, extensive agriculture and growing commerce. Home to Sweetland Amphitheatre at Boyd Park and Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, beautiful West Point Lake in West Point, and the annual Hummingbird Festival in Hogansville, the area offers exceptional dining, indoor and outdoor recreation attractions, and unique entertainment. It has



honed itself as a welcoming place for businesses and families, proving that it is a leader in producing positive growth and development. The county features numerous growing industries, such as Interface, ExxonMobile, Duracell, Sewon America, Inc., Jindal Films and Milliken & Co, among many others.

Troup County honors a commitment to provide excellence for its citizens and continues to advance with each passing decade. The prevalent history and unique legacy, along with the endless opportunity for economic development, promote and ensure the continued growth and success of Troup County. We invite you to Start Here!



# HATTIESBURG, MS KHBG

## Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport

**Stop Chair** Lynn Krell  
**Airfield Manager** Chip Gibson

The Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport holds the distinction as being one of the oldest airports in the state of Mississippi. Opened in 1930, the Hattiesburg Municipal Airport has served as the primary airport for the greater Hattiesburg area for almost ninety (90) years. Prior to its official opening, the Hattiesburg Aerodrome, as it was then called, was a grass field with aircraft departing from a clear-cut pine forest roughly four (4) miles south of the downtown. As with many airports throughout the south, its permanent infrastructure is owed to the airport's involvement in World War II, as it was during this time that the bulk of facilities and runways were designed and built. During this period, the airport was under the control of the War Department and hosted the Army Air Corp's A20 Havocs, O-49 Vigilants, O-52 Owls and B-25s Mitchells. After its short stint as an auxiliary military airfield, the airport was returned to civilian use in 1946. Thanks to the recently constructed ramp and runways built for the war effort, the airport began to flourish in its new mandate.

The late 1940s saw commercial air service brought to the region for the first time. Over the next 25 years, periodic service was provided by Delta and Southern Airways. Although commercial air service is no longer conducted at the municipal airport, the facility continues to serve a vital role in the economy of the metropolitan Hattiesburg area having emerged as the region's premier general aviation airport. Helping to forge this distinction is the airport's ideal location. Nestled in the Hattiesburg Forrest County Industrial Park, the airport lies between the central business district and the nation's largest National Guard training facility, Camp Shelby. This helps to make it the perfect choice for business travelers and military distinguished visitors alike. The close proximity to The University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University, and two junior colleges also help make the airport a natural fit for flight training. U. S. Highways 11, 49, 98 and Interstate 59 all converge near the airport, helping solidify the airport's moniker, "The Hub City." With an eye to the future, the airport looks forward to another ninety years!



# BRYANT, AR KSUZ

## Saline County Regional Airport

**Stop Chair Camilia Smith**  
**Airport Manager Dane Pruitt**

Welcome to Saline County, Arkansas, with a population over 107,000, home to nationally recognized schools, championship sports, first class parks and libraries in a suburban/rural setting with a marvelous variety of shopping and dining amenities for your family to enjoy.

Conveniently located in Central Arkansas along Interstate 30, Saline County is fifteen minutes from the Little Rock National Airport, thirty minutes from Hot Springs National Park, two hours from Memphis and five hours from Dallas.

Saline County is experiencing dynamic growth, with our population booming nearly 40% in the last fifteen years, and our cities and county government have kept pace with solid infrastructure and public facilities that are second to none.

Our economic base is strong and broad. A regional draw for shopping and entertainment, Saline County also has large and medium manufacturing and processing facilities and the infrastructure to transport goods and materials affordably. In addition to substantial rail and interstate highway access, our Saline County Regional Airport (KSUZ) is located at 1100 Hill Farm Road, Bryant AR 72022.

Saline County Regional Airport is a modern facility that opened March 12, 2007, with 5001 x 100 feet runway with full parallel taxiway, ILS approach, RNAV approaches, Medium Intensity Runway Lights with strobing runway end identifier lights. SUZ also has 24 hour self-serve 100LL Avgas, Jet-A with anti-icing additive and a Full Service Avgas and Jet-A truck. The airport does not charge ramp fees or landing fees and allows overnight stays for transient aircraft free of charge.

Saline County Airport terminal has many amenities to serve you: a large well-appointed lobby, pilots lounge, flight crew rest area, flight planning area with AWOS-III and Unicom, tornado safe room with 8-inch steel reinforced concrete floor, ceiling and walls, a large conference room with presentation capability and capacity for 20 people, small conference room with table and 6 chairs, and a break room. This facility will allow meetings to be held with ability to store catering and serve guests with efficiency. The airport has a courtesy car that pilots can use if they furnish a current proof of insurance card and driver's license. Just call Airport Manager, Dane Pruitt, at 501-672-9809 to make arrangements.

Saline County Regional Airport is 100% self-sufficient with 36 T-Hangars, 10 private hangars and, 3 large corporate hangars. The Airport Commission is starting two more improvement projects to expand our ramp areas allowing space for two more 12-bay T-Hangars and five land lease lots for



construction of large corporate hangars, with space allowing even more expansion. Saline County Regional Airport has plans to extend runway and parallel taxiway another 1,000 feet that will result in 6,001 feet of runway. Development plans for the east side of the airport are being planned. The City of Bryant and Saline County are developing a road to run from Raymar overpass on I-30 to South Reynolds road, creating better access to the airport.

Saline County Regional Airport sits on 1200 acres just southeast of the City of Bryant. Conveniently located 8 miles from West Little Rock, very close to Bass Pro Shops, The New Outlet Mall, convenient access to businesses, shopping, hotels restaurants in Benton, Bryant and Little Rock with great hometown service and congeniality.

Saline County Airport Commission would like to thank Central Arkansas Flying Club, Little Rock Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, Saline County hangar pilots, and all the volunteers and sponsors that help make Bryant, AR the best stop of the 2019 Air Race Classic.



# LEE'S SUMMIT, MO KLXT

## Lee's Summit Municipal Airport

**Stop Chair Emmy Dillon**  
**Airport Manager John Ohrazda**

The Lee's Summit Municipal Airport is the new gateway to Kansas City. The airport is owned by the City of Lee's Summit and is located 16 miles southeast of downtown Kansas City, MO.

The Lee's Summit Municipal Airport has undergone a transformation in recent years. In 2018, the airport's north/south runway 18/36 was extended from 4,016 feet to 5,501 feet and widened to 100 feet, allowing heavier corporate aircraft to take off and land at the airport. The crosswind runway 11/29 was also extended from 3,800 feet to 4,000 feet.

Additional improvements have positioned the Lee's Summit Municipal Airport as a premier regional destination for business aviation operators. The airport recently acquired a new hangar complex, which features a renovated lobby, pilot's lounge and sleep room. The airport also offers concierge service for car rental, hotel reservations, restaurant reservations and conference room reservations.

The City of Lee's Summit is a thriving community of more than 97,000 residents, which enjoys the many attributes of a significant suburb within a major metropolitan area while still maintaining a small-town feel.

Lee's Summit offers something for everyone. There are plenty of great options for shoppers to enjoy, from unique shops in the city's historic downtown to



national retailers at Summit Fair and Summit Woods Crossing. Lee's Summit also boasts award-winning bars and restaurants, serving up delicious food along with one-of-a-kind cocktails sure to leave you coming back for more!

Welcome racers and enjoy your stay in Lee's Summit!



# FAIRMONT, MN KFRM

## The Fairmont Municipal Airport

**Stop Chair Verlus Burkhart**  
**Airport Manager Lee Steinkamp**

Welcome Racers to the Fairmont Municipal Airport, located in southern Minnesota. One of the main attractions is our beautiful chain of five lakes located right in town. They are used for boating, fishing and water recreation. There are also several parks and trails throughout the city. There are some golf courses nearby, a water park, the Martin County Historical Society, Heritage Acres, and many other recreational activities in the area. We have many locally owned restaurants, shops, and hotels close to the airport to provide some hometown hospitality. We also have a robust agricultural economy in the area. The local area is one of the largest pork producing counties in the U.S. Corn and soy beans are the two major crops produced in the area.

The airport has been at its current location, just east of town, since 1951. Since the 1950's, the airport has changed significantly. The main runway has been expanded several times to a length of 5500 feet. The



large community hangar was built in the mid-1970s. The main terminal building and fire/maintenance building were built in 1985. There was once a Piper Aircraft Dealer located at the airport. The airport has an ILS on runway 31 and RNAV/GPS on both 13/31 and is 5500 ft x 100ft. There have been many improvements over just the last 5 years. The main runway 13/31, parallel taxiway, and apron were all reconstructed in 2013. New high intensity runway lights were also part of the project, as well as a new rotating beacon. We have an upcoming t-hangar project that is projected to be built in 2020. Welcome to Fairmont and have a great race!



# WAUSAU, WI KAUW

## Wausau Downtown Airport

**Stop Chair Scott Feldbruegge**  
**Airport Manager John Chmiel**

Wausau, Wisconsin is located right in the middle of the Badger state and the airport is one of the easiest airports to find from the air. Our community is located at the intersection of highways I39 and 29 where Rib Mountain marks the spot. The runways lay on the east side of Lake Wausau which is fed by the Wisconsin, Eau Claire and Little Rib Rivers. Wausau Downtown Airport earned its name from the fact that it is centered in the Wausau Metro Area made up of the communities of Wausau, Schofield, Weston, Rib Mountain, and Kronenwetter with a cumulative population of over 85,000.

Wausau Downtown Airport was established in 1927 and our community has a rich aviation history. We are no stranger to cross-country air racing. Air racer John Wood was not only the winner of the 1928 Ford Reliability/National Air Tour but he was also our airport manager. The National Air Tour stopped at Wausau Airport, then known as Alexander Field, in 1928, 1929, and 1930. Wausau was most recently a stop on the National Air Tour in 2003 when it was recreated by Greg Herrick.

Wausau Downtown Airport has annually hosted the AirVenture Cup Race since 2014 where we typically host, fuel and feed over 80 aircraft and crew before their same-day departure to Oshkosh. Wausau Flying Service, Inc. has 27 years of experience in the FBO industry which will help provide you with the fast and efficient service you need. EAA Chapter 640 and Learn Build Fly volunteers will help make your stay as easy and relaxing as possible.

We encourage you to remain overnight in our community and rest before your trip to "the Sault". We recommend the Jefferson Street Inn located in



downtown Wausau where you can request the Wausau Airport crew rate. They provide the transportation to give you time to relax over a dinner at one of many restaurants within walking distance, three local breweries, and a local distillery. Depending on what day you arrive, there are many activities that take place within our community like outdoor concerts, farmers markets and vendor bizzarres. Thank you for choosing Wausau as a destination during the 43rd Air Race Classic.



# SAULT STE. MARIE, MI KCIU

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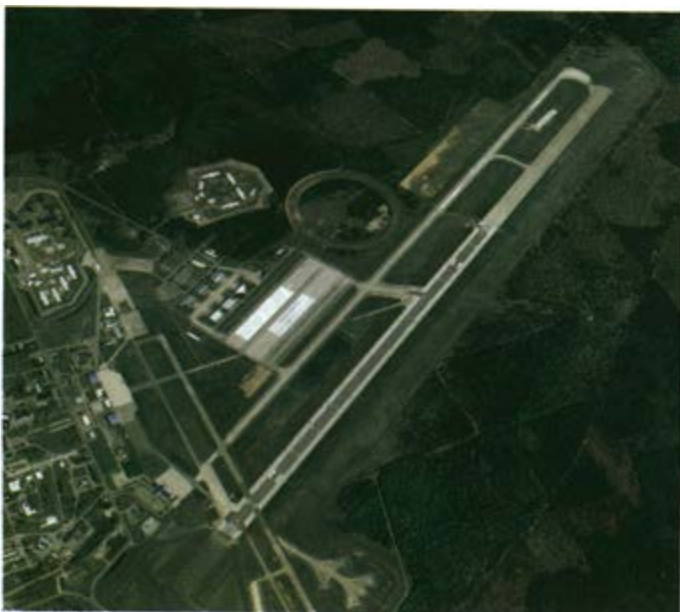
## Chippewa County Int'l. Airport

### Airport Manager Tami Beseau

Formerly the Kincheloe Air Force base, Chippewa County International Airport is on the northeastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, on the Canada-US border, and separated from its twin city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, by the St. Mary's River. Sault Ste. Marie was settled by Native Americans more than 12,000 years ago, and was long a crossroads of fishing and trading of tribes around the Great Lakes. It developed as the first European settlement in the region that became the Midwestern United States, as Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit, learned of the Native American village and traveled there in 1668 to found a Catholic mission.

*Sault Sainte-Marie* in French means "the Rapids of Saint Mary". St. Mary's River runs from Lake Superior to Lake Huron; between what are now the twin border cities on either side. Sault Ste. Marie is the home of the International 500 Snowmobile Race (commonly called the I-500), which takes place annually and draws participants and spectators from all over the U.S. and Canada. The race, which was inspired by the Indianapolis 500, originated in 1969 and has been growing ever since.

The airport is owned by the Economic Development Corporation of Chippewa County. In April of 1987, the CCEDC assumed responsibility for managing the Chippewa County International Airport, one of only 12 commercial service airports in the state. Delta Airlines



provides thirteen non-stop jet flights to Detroit each week. We are also proud to host a modern commercial terminal. We offer general aviation services, hanger rental, and fueling services.

The 20,400 square foot passenger terminal opened in September 2002. Passengers enjoy many features designed with safety, convenience, and comfort in mind. State of the art security equipment, as well as an automated baggage claim are featured. A canopy at the entrance and a boarding bridge on the ramp side protect passengers from the elements. A conference room and individual work stations are available for our business travelers.

Chippewa County International Airport provides Jet A and 100LL aviation fuel. The hours of operation are daylight till dusk, seven days per week. Chippewa County International also has private aircraft hangars and community hangars available by the day, week, month or year.

Chippewa County Air/Industrial Park provides a range of opportunities for public and private sector users. Hundreds of people work in businesses and industries located in the park.

# SAULT STE. MARIE, ON CYAM

## Sault Ste. Marie Airport

**Stop Chair Sherri DeGasparro**  
**Airport Manager Terry Bos**

Located on the shore of the St. Mary's River and at the heart of the Great Lakes, Sault Ste. Marie is a charming and friendly waterfront border town. To the south, across the river, and connected by the International Bridge, is the Sault's sister city, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan - the pair locally known as the "twin Sault's." The city's strategic location at the centre of North America has deemed the "Soo Locks" the world's busiest shipping canal, and an important and valued international shipping route.

With the world's largest freshwater lake a stone's throw away, Lake Superior and its surrounding areas provide "Saulites" and visitors alike ready access to nature and spectacular landscapes. An abundance of roadside parks, scenic lookouts over luscious boreal forest, sand beaches, and rushing rivers and lakes providing world-class destinations for biking, snowshoeing, canoeing and fishing throughout the seasons. The Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site, Art Gallery of Algoma and the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre offer rich, cultural experiences.

Sault Ste. Marie hockey teams have boasted a number of Hockey Hall of Fame members, including Wayne Gretzky, who joined the city's home OHL team, the Sault Greyhounds, in 1977.

Sault Ste. Marie is home to many notable people, among them Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first female astronaut in space. In 2017, the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation renamed the roadway that leads to the airport terminal building, Dr. Roberta Bondar Parkway to honour her for her outstanding contributions to the community. The SSMADC, an independent, not-



for-profit community-based entity, celebrated 20 years of operation in 2018. Of the 23 regional, local or small airports in Ontario that have been transferred from the Federal government, the Sault Ste. Marie Airport is the only airport that is not directly affiliated with a municipality. Since 2011, passenger numbers at the airport have risen steadily, year by year, breaking the 200,000 mark for the first time in 2015.



# NORTH BAY, ON CYYB

## Jack Garland Airport

**Stop Chair Bill Carswell**  
**Airport Manager Kelly Hewitt**  
**Airport Contact Jack Santerre**

North Bay is known as “The Gateway to the North” and the YYB is the city’s gateway to opportunity. North Bay is “Air Racer friendly” and a popular year round destination to visit but especially to visit by air! It is too bad that you are all on a tight and competitive schedule because we would like to extend our hospitality to you away from the airport. North Bay offers a wide variety of amenities to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. Please come back when you can stay a while.

The North Bay Jack Garland Airport, YYB, has a long and varied aviation history celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> airport birthday in 2018. Commercial flights have arrived and departed YYB since 1938. The Royal Canadian Air Force has been stationed at YYB since the beginning. Of course, General Aviation has shaped the airport, as well. Pilot training, private pilots, float planes, weather diversions, fuel stops, and maintenance facilities have played an important part in North Bay becoming a significant airport in Ontario. From a basic northern airstrip to today’s helicopter training schools to aviation college programs, YYB is changing and growing to adapt to and keep pace with modern aviation requirements.

Not uncommon and not surprising to look up and see just about anything in the circuit, the flight service station has seen it all. Watching (and hearing!) a B29 start and then roll down the 10,000-foot runway, having a commercial passenger diversion on the ramp



awaiting customs, noticing aircraft being towed out of the maintenance hangars, hearing the changing pitch as helicopters practice approaches while light singles manoeuvre on the ramp is the norm.

We look forward to supporting the Air Racers and we look forward to sharing our fair winds and good weather with our American aviator friends. Best of luck!



# BRANTFORD, ON CYFD

## Brantford Municipal Airport

**Stop Chair** Lisa Bishop  
**Airport Manager** Shawn Broughton

Situated on the picturesque Grand River, the city of Brantford is located in the heart of Southern Ontario, with direct access to major highways, rail lines and the Brantford Municipal Airport.

Brantford built its first airport in 1929, and in 1945, purchased the current airport from the Federal Government. Built in 1939 as a part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, Special Flight Training School #5 was where World War II pilots learned to fly multi-engine Avro Ansons before moving up to Lancaster and Halifax bombers. After the war, the City asked the Brantford Flying Club (est. 1929) to take on the management of the airport.

The airport boasts 3 paved runways up to 5000 feet in length, multiple instrument approaches, and a full service FBO including mobile refuellers.

Brantford is known as the Telephone City, as it was here in 1874 where Alexander Graham Bell first conceived the idea for the telephone. You can visit the Bell Homestead National Historic Site and explore the evolution of the telephone in the restored 19th century home.



Today, Brantford is a vibrant community with a population of approximately 100,000 people. The City's central location makes it an ideal place to live, work, visit, and especially play! Not only does the Grand River Watershed provide numerous outdoor leisure activities, but as the home of the Great One Wayne Gretzky, we also have a thriving competitive sports community specializing in hockey, lacrosse, and baseball.

The Brantford Flying Club and the Brantford Municipal Airport wish the ARC teams a safe and fun race! Good Luck!



# Canada

## WELLAND, ONTARIO

### Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport | CNQ3

**Stop Chairs:** Cathy Boyko & Peter Van Caulart  
**Airport Manager** Bob Cullen

Greetings to ARC Women's Air Racing! Welcome to "Air Race Week" in the South Niagara communities of Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Pelham! We're thrilled that air racing is coming back to our shared infrastructure, the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport, for the first time since the 1950's.

The four municipalities, each one once rich in the economies of industrialization, agriculture or shipping, are now focussed on technology, education and tourism. Our people are friendly, culturally diverse and can help you find the best Niagara shopping, recreation or vacation experience.

We're also celebrating the 90th year of Women's Air Racing at the airport on Saturday June 22nd. The public will be out to meet the racers, enjoy the FlyMarket, our local vendor showcase and to participate in the ARC youth and career events. Additionally, you're invited to help us celebrate the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, dedication of the 99's compass rose and a portrait of Dorothy Rungeling.

There's going to be a packed hangar for the meltdown party Friday and a fancy awards dinner Sunday. There might even be some extra surprises. So we're excited for you to find us and be our guests, but first, fly safely. Good luck, eh!





Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission is grateful to our "2019 Air Race Terminus" sponsors





## Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the 2019 ARC a success!

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](mailto:info@airraceclassic.org).

### Our divisions include:

**AIRPLANE** | Airplane Entry; Handicaps; Inspection; New Airplane Technology

**EDUCATION** | Briefings; Educational Videos; First Timers/Refresher; Public Education/Youth; Safety

**FINANCING** | Advertising; Endowment Fund; Grants; Sales; Silent Auction; Sponsors

**GOVERNANCE** | Judging; Rules; Treasury

**MARKETING** | ARC Program; ARC Promotion; Awards & Prizes; Press Releases; Publications; Racer Promotion; Social Media; Trade Shows & Conferences

**RACERS** | Credentials; Entry Administration; Mother Bird Program; Scholastic Outreach

**ROUTE** | Enroute Stop Volunteer Coordination; FAA Waivers; Flyby Design

**SAFETY** | Race Central; Race Safety Oversight; Safety Officer

**SCORING** | Scoring; Timing Coordination; Timing Technologies

**START/TERMINUS** | Route Selection; Start/Terminus Liaison

**SUPPORT** | ARC History; Documents and Databases; Thank You; Website







## 2019 ARC

### Route Map

### Race Route Mileage for Designated Flyby Airports

| ID                         | Airports  | Nautical                    | Statute          |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| KMKL                       | McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport (Jackson, TN)                 | 0                           | 0                |
| KLGC                       | LaGrange Callaway Airport (Lagrange, GA)                      | 246                         | 283              |
| KHBG                       | Hattiesburg Bobby L Chain Municipal Airport (Hattiesburg, MS) | 237                         | 272              |
| KSUZ                       | Saline County Regional Airport (Benton, AR)                   | 257                         | 296              |
| KLXT                       | Lee's Summit Municipal Airport (Lee's Summit, MO)             | 277                         | 319              |
| KFRM                       | Fairmont Municipal Airport (Fairmont, MN)                     | 281                         | 323              |
| KAUW                       | Wausau Downtown Airport (Wausau, WI)                          | 220                         | 253              |
| KCIU*                      | Chippewa County International Airport (Sault Ste Marie, MI)   | 231                         | 265              |
| CYAM                       | Sault Ste Marie Airport (Sault Ste Marie, ON)                 | 14                          | 16               |
| CYYB                       | North Bay / Jack Garland Airport (North Bay, ON)              | 209                         | 241              |
| CYFD                       | Brantford Municipal Airport (Brantford, ON)                   | 198                         | 228              |
| CNQ3                       | Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (Welland, ON)       | 46                          | 53               |
| * Fly-by only Timing point |   | <b>Total Race Distance:</b> | <b>2216 2549</b> |

## CLASSIC RACER 1

### Alexis Meaders & Sheila Smith

Spirit of Memphis | Cessna Skyhawk 172N

Welcome the first-time team of **Alexis Meaders** (Bartlett, TN) and **Sheila Smith** (Bartlett, TN) to the Air Race Classic!

Alexis is an Airline Transport Pilot with multi-engine land and single-engine sea certificates, instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials, advanced and instrument ground instructor certificates, a jet type rating and 5,583 hours in the air. She is a captain for Endeavor Air, flying a CRJ-900 regional jet.

Says Alexis, "This will be my first Air Race Classic. I am very excited to take part in this adventure. I expect to learn a lot and meet some great people. I also hope to promote women in aviation through this experience."

An aircraft owner for most of her life, Alexis also has experience in information technology — after taking her ATP check-

ride in 1991, she worked in IT until 2006. She kept her hand in aviation, though, working as a flight instructor until rejoining the industry full time.

When she's not flying, Alexis enjoys fitness activities, including running and cycling. She is a member of the Memphis chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Sheila holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, and is an instrument and multi-engine flight instructor as well as an instrument and advanced ground instructor, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 637 hours logged. She retired from the Navy in 2007 and currently works as an information technology project manager for the IRS.



"I am very excited to say that this is my first Air Race Classic," says Sheila. "I am racing for fun, adventure and camaraderie."

Sheila was introduced to aviation by her pilot, Alexis, in 2004 and earned her Private certificate in 2015. She has obtained the rest of her ratings in the last two years and hopes to pursue a full-time aviation career after she retires. Other interests include computers, running, biking and traveling. Sheila is a member of the Memphis chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 2

### Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine

Red or Green? | Cessna Skyhawk 182R

This is the 14th 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 4,190 hours under her belt. Susan is a past president of the 99s and a member of the Rio Grande North chapter.

Susan flies the ARC, "for the estrogen rush at each flyby, and to update my skill set, particularly my decision-making. 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."

Susan is 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!

**Amy Ecclesine** (Berkeley, CA) is flying ARC for the sixth time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 1,050 hours in her logbook. "This is always a highlight of my year and a delight to see many return racers," she says.

Says Amy, "Racing is the ultimate continuous improvement to my piloting skills; it's a thrill, and I get to see parts of the country I might never see from a single engine plane, up close and personal. Where else would I brush shoulders with the best racing women in the world? Oh, it is amazing fun, too!"



Amy works as a quality inspector at Kitty Hawk Aero, building electric, passenger-flying air taxis. It's the perfect amalgam of aeronautical experience and her previous program management careers at two national laboratories. She has run more than 80 triathlons and enjoys snorkeling, singing, motorcycling, skiing, and open-water swimming. She is a member of the Bay Cities chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 3

### Monique McAnnally, Emily Hartley & Sierra Borges

Frozen Force of Univ. of North Dakota | Piper Archer PA-28-181

**Monique McAnnally** (Valencia, CA) returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is an instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 235 hours logged. Monique is majoring in Commercial Aviation with a business specialization while working as a swim instructor for kids with special needs. She hopes to work as a flight instructor at the university after graduating in May 2019.

"This race truly highlights women supporting each other, and it shows how intelligent and strong women in aviation are. I love being able to show girls across the USA that they can do anything they dream of," says Monique. "Last year was truly an amazing first race for me. Even though we did not get to fly each of the legs, we truly got to experience all aspects of aviation that we train for. My favorite part was getting to meet so many amazing women along the way!"

Monique recently helped start an Aviation Explorers post in Grand Forks, the program

that helped her get the Private certificate, and looks forward to sharing her love of flying with even more high school kids. She is a member of the San Fernando Valley chapter of the 99s and the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International.

**Emily Hartley** (Mendota Heights, MN) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Emily holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor credentials, a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 370 hours flown. She is a flight instructor at UND — her first job in aviation.

Why is she racing? "I hope to challenge myself, gain new experiences, and make lifelong connections with women from all over the place," Emily explains.

When she's not flying, she enjoys hanging out with friends and heading home on weekends to visit family. Emily is a member of the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Welcome **Sierra Borges** (Kaneohe, HI) to her first ARC! Sierra is an instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 172 hours logged. She is a senior at UND, working on her flight instructor certificate, while working part-time at a hotel in town. Says Sierra, "The 2019 ARC will be my first race and I couldn't be more excited!"

One of Sierra's favorite things to do is traveling, exploring new places and going on adventures with friends and family. She enjoys hiking, snowboarding, and eating good food. Sierra is a member of the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 4

### Alexandra Johnson & Kenzie Alge

Flying Flashes of Kent St. Univ | Cessna Skyhawk 172S

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Alex Johnson** (Canton, MI). Welcome!

Alex is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 182 hours in her logbook. She is working on her Commercial certificate and majoring in Flight Technology, with an expected graduation date of May 2021.

Says Alex, "I fly for the feeling of being free and to change my perspective every once in a while. I've known I wanted to become a pilot since I was in second grade. Aviation has always been a part of my life and my family." Her career goal is to fly for a major airline.

When she's not studying or flying, Alex works the line at Kent State University

Airport (1G3) and enjoys spending time with family and friends and doing anything creative. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

**Kenzie Alge** (Stow, OH) returns for her second ARC. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor credential, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 323 hours logged. Kenzie is a senior and a flight instructor at Kent State and is working on her instrument instructor certificate.

"I did my first Air Race in 2018 and had an awesome experience," Kenzie says. "I learned more participating in that race about weather, cross country planning



and aeronautical decision-making than I could ever have in normal flight training anywhere. I am extremely grateful to be competing again in this year's race!"

Besides flying, Kenzie enjoys hiking, camping and anything outdoors, as well as traveling and spending time with her friends and family. Kenzie is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels chapter of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 5

### Linda Evans & Barbara (Barb) Zeigler

Broad Street Barnstormers | Cessna Skyhawk 182R

This is the seventh Air Race Classic for **Linda Evans** (North Wales, PA). She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 1,498 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and an ARC director, and is pursuing her airplane mechanic license.

When asked why she flies the ARC, she says, "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 some challenging weather going over the Rockies, and they circled over the Great Salt Lake for 15 minutes before the weather cleared. Says 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 operation at a large pharmaceutical company in 2017, after more than 22 years in a variety of technology roles. She keeps busy with her six godchildren, who range in age from 14 to 32. Of the six, four have flown with Linda. When Linda is not flying, she enjoys playing golf and watching/attending sporting events.

**Barb Zeigler** (Limerick, PA) returns for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a high-performance endorsement, and 475 hours logged. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s, a member at-large of Women in Aviation International and an ARC Director. Says Barb, "I race for the experience of not only flying an airplane for two weeks, but to experience the beautiful country we live in. My favorite stories are of the people we meet along the way and the



fabulous ladies you are competing against."

Barb is a procurement manager for a large global organization, overseeing the company's facilities. She has been in the procurement field for more than 25 years.


During Barb's first race, in 2010, she was shocked when a little boy ran over asking for her team's autographs. "He had the ARC program in hand and asked us to sign by our pictures," says Barb. "My one and only rock star moment!"

Aviation is Barb's No. 1 hobby, and she enjoys working with aviation organizations promote the sport and encourage those who to want to fly. She also loves spending time at the beach with her husband, fishing and reading.




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## CLASSIC RACER 6

### Ailsa Moseley Cutting & Sarah Wendt

Blondes Away | North American Navion NA-145

**Ailsa Moseley Cutting** (Wellington, FL) returns for her third ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating, and 650 hours flown. Says Ailsa, "I love to fly and I love to compete. I have spent my entire life competing in other arenas, and I love the challenge and camaraderie of the Air Race. I enjoy broadening my knowledge, flying in new territories, meeting new people, and visiting parts of our country that I haven't seen before."

Ailsa's family has deep connections to aviation history. Her race plane, a 1946 Navion, belonged to her grandfather, Crocker Snow, a career pilot and aviation official. He bought it new and flew it 900,000 miles and to every state except Hawaii. In the 1970s, he used the Navion

to prove to the FAA that general-aviation airplanes could fly under the same regulations as commercial airliners.

Ailsa works for American Humane, the oldest humane organization in the U.S., as development coordinator in the Palm Beach office. She frequently deploys to rescue animals, as well as organizing aircraft and flying relief after natural disasters. Ailsa is a member of the Florida Goldcoast chapter of the 99s.

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for **Sarah Wendt** (Jupiter, FL). She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a multi-engine instrument instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements, a jet type rating, and 3,632 hours logged. Sarah is a Learjet 60 charter and contract pilot. She has been flying for



about 12 years, including five as a flight instructor, and has been in the Lear for the last 2½ years.

Why is she racing again this year? "For a flying experience you cannot get anywhere else."

Sarah is a musician, a movie buff, a forever student, a teacher, young at heart, an old soul, a baker, a fixer, a flyer, a goal setter, a resolved athlete, an adventurer, a friend, and a mentor. She is a member of the Florida Treasure Coast chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 7

### Mary Ann Richards & Stacey Budell

Skyhawks | Cessna Skyhawk 172M

**Mary Ann Richards** (Homedale, ID) is flying the ARC for the fifth time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, Mary Ann has high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,321 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

"The race is an adventure!" says Mary Ann. "The stops are always interesting and refreshing to see! I look forward to renewing friendships with the racers and meeting the new racers."

She and her husband, Steve, who was also a pilot, started flying after their fifth wedding anniversary. Mary Ann now owns a Cessna 172 and a Cessna 206 Stationair, which they flew to Ecuador, one of Mary Ann's favorite flying experiences.

In her free time, Mary Ann enjoys traveling and gardening. She is a member of the Jane Austen Society of North America and the Native Daughters of Idaho, an organization dedicated to sharing the history of Idaho's pioneer women.

Welcome **Stacey Budell** (Caldwell, ID) to her first Air Race Classic! A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, Stacy is an instrument and multi-engine flight instructor, an instrument ground instructor with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and has 3,480 hours logged. She is a real estate broker, a property manager, a new construction inspector, and a farmer, raising horses, cows, angora goats, ducks, chickens, and geese. Her professional aviation experience includes crop dusting, instructing and flying missions observing and tracking wildlife.



Why is she racing? "It's something I've always wanted to do, and I'm really looking forward to the challenge," says Stacey.

Stacey joined the Idaho chapter of the 99s in 1992 and has served as a chapter chair and a member of the International Board of Directors. She has owned her own straight-tail Cessna 182 since 1995. When she's not flying, she enjoys big game hunting and has harvested mountain goat, moose, elk, and deer.



## CLASSIC RACER 8

### Minnetta Gardinier & Theresa White

Crazy Lazy 8s | Cessna Cardinal 177B

**Minnetta Gardinier** (Iowa City, IA) is back for her 12th ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 2,117 hours logged. Says Minnetta, "I've flown the ARC 2008-2018. Each race is a new adventure, and each race introduces me to new flying experiences and new friends in aviation. I return to this race each year for the great fun, friendship and flying that it offers. It's a blast to reconnect with past racers and to meet new racers."

During her rookie race in 2008, the extra set of plane keys she had made didn't work on race start morning. But 2011 topped that surprise: When weather forced cancellation of the first four stops on the route, Minnetta stunned everyone – racers and airports alike – by flying the entire original race course anyway.

Minnetta is an associate professor of pharmacology at University of Iowa, teaching pharmacology and neuroscience to graduate students and nurse anesthetists, instructing

graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in responsible & ethical conduct of research. But, she says, "Flying is my No. 1 hobby, and it continues to encroach into my life in other ways – local airport commission, 99s, EAA." She also enjoys travel (preferably in her own plane), reading, gardening, and attending theater, performing arts and sporting events.

Minnetta is an ARC director and a member of the Iowa chapter of the 99s.

This is the third ARC for **Theresa White** (Kent, WA). She is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with a tailwheel endorsement and 873 hours in her logbook. Says Theresa, "I love working behind the scenes in planning this race, but it keeps drawing me in! It's such a great experience to exercise my flying skills and knowledge while having fun with inspirational women – all while seeing the country and meeting the Stop volunteers."

In 2017, Theresa retired from the FAA, where she worked in International Training at the FAA Academy and as a technical



writer in Seattle, drafting regulations and guidance material.

Theresa flies a Cessna 172 and has flown with her partner to all four corners of the United States and the Bahamas. A favorite flying activity is the antique airplane club's "barnstorming" air tours around the Pacific Northwest. Says Theresa, "They are the opposite of the ARC – slow, short wandering legs, and very low stress!"

When she's not flying, Theresa enjoys hiking, reading, learning new skills, and volunteering with several aviation organizations. She is a member of the Greater Seattle chapter of the 99s and the Washington State chapter of Women in Aviation International, and an ARC director.

## CLASSIC RACER 9

### Erica Swenson, Meyeon Kim & Laura Laster

LETU Racers of LeTourneau Univ. | Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Welcome the first-time team of **Erica Swenson** (Heath, TX), **Meyeon Kim** (Longview, TX) and **Laura Laster** (Kilgore, TX) to the Air Race Classic!

**Erica Swenson** holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a tailwheel endorsement and 298 hours in her logbook. A junior at LeTourneau, she is studying Aviation Management with a Professional Flight concentration and works as a student dispatcher. She hopes to begin instructing at the university this summer. Her dream is to be an airline pilot.

She is part of the STING Precision Flight Team, flying a Cessna 150, and serves as finance officer. Aviation runs in her family: her grandfather was a pilot, her father flies for United Airlines and her mother is an American Airlines flight attendant.

Says Erica, "Since I found out about the ARC, it has been my goal to compete. My brother, who was a student and CFI at ERAU Daytona, was the biggest supporter of this goal. I lost my brother in a plane crash on Aug. 25,

2018, and now all my flying is for him. He was proud we both flew." Erica is a member of the Texas Dogwood chapter of the 99s.

**Meyeon Kim** is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 294 hours logged. She is an international student from Fiji who graduated with an Aviation Management, Professional Flight concentration last year – and then went back to complete a minor in flight instruction. Meyeon hopes to graduate in July and start working as a flight instructor in the fall.

Says Meyeon, "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.



**Laura Laster** is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, instrument ground instructor credentials, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 1,096 hours flown. She is director of flight operations at the university, having returned in 2011 after graduating in 2004. In between, she taught flying, worked as a King Air survey pilot and helped launch a new air carrier, Dynamic Airways.

Says Laura, "I am excited to compete and see how fun racing can be while mentoring female flight students at LeTourneau University."

Laura and her husband have two children, ages 9 and 6, and she loves spending time with them, as well as cooking, reading, soap making, traveling, and learning about anything new! She is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 10

### Nia Spiller, Madeline Hooks & Sara Stumpf

Flying Sycamores of Indiana St. Univ. | Diamond DA40

Welcome **Nia Spiller** (Louisville, KY) to her first ARC! Nia is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 158 hours in her logbook. A 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.

Why fly the 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."

For 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. Nia is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s and the Indiana State chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the second ARC for **Maddie Hooks** (Warsaw, IN). Maddie is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, with an instrument ground instructor

certificate, a complex endorsement, and 300 hours logged. She works as an instructor in the university's simulator lab and is graduating in May 2019 with a major in Professional Pilot and a minor in Spanish.

"Last year, I raced for the first time, and I was hooked," says Maddie. "It was challenging in many ways, but I love a good challenge. I can hardly wait to reconnect with racers, meet new people, see new places, and become a better pilot." Last year, her team did not have a rental car, so they found themselves running across the highway and through Texas cacti to get to Walmart. On the day of the race Start, they were still finding burrs on their shoes!

Maddie's aviation goals are to become a bush pilot for a Christian missions group, obtain her airplane mechanic license and build her own aircraft someday. She's been skydiving once and cannot wait to go again. Outside of aviation, Maddie enjoys running, biking and learning. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.



**Sara Stumpf** (Marshall, IN) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome! Sara is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument ground instructor certificate, complex endorsement, and 281 hours flown. She also holds a remote pilot certificate. Sara instructs in the university's flight simulators and will graduate in May 2019 with a degree in Professional Flight.

Says Sara, "While I have experience helping out with the race from the ground, this will be my first time flying! I am so excited to see new places and meet my fellow racers. I am truly inspired by this race and love what it stands for. I am very much looking forward to it!"

When she's not flying, Sara enjoys outdoor activities including hiking and kayaking. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 11

### Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn

Dakota FlyGirls | Piper Dakota PA-28-236

**Corbi Bulluck** (Apex, NC) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine licenses; multi-engine instrument flight instructor, advanced instrument ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, a current instrument rating, and 9,815 hours in her logbook. Corbi was the first woman hired as a pilot by the State of North Carolina and is now retired after a career that included flying the governor and other top officials, doing high-precision aerial photography flights, serving as a captain at Atlantic Southeast Airlines, and instructing 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."

Last year's late-night arrival in Sweetwater, TX, was a comedy of errors involving deer on the runway, blinding taxi lights, a lost cell phone, mistaken identities, and no food... enough said!

When she's not flying, she enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing with her dad, sharing aviation with young people, reading, and going to the theater. She is international vice president of the 99s and a member of the Kitty Hawk chapter.

This is the third ARC for **Stephanie Wrenn** (Raleigh, NC). Stephanie is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, an instrument flight instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 2,750 hours flown. She is a business owner and part-time flight instructor at Raleigh-Durham International Airport who loves teaching women how to fly. "The best part," said Stephanie, "is getting to relive the



same joys and challenges of learning to fly for the first time."

Says Stephanie, "I'm so excited to be racing again in the ARC with my partner, Corbi. Being a pilot is a lifelong learning process, and the ARC pushes me in ways I don't get in my day-to-day flying. Racing to me is the biggest thrill, and I'm so excited to be flying in Canada for the first time!"

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.



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## CLASSIC RACER 13

### Virginie Rollin & Naiara Petralanda

Team Bernoulli | Piper Warrior II – PA-28-161

**Virginie Rollin** (DeLand, FL) is back for her second ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 307 hours in her logbook. A self-proclaimed aviation geek, Virginie is a professor of aerospace engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Why is she racing? "To push my boundaries, for the outreach, the camaraderie, the experience, and because I can!"

On the way to the 2016 race, she did her runup next to a storm drain. "Little did I know that a bee colony must have chosen this exact location for their nest," says Virginie, "because we were immediately engulfed by a cloud of bees. Our airplane needed a good

cleanup after that experience."

Virginie was born in France and has two sons, ages 1 and 3½, who are both frequent flyers. She is working on her Commercial and Advanced Ground Instructor certificates, and is a member of the Embry-Riddle Daytona chapter of the 99s.

This is the second Air Race Classic for **Naiara Petralanda** (Lady Lake, FL). Naiara holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating and 6,807 hours logged. A former professor and researcher, she now is president and chief estimator for a company that does earthworks, underground utilities and roads/parking lots.



Asked why she is racing, Naiara says, "The Air Race Classic provides a unique opportunity to challenge myself and also meet other women that have the same interest as I do!"

Says Naiara, "Since I love flying so much, I make sure everything that I do involves flying. Therefore, every time I meet with friends/family I make sure somebody can pick me up at the closest airport." She is a member of the Daytona chapter of the 99s.

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## CLASSIC RACER 14

### Amy Bogardus & Lauren Settles

Dakota Divas | Piper Dakota PA-28-236

**Amy Bogardus** (Danville, KY) returns to the ARC after a seven-year hiatus. A Private pilot, single-engine land, she has a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 901 hours in her logbook. Amy has been an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in private practice for over 20 years, extracting wisdom teeth, placing implants and bone grafts, and repairing orofacial trauma, such as lacerations and broken jaws. About 7% of oral and maxillofacial surgeons are female, similar to the percentage of female pilots.

She is racing "for the thrill of going to places I've never been before, to gain confidence, and to meet/see again fellow racers." In 2012, upon arriving in Hereford, Texas — the self-proclaimed "Beef Capital of the World" — the overwhelming aroma that greeted her team was certainly consistent with that assessment. Says Amy, "We felt it was fitting to eat at a steakhouse

there called Dakotas, as we were flying a Piper Dakota."

Amy flies rescue missions for Pilots N Paws because it combines two of her passions, aviation and animals. She has four "pet children": her redbone coonhounds, Amber and Minnie Mac, and cats, Ninja and Josie. She also loves to travel — "too many places, not enough time!" Amy is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s.

Welcome **Lauren Settles** (Owensboro, KY) to her first Air Race Classic! Lauren is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 169 hours under her belt. Says Lauren, "I have watched a fellow 99 race several times and always thought it would be a great experience, and a way to meet new people from all over the country! I look forward to this year's race and many more to come! Canada, here we come!"



Lauren had dreamed of becoming a nurse since she was a little girl, and that dream came true in 2011, when she became an RN. She has done emergency room work and currently practices from home. Her interest in flying also stems from childhood. Says Lauren, "I took after my father who loved to enjoy the nice day, go for a \$100 hamburger or just land at some nearby grass strips for the fun of it. My dad passed in 2016, and I started flying then, earning my PPL in his tailwheel 120. Once a tailwheel girl, always a tailwheel girl!"

Lauren is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 16

### Tiffany Imhoff & Nina Bouthier

Purdue Air Race Team of Purdue Univ. | Cirrus SR20

**Tiffany Imhoff** (Huntington Beach, CA) is back for her second ARC. Tiffany is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a flight instructor certificate, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 484 hours flown. She is a senior at Purdue, studying professional flight technology, and works as a flight instructor for the university.

Why is she racing? "There are so many reasons to fly this race! I race for the experience, the camaraderie, the competition, the history, to represent Purdue University and to inspire younger generations. I've made lasting friendships with the ladies who have flown this race past and present."

Tiffany enjoys outdoor activities including hiking, biking, and playing tennis

with friends. Says Tiffany, "I enjoy taking time out of the day to stop and appreciate the simplicities and intricacies of life." She is a member of the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Nina Bouthier** (Columbus, IN) to her first Air Race Classic! Nina holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement, and 250 hours flown. She is majoring in Professional Flight and minoring in French, with an expected graduation date of May 2020. Nina also works as a flight instructor at the university.

Why is she racing? "To represent Purdue University and to get to know other women in the Air Race. It sounds



like a really fun experience, and I look forward to all the exciting experiences that the race will hold."

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

## CLASSIC RACER 19

### JoAnne Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn

South of the Border | Cessna Skyhawk 172R

**Jo Alcorn** (Winter Haven, FL) returns for her 11th Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 1,930 hours logged. Jo holds advanced and instrument ground instructor certificates, as well as complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements. She is a member of the Florida Heartland chapter of the 99s and ARC vice president.

When asked why she races, Jo said, "I often fly long cross-countries, but there is nothing comparable to the challenge of the ARC. The adventure of new places and new flight conditions is exciting and fun and always a test of my flying skills. And the camaraderie with like-minded women is wonderful. These are friendships for life."

During one race, there was a severe shortage of rooms when her team arrived late at night in Alliance, NE. Says Jo, "We ended up 25 miles outside of town in a

cabin on a farm. We awoke to the romping of dozens of fainting goats. Great fun!" Since retiring as an IT manager in 2001, Jo has worked with her husband in a variety of aviation businesses, the latest and most rewarding being testing and certifying prospective aviation mechanics. Besides flying, Jo loves to read, travel and research her family tree. Flying allows her to explore family homesteads and meet distant cousins. She loves to cook and especially bake pies.

Veteran racer **Gretchen Jahn** (Broomfield, CO) is back for her 24th ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,200 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 former CEO of Mooney Airplane Company, general manager of Alpha Aviation in New Zealand and COO of Remos Aircraft in Germany. Today, she provides strategic services to nonprofits.

A former resident of New Zealand — Gretchen holds an NZ pilot's license — she recently traded in her RV-7 for a Cessna 182. Gretchen is a member of numerous aviation groups, including Women in Aviation International and the Colorado chapter of the 99s, and is a former ARC director.

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## CLASSIC RACER 20

### Debi Dreyfuss & Morgan Mitchell

DC-3 (-1) | Cessna Skylane 182T

**Debi Dreyfuss** (Potomac, MD) returns to the ARC for the 11th time. With 2,500 hours under her belt, Debi is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating; single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land and flight instructor certificates; and complex, high-performance, tailwheel and formation flying credentials. She is a member of the Washington DC chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Debi had wanted to fly since age 6, when her uncle took her for a ride in his 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!"

Last year, Team DC3(-1) 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 we

still got stuck," says Debi. "When we won fourth place, she wasn't surprised, but I assured her: It doesn't always turn out this way for newbies!"

A retired business owner, Debi travels two weeks out of every month and 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 also taught her grandson to fly.

**Morgan Mitchell** (Alexandria, VA) is back for her second ARC. Morgan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with high-performance, aerobatic and formation flying credentials and 369 hours in her logbook. Morgan works as a space analyst in the Air Force and has had a couple of different "lives" in the military. She got to fly the T-6 and T-38 during her pilot training, previously served as a MMIII missile officer and is now an analyst for the Pentagon.

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"The moment I stepped in an aircraft, it felt as natural as breathing," Morgan says. "I love the adventure and challenge. Racing helps me reach my goal of completing my ratings: instrument, commercial and CFI, which I plan on using to open an aviation camp for young women."

Besides flying, she enjoys engaging in outdoor activities, traveling, exploring new places. Morgan also loves baking — which she balances with her love of running! — and is married, with an 8-year-old daughter. She is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region chapter of Women in Aviation International.



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## CLASSIC RACER 22

### Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro

Flying Carastros | Cessna Skylane 182T

**Susan Carastro** (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 19<sup>th</sup> time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials; and 2,312 hours in her logbook. Susan races to spend time with her mom, vacation, meet new friends, visit with old friends, and challenge her cross-country skills.

A veterinary ophthalmologist, Susan has “one of the most enjoyable and challenging careers, managing eye problems for all of God’s four-legged creatures, from dogs, cats and horses to giraffes and rhinos.”

Susan enjoys horseback riding, including trail, dressage and eventing, plays racquetball several times a week to keep in shape and runs 5K to half-marathons. She also likes scuba diving and snowboarding.

Susan is a member of the Florida Gold Coast chapter of the 99s.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> ARC for **Marie Carastro** (Montgomery, AL). She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 1,560 hours flown. Marie flew in the 1960 Powder Puff Derby and races the ARC to spend quality one-on-one time with her daughter, see old friends, make new ones, and experience the thrill, excitement and challenge of piloting across the country.

Marie has been a registered dietitian for 60 years and is in private practice as a nutritional consultant on federal and state health provider standards. She incorporated aviation into her career by flying to consulting jobs in a Cessna 172. Her interest in aviation began when her brother was drafted into the Army Air



Corps during World War II to fly B-25s. Since women weren’t allowed, she decided to learn to fly at her local airport instead. Now, when she flies the ARC, “Susan and I alternate legs,” she said, “and somehow I get all the difficult legs!”

Gardening, genealogy, travel, and family are among Marie’s passions. She is a recipient of the Master Pilot Award and a member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 23

### Helen Miller & Christina (Cj) Stumpf

Twingenuity | Piper Twin Comanche PA-30B

**Helen Miller** (Springfield, OH) is flying the ARC for the third time. Helen has a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement, and 756 hours in her logbook. She has been flying since before she was born — her mother was pregnant with Helen as she was learning to fly. Helen has been flying ever since and is now an aviation professional, working as a flight instructor.

Why is she racing? “I have always been a competitive person, and ARC has allowed me to channel that competitiveness into my other passion, flying. I have returned for a third year because I enjoy the environment that the race creates. Where else can you find

100-plus female pilots in the same room?”

Besides flying, Helen loves to read and ride her horse, Artie. Says Helen, “I am really excited that the race goes into Canada this year, and I wish all the other racers the best of luck!” She is a member of the All-Ohio chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Cj Stumpf** (East Randolph, VT). Welcome!

Cj is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 500 hours logged. Cj is a farmer, former mule teamster, artificial intelligence software consultant, entrepreneur and chief information/chief technology officer for large corporations — one of the first and few women to serve



both roles for major companies.

Says Cj, “I love general aviation and see it as a way to keep people connected and real. GA aircraft are critical to American rural and small businesses, and we want to bring that message to aviation commissioners along the race route.”

Cj’s dad is also a pilot and flying together is their father-daughter time. They bonded over a Piper Comanche and fly together almost every month. Cj is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 24

### Jan Aarsheim & Elin-Marie Heggland

Maxwell's Belles | Beechcraft Bonanza A36

Welcome the first-time team of **Jan Aarsheim** (Marion, MA) and **Elin Heggland** (Westport, MA) to the ARC!

Jan is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with basic and instrument ground instructor certificates, a Private helicopter license, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 1,480 hours flown. Says Jan, "I have thought about the Air Race Classic for years. I think this experience will be so much fun! Meeting like-minded people, doing something I have never done, going places I have never been and being with my most admired copilot! I am looking forward to making memories; there is humor in my heart!"

A homemaker, Jan is a wife, mom of three children and a grandmother of three, with one more on the way. She owned a pilot shop and, being an empty nester, had a bed and breakfast. Jan started flying in

1988, and "the years have flown by — literally and with pun intended!" One of her great joys is sharing flying with young people, whether it's through the Young Eagles program or by mentoring a new student. Says Jan, "Flying has given me a big backyard!"

When she's not flying, Jan enjoys skiing and being in the mountains. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Elin is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and a jet type rating. She holds instrument/multi-engine flight instructor and advanced/instrument ground instructor certificates and has 14,000 in her logbook. Currently a corporate pilot, Elin previously flew for Cape Air and has been a charter pilot and flight instructor.



Why fly the ARC? "Because I have always wanted to, and this year all the planets aligned!"

Elin is originally from Norway and enjoys spending time with family and friends, or walking her dog on the beach or in the woods. Her motto: "Just be good. Help others the way you would like to be treated." Elin is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s and the Atlantic Aviators chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 25

### Sherry Kandle & Bj Carter

Free Rein | Cessna Skylane 182K

**Sherry Kandle** (Boise, ID) is back for her sixth Air Race Classic. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 943 hours in her logbook, she races for the adventure, the exhilarating flybys and the friendships of amazing women. Says Sherry, "Racing motivates me to improve my flying skills and keep learning new things. I look forward to meeting and hanging out with 100 other women pilots."

During one race, her team had trouble finding the flyby — twice. "As if that was not bad enough," says Sherry, "we broadcast it to the whole world on LiveATC.net when the push to talk switch stuck!"

Sherry is a retired software engineer and project manager for government, manufacturing and aviation industries. After retiring, she started an airplane maintenance

business. Now, she volunteers for aviation causes, including the Air Race Classic.

Sherry and her husband, Doug, who is a flight instructor, aircraft mechanic and airplane builder, like to camp in the North 40 at Oshkosh every summer. Another favorite activity is hiking and camping in the Idaho wilderness. Sherry is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s and an ARC director.

This is the eighth ARC for **Bj Carter** (Payette, ID). Bj holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, has 910 hours in her logbook, and is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

Says Bj, "Racers call the ARC 'fly camp.' The ARC is fly camp and so much more. The racers, the support staff of ARC and flyby participants are such a fantastic group of people. I learn so much about flying



through the ARC. I am inspired by the people associated with the race."

During a previous race, her airplane lost its avionics while taxiing after landing. Says Bj, "This created a 'quiet moment' in the cockpit. It was soon solved when we realized the iPad had clipped the master."

Bj's career path has included teaching middle school and working part time as a community service specialist for the Boise Police Department, which included CSI work. Now, she is retired and doing exactly what she wants! When she's not flying, she enjoys biking, cross-country skiing, fly fishing, golfing, and snowshoeing.



## CLASSIC RACER 26

### Denise Pride, Dana Perez & Leslie Ravey

Team River Horse | Cirrus SR20 G3

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Denise Pride** (San Antonio, TX), **Dana Perez** (San Antonio, TX) and **Leslie Ravey** (Round Top, TX). Welcome!

Denise is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 643 hours logged. She is a physician specializing in both internal medicine and psychiatry, caring for veterans and active-duty soldiers.

Denise is flying the ARC for the camaraderie, teamwork, fun, excitement, challenge, opportunity to promote women in aviation, and experience to become a better pilot. "Most of all," she says, "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."

An animal lover, Denise is a board member of the San Antonio Humane Society and flies homeless pets through Pilots N Paws. Her daughter, Alexis, is studying nutrition in Dallas, and she is the pet-parent of three adopted dogs, Hazel,

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Max and Bear. Denise is a member of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

Dana holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, a jet type rating, and 1,575 hours flown. Currently a flight instructor and a pilot/aircraft manager for a private company, Dana is a retired veteran teacher and a former technology coordinator and Apple support specialist.

Says Dana, "It has been a dream to participate in the Air Race and help promote women in aviation. I am excited for the experience to learn in a new environment and to enjoy the camaraderie with my fellow racers."

Dana began her flight training at age 40 after a near-death experience made her realize she has to do the things she dreams of — now! She particularly enjoys motorcycling, and flying with her father.

Leslie is a student pilot with eight hours in her logbook. She is a furniture maker, traveling the country participating in top-



ranked art shows. Recently, Leslie added leather work to her line; all designs are her own originals. Previously she worked for the Postal Service in one of the main distribution centers, coding some of the automated machines.

In February, a friend invited Leslie to go flying with her, and she was hooked! Says Leslie, "The freedom I feel in the sky is like no other. I was invited to go on this race and could not turn down this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

In addition to flying, Leslie enjoys camping, hiking, kayaking, reading, and watching movies. Many of her furniture design inspirations come from architecture, and she enjoys walking through downtowns just admiring the buildings.

## CLASSIC RACER 28

### Victoria Gann & Oakley Clay

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Welcome the first-time team of **Victoria Gann** (Grandville, MI) and **Oakley Clay** (Sparta, MI)!

Tori is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 685 hours in her logbook. She started flying when she was 16 and currently is a flight instructor at Northwestern Michigan College.

Why is she racing? Says Tori, "I am excited to test my skills and ability to work with a team, as well as to see new places and to meet new people!" Tori's professional goal is to become a corporate pilot. Meantime, she's just

having fun flying! In her spare time, Tori enjoys hiking, biking and traveling. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Oakley holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 173 hours logged. She is a student in the aviation program at Western Michigan University, majoring in aviation management and operations and minoring in business. Her career goal is to become an air-traffic controller based at Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids.

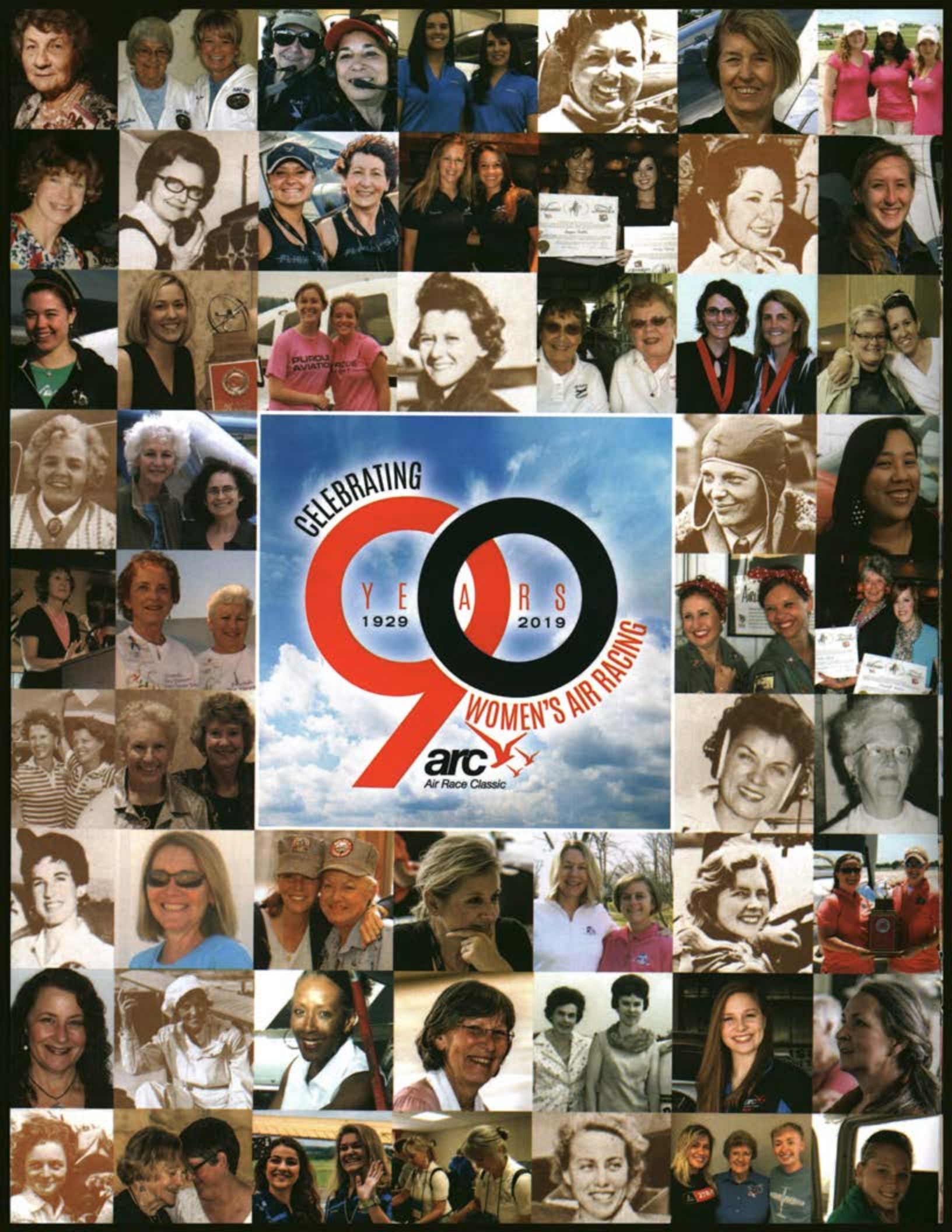
Says Oakley, "Ever since I started taking flying lessons at the age of 11, I have

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wanted to be in an air race. I think that it would make me a better pilot, and I have always wanted to see the world from a higher altitude!

When she's not flying, Oakley enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and camping. Says Oakley, "My dad was the person who got me into all of the things I love to do today. He was the person that introduced me into the world of aviation!"



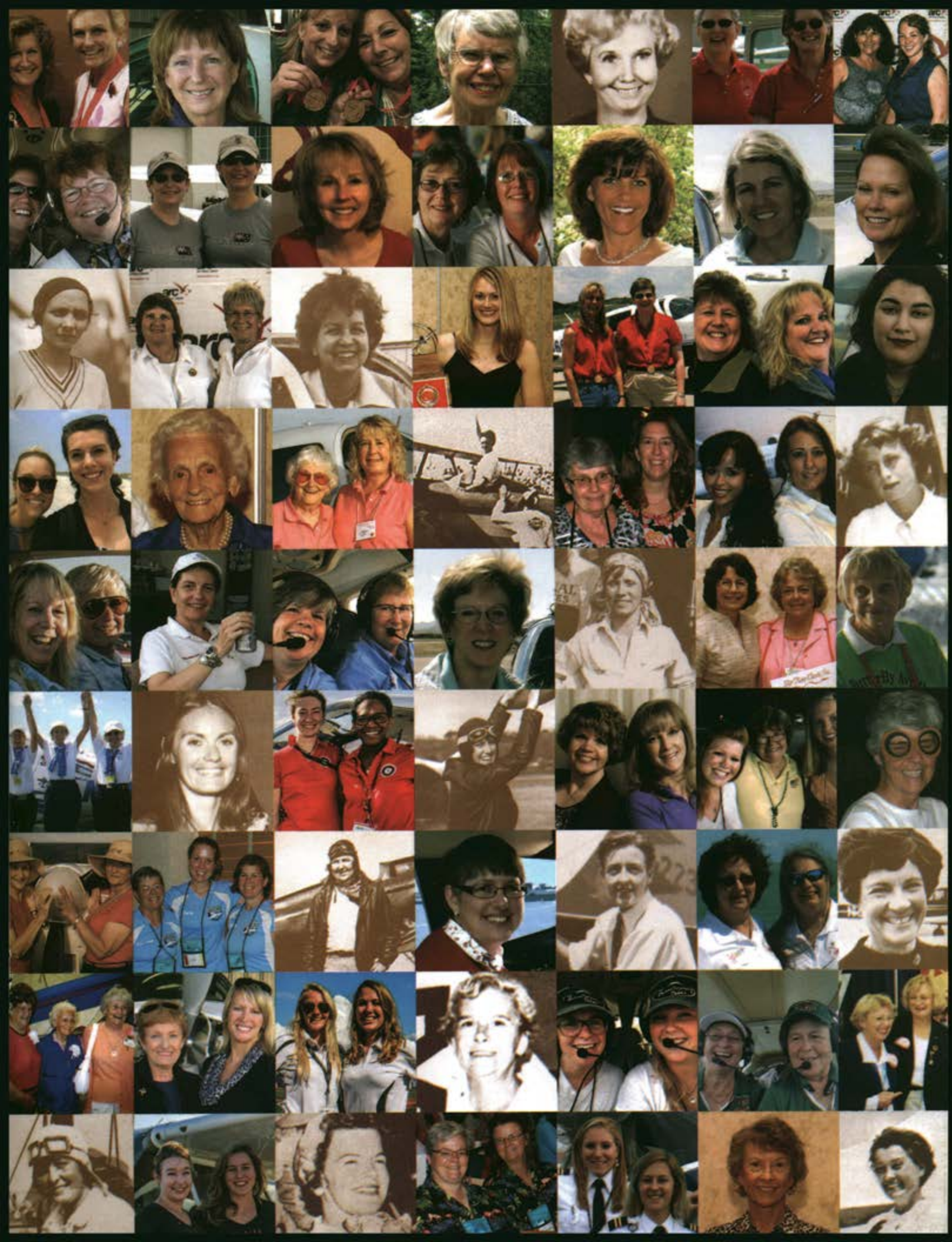
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## CLASSIC RACER 29

### Mickael Ashworth & Megan Shaffer

Charlie's Angels of Lewis Univ. | Piper Arrow IV PA-28R-200

Welcome **Mickael Ashworth** (Bloomington, IL) to her first Air Race Classic! Mickael is majoring in aviation flight management with a minor in dispatch, and works part-time as a flight instructor at the university. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with flight instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements and 423 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!"

Flight doubles as both a job and a passion for Mickael, and her students' success is her No.1 priority. When she's not flying, she en-

joys running and skiing. Mickael is a member of Women in Aviation International.

**Megan Shaffer** (Mattoon, IL) is back for her second ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, an instrument flight instructor certificate, a tailwheel endorsement, and 550 hours logged. She is completing her master's degree in aviation and transportation while working as a flight instructor at the university.

"As a second-time racer, I am excited to get back to the competition, see familiar faces, and continue to learn about aviation and female aviation history," says Megan. "There's something very special about all of us getting together and supporting one an-



other during such an awesome experience."

Last summer, Megan traveled to Colorado to earn her flight instructor certificates, and while she was there decided to pursue her tailwheel endorsement. Says Megan, "That was some of the most fun and educational flying of my life and I have definitely developed a passion for flying tailwheel aircraft!" Megan is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Chicago Area chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 30

### Jessica Martin & Hannah Beard

Hawk Owls of NW Michigan College | Cessna Skyhawk 172S

This year marks the Air Race Classic debut of Northwestern Michigan College. Welcome **Jessi Martin** (Maple City, MI) and **Hannah Beard** (Interlochen, MI) to their first ARC!

Jessi is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 296 hours in her logbook. She is in her third year as a pilot building an aviation career, working on an associate degree in applied science and her flight instructor certification. Jessi also holds a bachelor's degree in science from Western Michigan University.

This is Jessi's first race experience. "I am looking forward to racing,"

she says, "but also meeting and networking with other female pilots with different backgrounds."

An Air Force veteran, Jessi is the mother of two boys, ages 11 and 13, and she enjoys practicing kenpo, camping and traveling. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Hannah holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 186 hours flown. A junior at Northwestern Michigan College, she is working on her Commercial and flight instructor certifications and plans to graduate in the fall. She also works as a dispatcher in the college's Aviation Department.



Why is she racing? "To gain experience and become more involved in the aviation industry," Hannah says. "I am excited for the opportunity to meet other women who are passionate about flying."

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



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## CLASSIC RACER 31

### Susan Begg & Dewi Saraswati (Asti) Livingston

Canuck Flyers | Mooney 201 M20J

**Susan Begg** (Ottawa, ON) and **Asti Livingston** (Niagara on the Lake, ON) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Susan is an instrument-rated Private pilot with 2,950 hours in her logbook, and a member of the Eastern Ontario chapter of the 99s. Says Susan, "I have been a 99 since the mid '70s and have always wished that I could participate in an air race. No time with working and raising two girls. This year, the terminus is in Welland, Canada (only a few hours flight from my home.). I figured, it is now or never. I chose now!"

Susan is retired after a government career working in information technology. Now, she says, "I work hard at spending my pension!" Susan has flown her Mooney around most of the USA, across Canada and to the Caribbean, and hopes to pass her love of aviation to one or more of her

five grandchildren. When she's not flying, she enjoys snowboarding and cycling.

Asti holds a Private pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 524 hours logged. She is a movie and TV actress, a producer and a director, and is writing a thriller novel, two short films and a full-length feature. Asti is also a divemaster and is working on her Commercial pilot certificate.

Why is she flying the ARC? "Because I enjoy our Gold Cup Air Rallies in Canada so much. I greatly love the camaraderie, being among fellow female flyers and continuing the tradition. I also enjoy the spirit of competitiveness, not to mention I learn so much from every experience."

Asti started pursuing a career in acting after conversing with noted pilot Harrison Ford. Her hobbies include baking, fencing,



whitewater rafting, kayaking, traveling, taking pictures underwater, and spending time with her husband, four children and her black lab, Charlie. Asti is a citizen of Indonesia and a member of the First Canadian chapter of the 99s and the Upper Canada chapter of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 32

### Eileen Hamby & Madison Haney

Rocket City Flyer | Cessna Skylane 182P

Welcome the first-time team of **Eileen Hamby** (Scottsboro, AL) & **Madi Haney** (Auburn, AL) to the Air Race Classic!

Eileen is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 235 hours in her logbook. Though she served in the Air Force for 25 years before retiring, she is new to General Aviation. Now her goal is to become a flight instructor and help as many women as she can become pilots. Eileen is flying the ARC for the thrill, the challenge, the experience, and the camaraderie.

Besides flying, Eileen enjoys a wide range of interests, from aircraft maintenance, woodworking, hiking, bike riding, and weight lifting to sewing, quilting, gardening, traveling, playing cards, doing volunteer work, and spending time with family, friends, and the flying community.

Eileen is a member of Alabama chapter of the 99s.

Madi holds a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 187 hours under her belt. She is a junior at Auburn University, majoring in Professional Flight Management and minoring in Leadership.

Madi was inspired to fly by her mother, a flight attendant, who urged her to get out of her comfort zone and venture into the sky. "Now, the sky is my comfort zone, and it is where I feel most at home," says Madi. "The reason I want to race is the adventure and challenge it presents."

In 2017, Madi received the Congressional Award Gold Medal for her service and leadership. She is a member of the Alabama 99s, serving on the Compass Rose Committee and acting as a liaison



with the university on a future airmarking project. Among her other organizations and memberships: officer in the Gone With the Wind chapter of Women in Aviation International; vice president of the Eta Mu Sigma Natl Aviation Honor Society; and a member of the War Eagles Flying Team, Silver Wings Air Force Auxiliary, Cardinal Key, and Gamma Beta Phi national honor societies and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

## CLASSIC RACER 33

### Sue Jones & Megan Fox

Beech Blue | Beechcraft Sundowner C23

**Sue Jones** (Wimberley, TX) returns for her eighth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot with single-engine land and sea credentials and 1,310 hours flown. Sue races because "It is super fun to go to new places you would never go to on your own. Getting with many of the same racers year to year is something I really look forward to. Often, the trip to the start and the return trip home are the most memorable parts of the air race."

In 2013, Sue and her partner lost their alternator in Logan, Utah. After getting it fixed, they pushed on to spend the night in Rawlins, WY. Said Sue, "There were no hotel rooms that late in the day, so we ended up spending the night in a fifth wheeler camper on the field for free!"

Sue has enjoyed many different careers, including film and the medical field —

but her favorite is being retired! She had the opportunity to learn to fly from Edna Gardner Whyte and flew one of the last Great Southern Air Races with her in 1990.

Sue is a member of the Austin chapter of the 99s.

**Megan Fox** (Shelbyville, KY) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Megan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 161 hours flown. She started working on her Private for fun last year — and was hooked after just one flight. She's finishing her instrument rating and is about to start on her Commercial and flight instructor certificates, and hopes to fly for the airlines within the next three years.

Why is she flying the ARC? "It looks like so much fun! It's something different, and I think it would be a great experience," says



Megan. "It's an exciting adventure filled with new challenges."

Megan has worked as an automation specialist for nearly 10 years. "Call me a geek girl, but outside of aviation, I enjoy things like 3D printing," she says. She also loves spending time with her 6-year-old daughter, Allison, cuddling with her greyhound, Wally, downhill skiing, and snowmobiling. Megan is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s.

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## CLASSIC RACER 34

### Carol Christian & Jane Toskes

Cirrusly Amazing | Cirrus SR22

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Carol Christian** (Baltimore, MD) and **Jane Toskes** (Bel Air, MD). Welcome!

Carol is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, and an instrument/multi-engine flight instructor. She has complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, aerobatics and skydiving credentials, and 3,500 hours logged. Her flight experience ranges from Hawaii and California to Maryland, with licenses in Australia and Canada.

She is flying the ARC "to gain experience and proficiency in multi-day trips in the Cirrus. I have no experience racing and would like to see if I actually like it."

Carol once assisted in delivering a Cessna twin from California to Texas, navigating with the map taped onto the auxiliary fuel tank that had replaced the passenger seats. Says Carol, "The instrumentation was the

very basic required — barely better than the J-3 Cub I used to fly."

Professionally, Carol is an astrophysicist at Hubble Space Telescope, and she is interested in science education and STEM opportunities for diverse students. She is also researching the use of 3D printing for science education, particularly of visually impaired individuals. Carol enjoys rock climbing and scuba diving, and is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Maryland chapter of the 99s.

Jane holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with instrument/multi-engine flight instructor and basic ground instructor credentials, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating, and 6,875 hours flown. She recently retired after a career that included 25 years teaching biology at a community



college, seven years as a physician assistant and more than 20 years as a flight instructor and a charter/corporate pilot in King Airs and Citations.

Why is she flying the ARC? "For the fun — and the challenge! Never had the time before, but now that I'm retired, I'd like to give it a try."

Jane recently joined the Civil Air Patrol and has taught both Private and Instrument Pilot ground schools in the Maryland Wing. Currently, she is working toward Mission Pilot status. Jane is a member of the Maryland chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 35

### Rebecca Carroll & Jessie Miller

MSU Denver of Metro St. Univ. of Denver | Cessna Cutlass 172RG

Welcome the first-time team of **Rebecca Carroll** (Aurora, CO) and **Jessie Miller** (Centennial, CO) to the ARC!

Rebecca holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating, and 307 hours in her logbook. She is a senior at MSU, working on her flight instructor certificate. Her love of aviation came from her father, a pilot for a commercial company.

Why is she racing? "I heard about the Air Race Classic through a friend and was very intrigued. I really liked the idea of an all women's race," she says. "Another student and I were able to get the school on board." Well done, Rebecca!

For four semesters, Rebecca has competed on the MSU Denver Precision Flight team,

and she was captain of the team in fall 2018. She also spent six years in Civil Air Patrol as a cadet and plans to return on the senior side once she has her flight instructor certificate.

Jessie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 165 hours under her belt. A student in the Aviation & Aerospace Management degree program, she plans to graduate Spring 2020. Jessie was the only female ramp agent at Centennial Airport in Englewood, CO, with duties that included marshaling, fueling and towing aircraft of all sizes. Through her job, she gained right-seat experience in a PC12 and has been exposed to the corporate side of aviation.

She is racing not only for the once-in-a-lifetime experience, but to help promote awareness of General Aviation, to educate and inspire other female pilots, and to



encourage girls to enter aviation. "I'm hoping the race will provide a unique opportunity for learning," Jessie says.

Jessie is captain of the MSU Denver Precision Flight Team and a competitor on the Aerobatic Team. She enjoys art and traveling, has visited nine European countries and plans to visit many more. She is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Colorado chapter of the 99s.



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## CLASSIC RACER 36

### Chelsea Carlin & Michaela Parisi

Clyde's Captains | Cessna Skylane 182T

**Chelsea Carlin** (Wichita, KS) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with multi-engine flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 2,700 hours flown. She did her flight training and instructing at Kansas State Salina and flew King Airs for an air ambulance service after college. Currently, she works in the flight operations department at Textron Aviation, doing demos and initial training. Plus, she has eight skydiving jumps under her belt and recently completed upset recovery training.

Chelsea is racing to represent Textron Aviation and because she enjoys interacting with other female pilots. One standout memory from last year's race: "Sitting around

the Beatrice, NE, airport watching 100 other female pilots stare at the weather for hours hoping to get back in the air."

When she's not flying, she enjoys reading, art, music, and being active, especially hiking, jogging and water sports. Chelsea is a member of the 99s.

Welcome **Michaela Parisi** (Wichita, KS) to her first Air Race Classic! Michaela holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, and is an instrument flight instructor with 762 hours logged. She began flying at Oklahoma State University and flight instructed for a year after graduation before accepting an internship with Textron's flying club. Now, she works in the Piston Demo department.

Why is she flying the ARC? "In order to meet fellow female aviators from all walks of



life and from all over the country. I am also very excited to give myself a new challenge by participating in this race."

Michaela enjoys playing soccer for her indoor team in Wichita, working out, doing anything active outside, flying to beautiful places, and hanging out with friends and family. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 37

### Donna Wood, Kimberly Mershon & Karen Atkins

#GiveMeAReasonToFly | Cessna Skylane 182T

Welcome the first-time team of **Donna Wood** (Levering, MI), **Kimberly Mershon** (Prattville, AL) and **Karen Atkins** (Atlanta, GA)!

Donna is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 478 hours logged. A former teacher, Donna also managed a pregnancy prevention program and worked with at-risk youth. Now, she owns a hardware store with about 30 employees.

She is racing for the challenge and opportunity to expand her aviation skill set. "I have always looked for experiences that push me from my comfort zone, and aviation has certainly provided me with challenges, intellectually, physically and emotionally," she says. Donna started flying to overcome her fear of passenger jets, never thinking she'd finish — but now regularly flies her Cessna 182 between her homes in South Carolina and Michigan.

Donna is a member of the Carolinas chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Kimberly holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorse-

ments, a current instrument rating and 604 hours flown. She graduated with a bachelor's in aviation management from Auburn University and worked in advertising sales and marketing before becoming a mom. Now that the kids have flown the coop, she's working on piloting as her second career.

Why is she racing? "My husband saw the 'Beyond the Powder' documentary and said the ARC is a must-do! I am a third-generation pilot, a first-generation female pilot, and what an opportunity to partake in a bit of living history!" Kimberly attended an ARC information session in Reno, "and left with my head swimming in information. Finally, this year, I will be flying in it!"

The mother of three sons, all in college, Kimberly likes to travel and spend time with family and friends. She is a member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Karen is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 485 hours in her logbook. She learned to fly five years ago, when her husband purchased a discovery flight for her. That



was the beginning of an aviation love story, as published in AOPA's Flight Training magazine in June 2015.

She is racing "to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded female pilots, forge friendships that have long lasting benefits ... also, as an understatement, I'm just slightly competitive!"

Karen took an early retirement last October after decades as vice president of sales for a Fortune 300 company. She is chairing a million-dollar gala to benefit domestic violence survivors, creates stained glass mosaic art, has sold several aviation articles, and is Mom to six children. She also has a darling pooch named Dixie who flies with her on adventures. Karen is a member of the Georgia chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 38

### Josephina Cotugno & Kamille Colbert

Lady Buckeyes of The Ohio St. Univ. | Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Josie Cotugno** (Baltimore, OH). Josie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 289 hours in her logbook. A student at Ohio State, she is working on her Commercial certificate and is treasurer of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Asked why she races, Josie said, "I want to show young women across the U.S. that they can be pilots and do the air race in the future." Last year, trying to get her team's tiedowns into the caliche in Texas was quite an experience!

Josie is proud to be not just the only female pilot in her family, but the only pilot. Says Josie, "I would not be where I

am today without the help of my mother, who pushed me get my license and never settle for good but strive for great."

**Kamille Colbert** (Columbus, OH) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 183 hours flown, Kamille is majoring in Air Transportation with an expected graduation date in 2020. She worked as a customer service agent for Delta Air Lines in Omaha and attended the University of Nebraska before transferring to Ohio State in 2017.

She is racing for "the memories and the experiences. I am looking forward to all the people I will get to meet and connect with who get the same enjoyment out of flying as



I do. It's not every day that life will give you an opportunity like this. I feel very lucky to be able to participate in this event."

Besides flying, Kamille's passion is cooking. She's started building up a fairly expensive collection of Le Creuset cookware, and any time she's stressed or in need of a distraction, she pulls out her cookware and gets lost in cooking. Says Kamille, "I tend to have a lot of leftovers." Kamille is a member of Women in Aviation International.



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## CLASSIC RACER 39

### Rachel Northup & Madison Siegrist

CNCC | Cessna Cutlass 172RG

Colorado Northwestern Community College is making its ARC debut with the first-time team of **Rachel Northup** (Sterling, CO) and **Madison Siegrist** (Aurora, CO). Welcome!

Rach is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 160 hours under her belt. She earned her certificate in high school and is earning her associate degree in aviation technology before moving on to her bachelor's.

Says Rach, "I'm looking forward to this race because it will give me an opportunity to see parts of the country that I have never seen before — and what better way to see it than from a bird's-eye view! I'm also racing to meet other incredible aviators and celebrate women in aviation!"

Rach loves being active, whether it's hiking a mountain trail or kayaking on a lake. She also enjoys playing games, especially Flash Point and Ticket to Ride. Sometimes, when she needs to be alone to recharge, she loves to bake, read and sew her own clothing!

Madi holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 292 hours logged. She is a student at Metropolitan State University of Denver, a sister school to CNCC, planning to major in aviation and graduate in 2021.

Madi is racing for the experience, adventure and friendships. Says Madi, "I always desire to learn more and develop my



skills while becoming friends with others who have similar interests."

Madi's father is an airline pilot who inspired her to start flying. "I can't wait to follow in my father's footsteps," she says. Madi is pursuing her instructor ratings as well as a seaplane add-on, glider rating, tailwheel endorsement, and aerobatics.

## CLASSIC RACER 40

### Kathryn Hughes & Carrie Reinhardt

No Boundaries | Beechcraft Debonair 35-B33

Welcome **Kathryn (Fog) Hughes** (Dayton, OH) and **Carrie Reinhardt** (Collierville, TN) to their first Air Race Classic!

Fog holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with flight instructor credentials and 4,400 hours flown. She graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1988 and flew the T-38 and RC-135 before attending medical school on an Air Force scholarship. Afterward, she flew the A-10 and Royal Air Force Hawk as a pilot-physician, and retired in 2016.

Why is she racing? "I joined the 99s in 1992 and have loved the camaraderie of strong women who love to fly! With this being the 90th anniversary of both the 99s and the air race, it seems fitting to join this year's ARC. It will be exciting to partner with a fellow retired AF pilot!"

When she and her husband got married, they bought their 1963 Bonanza Debonair

from another 99 as a wedding gift and immediately took off on a month-long, whirlwind fall honeymoon tour across Eastern Canada and New England. Other than flying, Fog enjoys gardening, running and cooking. She is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

Carrie is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with 3,000 hours in her logbook. She flies as a first officer on the Boeing 757 for FedEx Express after a 20-year career in the Air Force, where she flew as an F-16 Test Pilot and a T-38A/C instructor pilot. Carrie retired from the military last March.

Says Carrie, "I am racing for several reasons. First, it sounds fun! Second, I want to support and accompany my friend and fellow 99, Kathryn, who has also wanted to race for several years. Finally, I want to bring attention to women pilots and promote awareness of aviation to young



girls and boys, including my own!"

Carrie and her husband, who is also a pilot, built their own experimental Velocity XLRG and enjoy taking it on family vacations with their two daughters. They have flown coast to coast, to Oshkosh Airventure, and even to the Bahamas. When she's not flying, Carrie enjoys cooking, reading, exercise, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She is a member of the Memphis chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 41

### Victoria Findley, Melanie Slayton & Shelli Huether

Tennessee Whiskey Compass | Cessna Skyhawk 172R

Welcome the first-time team of **Victoria Findley** (Nashville, TN), **Melanie Slayton** (Mount Juliet, TN) and **Shelli Huether** (Nolensville, TN) to the ARC!

Victoria is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, a current instrument rating and 233 hours logged. She flies remotely piloted aircraft for the Tennessee Air National Guard and is working on her Commercial certificate.

Why is she flying the ARC? "My best friend, Mel, told me about the race. She helped me achieve my private pilot rating and mentioned the ARC. I looked it up and agreed right away we should do it. I'm looking forward to meeting so many other pilots!"

Says Victoria, "I never thought I would actually achieve my PPL. But then I did. I was completely happy with that, until weather became a limiting factor to my travel days. So I began pursuing my instrument rating. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to fly." She is a member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s.

Melanie holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 895 hours under her belt.

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She pilots the MQ-Reaper – "a big unmanned airplane that has some amazing cameras and carries some legit firepower!" – part time for the Arkansas Air National Guard and for a Defense Department contractor overseas.

"I race because I love flying more than anything," says Melanie. "My best friend said, 'Let's do it!' What better way to check off a bucket list item! I love being around other amazing women that love flying as much as I do! I am so excited to take on this challenge and have a great time with some awesome people!"

Melanie's favorite types of flying are taildraggers and low, slow biplanes. She shares her love of aviation with her husband and also enjoys farming, the outdoors, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Melanie is a member of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

Shel is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 250 hours logged. She is an executive officer for the Tennessee Air National Guard and a former C-130 navigator, "deployed seven times as an aviator to some



of the most austere locations in the world, delivering beans, bullets, humanitarian aid, and emergency medical care wherever needed across the globe."

Shel is racing "To promote women in aviation, education and safety, specifically among young women and new aspiring aviators." When she's not flying, she loves hanging out with her kids, enjoying the arts, food, friends, traveling, and experiencing new cultures. She also loves gardening, music, her dogs, her church — and, most of all, her family. Shel is a member of Women in Aviation International.



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## CLASSIC RACER 42

### Mary (Willie) Mattocks & Jennifer Nelson

The Magpies | Piper Cherokee PA-28-140

**Willie Mattocks** (East Amherst, NY) and **Jennifer Nelson** (Louisville, KY) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Willie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 1,600 hours in her logbook. She is a registered nurse and midwife who holds a master's degree in nursing education and works as a visiting nurse for a large health corporation. Originally from Great Britain, Willie has flown to many places in the U.S. and Canada in her beloved N222DL — "or 222 Dumb Limey, as I am affectionately known by friends," she says.

She has flown more than 400 Young Eagles flights — but "this race is the ultimate challenge," Willie says, "and I will try my very best to succeed!"

Willie worked the timing line last year at Penn Yan as a member of the Western New York 99s. She is also a member of the

Buffalo Aero Club, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association — and she is earning her airframe and powerplant mechanic's license. Says Willie, "I love my supportive, non-pilot husband, Tibetan spaniel and two cats."

Jennifer holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 283 hours logged. She was working as an accountant until she quit her job last summer, moved to Florida and enrolled in a Part 141 pilot training program. She hopes to be a flight instructor by this summer.

"I want to race to remember the women who paved the way allowing us to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity," Jennifer says. "I would love to connect with other aviators that share the same passion, and, most importantly, set an example to future pilots to



follow their passions and to seek adventure."

Jennifer was born in South Korea and grew up in a Korean/American military home, giving her the opportunity to live in various places. She lives with her husband, a computer engineer, and two Bengal kitties. When she's not flying, she enjoys competition shooting and being outdoors. Jennifer is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.



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## CLASSIC RACER 43

### Suzanne Azar & Laura Pena-Pannell

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After a long hiatus, **Suzanne Azar** (El Paso, TX) is back for her sixth ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with instrument/multi-engine flight instructor certificates; advanced ground instructor credentials; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 7,200 hours in the air. She formerly owned a flight school and fixed-based operation, and has flown 60 to 70 different aircraft including gliders, jets, and helicopters. Suzanne also served on the El Paso City Council and was the city's mayor.

Suzanne is flying the ARC "for the travel experience visiting new places. I also enjoy sharing aviation stories with women pilots."

When she's not flying, Suzanne enjoys scuba diving, playing mah-jongg, painting, eating exotic food, cooking, keeping in touch

with family and friends on Facebook, and teaching her grandchildren to fly. She is a member of the El Paso chapter of the 99s.

**Laura Pena-Pannell** (El Paso, TX) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 214 hours in her logbook, and is a retired medical-surgical registered nurse. "Working in the healthcare field gave me great insight to never take life for granted," says Laura. "Every day is to be celebrated and lived to the fullest. The time to work toward accomplishing your dreams and being your best self is today!"

Why is she racing? "To see America from the air — and to learn from the experience. I race to set an example for my children so that they see that if you work hard, the sky is the limit for your dreams! Literally!"



At the end of a previous race, Laura heard another team at her table at the awards banquet utter this prayer: "'Oh, please don't give us the turtle award!'"

Says Laura, "I am a truly lucky lady to have the opportunity to participate again in this flying adventure! This is the most exciting event I have ever participated in!" Her other interests include running half-marathons. Laura is a member of the El Paso chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 44

### Madison Bright, Rachel Chaput & Morgan Carney

Flying Fins of Jacksonville Univ. | Cirrus SR20

**Madi Bright** (Kennesaw, GA) is back for her second ARC. A Private pilot, single-engine land, she has a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 250 hours in her logbook. She is a student-athlete at the university, pursuing a degree in aviation flight operations and management, and plans to pursue a career in the airlines.

Says Madi, "I grew up playing sports my whole life and I love the new challenge of adding a competitive side to flying. My parents always told me to pick a career I could be passionate about — that way, I would never have to work a day in my life. I am extremely grateful to them for helping me pursue my dream." Aviation runs in Madi's family — she grew up flying with her grandfather, which sparked her interest in an aviation career of her own.

Madi participates in the Jacksonville University women's D1 rowing program, is secretary of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International, is a member of AHP, and competes on the university flight team.

**Rachel Chaput** (Hampton, NH) is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine

land, with a current instrument rating; instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials; complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatics endorsements; and 625 hours logged. She is studying Flight Operations & Aviation Management with an expected graduation date of May 2019 and is an instructor at L3 Airline Academy.

"The 2018 race was the best experience I've ever had in the aviation world," says Rachel. "Even though most of our race was canceled for weather, I had an amazing time getting to know all the incredible women as we waited out the storms together in camaraderie. I race to learn, connect, and become a better pilot."

Rachel likes to spend most of her time outdoors, running, hiking, camping, and skiing. She is involved with several on-campus organizations, including the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International, and enjoys traveling with her family when she gets the opportunity.

Welcome **Morgan Carney** (Jacksonville, FL) to her first ARC! Morgan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 80 hours in her



logbook. She is majoring in Aviation Management and Flight Operations, with an expected graduation date in spring 2020, and works part-time at a company that specializes in indoor skydiving — so she gets to help people fly!

She is racing to experience her first cross-country flight with a team and learn how the race works alongside her teammates.

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.



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## CLASSIC RACER 45

### Meredith Boardman, Erika Jordan & Kristi Serafin

Liberty Belles II of Liberty Univ. | Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III

**Meredith Boardman** (Bemus Point, NY) is back for her second ARC. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 158 hours logged, she is pursuing a degree in Aviation Administration with a cognate in Safety Management and a minor in business.

Why is she racing? "The ARC is a priceless opportunity to gain practical aviation experience. The race develops critical decision-making skills that even a rigorous training environment cannot produce. It has made me a better aviator and has connected me with other women who share my passion for flight."

Some of Meredith's hobbies and interests are lacrosse, field hockey, running, hiking, snowboarding, paddle boarding, and boating. She especially enjoys spending time with family and friends, and being a leader in Liberty's Women in Aviation Chapter.

This is the second ARC for **Erika Jordan** (Silverton, OR). Erika is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument/multi-engine flight instructor credentials, a complex

endorsement, and 350 hours flown. She is a flight instructor and working on her master's degree at the university.

"I am excited to race this year to learn new skills and gain new experiences," says Erika. "The race provides experiences that you just don't get in a normal training environment. It is also a great opportunity to meet other women who share the passion for aviation."

When she's not flying, Erika enjoys spending time outdoors. She likes wakeboarding, wake surfing, hiking, and camping. She also enjoys traveling and curling up with a good book. Erika is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

**Kristi Serafin** (Doylestown, PA) returns for her second ARC. Kristi is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 15 hours under her belt. She is a sophomore at Liberty who had very little aviation experience before starting college but she plans to become a commercial pilot someday.



Says Kristi, "Last year was my first year in the Air Race Classic, and I enjoyed every minute of it. I am a very competitive person, and I will do all that I can in order to come out victorious. I also enjoy the team atmosphere and working with my teammates to achieve common goals, especially winning."

That competitive spirit shows itself in other ways, too: Kristi has played hockey since fifth grade and is a member of Liberty's Women's Division 1 Ice Hockey Team. She also enjoys skiing, snowmobiling, soccer, and traveling, and is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.



## CLASSIC RACER 46

### Jenna Rouillard & Jeanné Willerth

The Mighty Mavericks | Piper Cherokee PA-28-180

Welcome **Jenna Rouillard** (Fairfield, ME) to her first Air Race Classic! Jenna is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 170 hours in her logbook. When she started flying three years ago, she was the only pilot in her family and never thought about aviation as a career. But, after just one lesson, she was hooked. She even got her father to go for his Private!

Jenna is a commercial painter who used to be a ramp agent for a commercial airline and once worked line for a general aviation airport, getting to meet lots of pilots. She had been interested since she started flying, but in February, when she read the book *Fly Girls*, she decided to stop waiting for “the right time” and race this year. Says Jenna, “It seems like such an amazing way to see the country and also help build time as I pursue my Commercial.”

Besides flying, Jenna enjoys traveling and rock climbing. She is a member of the

Katahdin Wings chapter of the 99s.

**Jeanné Willerth** (Lee's Summit, MO) is flying the ARC for the third time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; an instrument and multi-engine flight instructor, and an advanced/instrument ground instructor with 3,500 hours logged. After careers in business and teaching, she became a flight instructor and currently teaches flight instructor refresher courses, “Rusty Pilot” and safety seminars for AOPA and the Air Safety Institute. She was named Flight Instructor of the Year in 2015 by the Kansas City Flight Standards District Office and the FAA Central Region, and was 2012 National FAAS Team Representative of the Year.

Why is she back at the ARC? “I am looking forward to the challenges of an international race.”

Jeanne's mother was an air racer who taught her to fly when she was young. On



some of those races, Jeanné was copilot, and in 1998, Jeanné flew the ARC with her mom as copilot and her daughter as a team member. They were the first triple generation team to ever compete in women's cross country air racing.

Jeanné volunteers for Angel Flight Central, Young Eagles and Challenge Air, and for the last 10 years has been an off-ice hockey official for her local minor league team. She is a member of the Greater Kansas City chapter of the 99s.

## CLASSIC RACER 47

### Kali Hague & Heather Paul

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**Kali Hague** (Washington, D.C.) is flying the ARC for the third time. Kali holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; instrument flight instructor credentials; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 870 hours in the air. She is an aviation attorney, helping clients navigate complex aviation regulations, buy and sell business jets, and negotiate contracts. She also teaches aviation law for Kansas State University's aviation campus.

“I race because I love to travel, I love small GA airports, and I love meeting adventurous women pilots,” says Kali. “I love getting other women involved in air racing and introducing them to the history of ARC.”

During a previous race, her airplane hit heavy turbulence over Texas. “My race partner chose an inopportune moment to open a container of trail mix,” Kali says. “We hit an especially rough pocket of air and her snack flew all around the plane. We cleaned almonds and dried fruit out of the baggage compartment all week.”

Kali is a member of the Capital Region chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Heather Paul** (Zionsville, IN) to her first Air Race Classic! Heather is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement, skydiver credentials and 244 hours flown. She works as an aviation legal research assistant for Jetlaw, LLC, has a master's degree in aviation safety and has completed approximately 700 skydives – including out of a TWA Constellation.



Says Heather, “This is my first race, and it looks to be a fun experience with an opportunity to see so much of the country plus Canada. I've never flown into Canada – excited!”

Heather has an 8-year-old Canadian Sport Horse and enjoys horse show jumping, a sport she shares with her daughter. She also loves the Kansas City Chiefs and is a big lacrosse fan, as her two boys play the sport.

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## CLASSIC RACER 48

### Chloe Cady, Megan Bradshaw & Gretchen Thennes

Liberty Belles of Liberty Univ. | Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III

Welcome **Chloe Cady** (Sauk Rapids, MN) to her first Air Race Classic! Chloe is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 170 hours logged. She is pursuing a degree in Commercial/Corporate Aeronautics — but her journey at Liberty did not begin in the aviation program. She began flight training halfway through her freshman year after realizing her passion for flying. As the first pilot in her family, she hopes to inspire some of her relatives to pursue aviation as well, whether for fun or a career.

Says Chloe, “I have always loved flying, traveling and seeing new places. Now that I am a pilot myself, being behind the controls makes the experience even more thrilling. I am excited to race because I know that it will challenge me as an aviator and I will gain experience I cannot get anywhere else.”

In addition to flying, Chloe enjoys fellowship with friends and family, playing with her dog, being outdoors, playing sports, and making music.

She is a member of the university's chapter

of Women in Aviation International. **Megan Bradshaw** (Lynchburg, VA) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument/multi-engine flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement, and 750 hours flown. A Liberty graduate, she is a flight instructor for the university's School of Aeronautics and a candidate for a master's degree.

She is racing “to advance my flight experience and aeronautical decision-making abilities with new and exciting challenges that come with flying in all different environments.”

Megan is a coffeeholic who loves to be outdoors, whether that be hiking, camping or chilling in a hammock. She also loves to sketch and make crafts with leather. Megan is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Gretchen Thennes** (McHenry, IL). Gretchen is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 119



hours in her logbook. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics with a Commercial/Corporate concentration.

Gretchen's first flight on an airliner was when she was 6 months old, and after a discovery flight during high school she knew she wanted to be a pilot. She earned her Private at a small airport in northern Illinois. Says Gretchen, “I love everything about learning to fly, and racing challenges me to apply skills I have learned.”

When she's not flying, she enjoys being outdoors — hiking, working out, biking and going for walks and runs with her dogs. Gretchen is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 49

### Kelly Erdmann, Lauren Quandt & Emma Hughes

Western Michigan Univ. | Cirrus SR20 G2

**Kelly Erdmann** (Southfield, MI) returns for her second ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 154 hours flown. She is double-majoring in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Management and Operations, with a business minor, and hopes to fly for Alaska Airlines someday.

Says Kelly, "I race because I want to grow and network with other female pilots. I am competitive natured and strive to be the best I possibly can be and thrive on testing my skills. Racing brings real life situations of teamwork and discipline that will help me grow both personally and professionally."

Other than flying, Kelly enjoys hiking, backpacking, kayaking, reading, listening to music, spending time with family, traveling, and experiencing different cultures. She is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International and the 99s.

This is the third ARC for **Lauren Quandt** (Grosse Ile, MI). Lauren has a

Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land; instrument flight instructor and airframe/powerplant mechanic credentials; complex and high-performance endorsements; a current instrument rating; and 470 hours logged. She is majoring in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Maintenance Technology while working as a flight instructor at the university.

Says Lauren, "I competed in the last couple races and I can't wait to experience the race again. I am excited for the challenges the race will bring and meeting new people with similar interests along the way. It's fun to use what we've learned in flight training to make real decisions in flight during the race."

Though Lauren is the first pilot in her family, she became a flight instructor to share her love for aviation with others. She hopes one day to fly as an airline pilot. Lauren is a member of the university's Sky Broncos Precision Flight Team and the Yankee Ladies chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Welcome **Emma Hughes** (Kalamazoo, MI) to her first ARC! Emma is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 77 hours in her logbook. She received her certificate in December and is working on her instrument rating in addition to majoring in both Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Maintenance Technology. Emma also works as a student dispatcher at the university.

"I race as part of a collegiate team to not only represent my university in a positive way, but also to help encourage future female pilots to pursue their dreams in aviation," says Emma.

## CLASSIC RACER 50

### Lindsay Jarman & Jessica Washburn

Utah Valley Univ. CFIs | Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III

**Lindsay Jarman** (Springville, UT) and **Jessica Washburn** (Lehi, UT) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Lindsay holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument/multi-engine flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 700 hours flown. She works as a flight instructor at Utah Valley University, where she enjoys helping raise the next generation of strong pilots. Her flight experience ranges from winter mountainous terrain to hot deserts, and everything in between.

Why is she racing? "I've always been competitive and had a desire to win."

Lindsay probably has as much time on horseback as she does PIC hours

in the air. She also loves artwork and creating art. Says Lindsay, "I've had goals of hiking tall mountains, but soon learned flying over them is much more fun!"

Jessica is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land. She holds instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, advanced ground instructor credentials and a complex endorsement, and has 360 hours in her logbook. Jessica started as a flight instructor at the university last November and since then has experienced flying in mountainous terrain as well as desert flying.

Now, says Jessica "I am looking for an opportunity to push my knowledge and my skills in a fun, safety-promoting environment,



as well as for the chance to use my skills in a new environment and in a new way."

When she's not flying, Jessica loves spending time with family, playing with her dogs, hiking, camping and backpacking. Says Jessica, "I love rock climbing and other activities that show me I am capable of things I never thought I could do!"

## CLASSIC RACER 51

### Mariah Ferber & Paige Kessler

Sky Climbers | Cessna Skyhawk 172R

**Mariah Ferber** (Goodlettsville, TN) is flying the Air Race Classic for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a flight instructor certificate, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 1,400 hours in the air. Mariah flies a Pilatus PC-12 at PlaneSense, a fractional ownership provider.

The first pilot in her family, she told her mother she wanted to be a pilot, and her mom's response was, "You've never been in a plane before!" But Mariah got a discovery flight for her 16th birthday and instantly fell in love. Now, she can't imagine doing anything else other than flying. Why is she

racing? "Because there is nothing else like it. From the actual flying to the people and the events and places you get to visit, the Air Race Classic has stolen my heart."

Mariah Ferber is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is the second ARC for **Paige Kessler** (Mount Juliet, TN). She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor credentials and 500 hours in her logbook. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in biochemistry and used to work as an environmental chemist. Now, she is a full-time flight instructor.



Why fly the ARC? "Last year was such an unforgettable experience that my teammate and I want to make this a yearly adventure!"

Paige started flying because she decided she needed some excitement and adventure when she was working in the lab. Says Paige, "Ever since I started training, my life has never been the same!"

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## CLASSIC RACER 52

### Cathy Troyer, Morgan Pietruch & Denise Whitford

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**Cathy Troyer** (Evansville, IN) is back for the second ARC. Cathy is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, a flight instructor certificate, and 1,010 hours flown. She is a flight instructor at Purdue and previously worked as a Phenom 300 first officer.

"I race because I want to become involved in inspiring young women to become pilots," says Cathy. "I have been involved in Women in Aviation, and now I want to promote aviation to women by becoming a racer in the Air Race Classic."

Besides flying, Cathy enjoys biking, hiking, running, and drawing. One of her biggest inspirations was her grandmother, who was a member of the Women's Air Service Pilots the WASPs during World War II. Cathy is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

This is the second ARC for **Morgan Pietruch** (Belvidere, IL). Morgan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 111 hours logged. She is majoring in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, with an expected graduation date of fall 2020. Though engineering is an amazing field and a solid foundation, she says, her ultimate career goal is pilot.

Why is she racing? "It's an amazing opportunity to test your skills as a pilot and meet other talented individuals while competing." Last year, her team was frantically washing their plane until the moment they had to turn the keys in. Says Morgan, "I never want to look at a bottle of Belly Soap again!"

Welcome **Denise Whitford** (West Lafayette, IN) to her first ARC! Denise holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 74 hours in her logbook. She is a former middle school and high school teacher and



a current assistant professor of special education at Purdue.

Denise is racing to gain more experience in the cockpit, particularly in a team-based environment, and is excited to be working with a team of fun, professional women who make flying enjoyable. When she's not flying, she enjoys traveling domestically and internationally, scuba diving, hiking, and biking. Denise is a member of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 53

### Elayna Smithson & Sugena Ewing Got It From My Mama

Welcome the mother-daughter team of **Elayna Smithson** (Mount Juliet, TN) and **Sugena Ewing** (Mount Juliet, TN) to their first Air Race Classic!

Elayna is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument flight instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements and 216 hours logged. She started flying for fun when she was 18, then fell in love with aviation when she enrolled as a student at Middle Tennessee State University. Now, she is a flight instructor at the school.

She is racing "To gain some real-world experience and fly for something other than flight training or flight instructing. I also am pretty competitive, so this sounds right up my alley! And, there are not many events to meet other female pilots."

Other than flying, Elayna loves being on the water. She's lived on a lake her entire life and enjoys wakeboarding and wakesurfing, as well as racing dirt bikes, mountain biking, horseback riding, and skiing. Elayna is a member of the MTSU Air Raiders chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Sugena is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a jet type rating and 4,500 hours in her logbook. Like her daughter, Sugena started flying for fun and then decided to pursue it as a career. "I got lucky in getting to sit right seat in an MU-2 to get me to my 1,500 hours and then got hired," she says. Today, she flies a Hawker 900 for a hospital company.

Why is she flying the ARC? "Because



my daughter is now a CFII, and we still haven't flown together since before she started her flying career. This is a perfect opportunity to do what I love most while spending time with my daughter and other fellow female pilots.

Sugena's hobbies include horseback riding, traveling and camping with family and friends. She has lived her entire life on Old Hickory Lake and partakes in many water sports. Sugena is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 60

### Sierra Hardwick & Mattie McKenna

War Eagle Women Blue of Auburn Univ. | Cessna 172S

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Sierra Hardwick** (Auburn, AL). Welcome! A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 239 hours logged, Sierra is pursuing a degree in Professional Flight and working on her Commercial certificate. Her career goals include becoming a captain at a major airline.

Says Sierra, "I am racing because I want to represent my university through what I love doing most. I am looking forward to seeing the country, meeting others, perfecting my skills, and getting experience from every challenge along the way."

Other than flying, she spends her time performing with the Auburn University Marching Band on the Danceline and volunteering at her church in the kids' area.

Sierra is a member of Women in Aviation International.

**Mattie McKenna** (Auburn, AL) returns for her second Air Race Classic. Mattie is a recent graduate of Auburn, working as a flight instructor at the university, helping other ambitious Auburn students reach their goals. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor certification and 550 hours logged. She hopes to get all her hours and work at a regional airline.

Why is she racing? "To expand my interest in aviation and help my confidence as a commercial pilot," Mattie says. "I'm excited to fly this race and meet other aviators who have the same interest."



Mattie enjoys trying different foods from all over the world, experiencing other cultures and learning how other people live. Says Mattie, "Being a pilot, I feel like I will have immense opportunities to continue to learn about different countries."

## CLASSIC RACER 61

### Caitlyn Miller & Kendall Higdon

War Eagle Women Orange of Auburn Univ. | Cessna 172S

Welcome **Caitlyn Miller** (Fisherville, TN) to her first Air Race Classic! Caitlyn holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 225 hours in her logbook. She is a senior majoring in Professional Flight Management and working on her Commercial certificate. Upon graduation this summer, she plans to become a flight instructor, and ultimately aspires to be an airline pilot like her father.

"Through the air race, I'm hoping to hone 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."

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.

**Kendall Higdon** (Auburn, AL) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 423 hours logged. A 2017 graduate of Auburn, Kendall is working as a flight instructor at the university and building time for her Airline Transport Pilot certificate as she pursues her goal of flying for a major airline.

"This will be my second time racing in the ARC, but this time as second in command," Kendall says. "I am so excited to meet the other teams and reconnect with racers from 2017."



When she's not flying, you can find Kendall planning weekend trips to new cities, playing with her bunny or eating local foods. "I love new adventures, and I can't wait to see what this year's race brings," she says. Kendall is a member of Women in Aviation International.

## CLASSIC RACER 77

### Jordan Cantrell & Gabriella Lindskoug

White Lightning of Middle Tennessee St. Univ. | Cessna Skyhawk 172R

**Jordan Cantrell** (Nashville, TN) is flying the ARC for the third time. Jordan is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 490 hours logged. She graduated pre-med at MTSU and then returned for a second degree, in Aerospace Pro-Pilot.

Says Jordan, "I have dreamed of racing airplanes since I was a little girl. I am racing to become a better and safer pilot, as well as to see a lot of the United States that I have not had the pleasure of flying over yet. The last air race taught me more in a few weeks than I learned in a few months."

Jordan wears a number of hats: owner of Cantrell's Airbnb; vice president of Springwater, which bills itself as the oldest bar in Tennessee, and vice president of Bald Eagle Enterprises. She is also a PADI certified scuba diver.

In her spare time, Jordan enjoys hiking to waterfalls and dancing. She is working

on her helicopter, multi-engine and Commercial certificates and is a member of the MTSU Air Raiders chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third ARC for **Gabriella Lindskoug** (Mount Juliet, TN). She is a flight instructor at MTSU with a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor certificate, complex endorsement, and 600 hours flown.

"I race because last year and the year before were one of the best experiences I have ever had in aviation," says Gabriella. "The places we flew, amazing women we met, and the feeling we had knowing we were the first team from MTSU to finish when we both were first-time racers was absolutely priceless!"

Last year, on the way home from Maine, her team decided to stop in New York City. "Of course, we had to go big or go home, so



we landed at JFK," says Gabriella. "I'll never forget hearing, 'Delta heavy, cleared to land runway 22L behind the Cessna,' to which they replied, 'I'm sorry, what type of aircraft are we following?'"

When she's not flying, Gabriella rides horses competitively, plays guitar and enjoys skateboarding/ snowboarding. She's also started acrobatic flying. Gabriella is a member of the Middle Tennessee chapter of the 99s and the MTSU Air Raiders chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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## CLASSIC RACER 99

### Lara Gaerte & Donna Harris

Estrogen Express | Cessna Skylane RG R182

ARC President **Lara Gaerte** (Fort Wayne, IN) is flying the race for the ninth time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single/multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with instrument/multi-engine flight instructor and advanced/instrument ground instructor certificates; complex, high-performance, tailwheel and skydiver credentials; a jet type rating, and 9,825 hours logged. A mom, FBO owner/manager, a master CFI, designated pilot examiner, and corporate pilot, Lara is racing for the personal challenge and sense of accomplishment, "and to bask in the joy and excitement that hides in all the hard work."

Says Lara, "In the 2006 race, en route to the start, I told my race partner, Jan, that we were going to be carrying a male passenger on the race. I was pregnant with my youngest son, Nick. We took an extra supply of sicsacks that year to accommodate my morning sickness!"

Lara has been making her living in aviation since 2000, when she was laid off from a safe but boring cubicle job — and she's never looked back. "My vacation every year is the

Air Race Classic, and I'm really excited to be a racer this year as well as your president," she says. "In my little bits of spare time, I like to take 20-minute vacations in my Piper Cub." Lara is a member of the North Central section of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

**Donna Harris** (Lake Havasu City, AZ) is flying the ARC for the second time. Donna holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 245 hours flown. Asked why she is racing, Donna answers, "To learn more about flying and test my personal minimums and boundaries. I love talking to the racers and volunteers and hearing their stories. I also want to pay tribute to my father-in-law, who flew B-29s during World War II. I soloed on his birthday and received my instrument rating on the first anniversary of his death."

On her first flyby as Pilot-in-Command, her teammate was saying, "Push, Donna, push!" for her to get to the flyby altitude, while her



copilot was saying, "Breathe, Donna, breathe!" Says Donna, "All I could do was laugh!"

After working in accounting for 30 years, and volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate, Donna went back to school to get her law degree. She has been teaching law online for 10 years and has served as ARC treasurer for the last five.

Donna and her husband like to sail as well as fly and spend several months each year on their boat, in addition to taking cross-country trips in their Bonanza. She also enjoys reading and studying the Bible, making crafts and learning new food recipes.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Distance          | 394.4nm         |
| Initial Magnetic Course | 287°            |
| Departure Time          | Tue 2:46 PM EDT |
| Best Speed Altitude     | 4500'           |
| Best Economy Altitude   | 4500'           |

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| Cruise Altitude | ETE      | Total Arrival Time | Climb       |          |       | Cruise |                   |          | Descent |       |                   |          |      |      |     |
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|                 |          |                    | Fuel        | Duration | Dist. | Fuel   | GS <sub>avg</sub> | Duration | Dist.   | Fuel  | GS <sub>avg</sub> |          |      |      |     |
| 4500'           | 03:39:42 | 39.01              | Tue 8:17 PM | 00:06:59 | 10.0  | 1.40   | 86                | 03:17:39 | 371.2   | 28.00 | 113               | 00:06:03 | 13.2 | 0.81 | 130 |
| 6500'           | 03:50:59 | 32.93              | Tue 6:37 PM | 00:10:19 | 15.6  | 2.06   | 91                | 03:31:16 | 359.5   | 29.83 | 102               | 00:09:23 | 19.2 | 0.94 | 123 |
| 8500'           | 03:46:16 | 32.32              | Tue 6:33 PM | 00:13:39 | 20.4  | 2.73   | 90                | 03:19:53 | 348.0   | 28.32 | 104               | 00:12:43 | 26.0 | 1.27 | 123 |
| 10500'          | 03:58:03 | 34.05              | Tue 6:45 PM | 00:16:59 | 25.1  | 3.40   | 88                | 03:25:08 | 338.5   | 29.06 | 99                | 00:15:55 | 30.9 | 1.59 | 116 |
| 12500'          | 04:04:38 | 35.04              | Tue 6:51 PM | 00:20:19 | 29.1  | 4.06   | 86                | 03:24:55 | 329.0   | 29.03 | 96                | 00:19:23 | 36.4 | 1.94 | 112 |
| 14500'          | 04:06:34 | 35.36              | Tue 6:53 PM | 00:23:39 | 34.2  | 4.73   | 87                | 03:20:10 | 317.9   | 28.36 | 95                | 00:22:44 | 42.3 | 2.27 | 112 |
| 16500'          | 04:07:17 | 35.52              | Tue 6:54 PM | 00:26:59 | 39.4  | 5.40   | 86                | 03:14:13 | 308.9   | 27.52 | 95                | 00:26:04 | 48.3 | 2.61 | 111 |

NOTE: Altitudes listed above do not guarantee terrain or obstacle clearance.

#### Winds Aloft for Great Circle Route: KFDK - KMQJ (for use Tue 2:00 PM - Wed 2:00 AM EDT)

| Altitude | 0nm             |                 | 9nm             |                  | 19nm             |      | 29nm        |      | 39nm        |      |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
|          | Mag. Course     | 287°            | Mag. Course     | 285°             | Mag. Course      | 282° | Mag. Course | 279° | Mag. Course | 276° |
| 4500'    | 130° @ 10       | 090° @ 14       | 092° @ 10       | 145° @ 11        | 173° @ 17        |      |             |      |             |      |
| 6500'    | 134° @ 15, +8°C | 058° @ 11, +8°C | 199° @ 8, +9°C  | 220° @ 10, +10°C | 228° @ 16, +13°C |      |             |      |             |      |
| 8500'    | 126° @ 12, +6°C | 058° @ 12, +6°C | 199° @ 10, +6°C | 220° @ 9, +7°C   | 228° @ 15, +10°C |      |             |      |             |      |
| 10500'   | 122° @ 10, +3°C | 053° @ 9, +4°C  | 327° @ 12, +3°C | 268° @ 12, +4°C  | 268° @ 18, +6°C  |      |             |      |             |      |
| 12500'   | 138° @ 8, -1°C  | 043° @ 6, +1°C  | 317° @ 13, 0°C  | 289° @ 15, 0°C   | 277° @ 21, +2°C  |      |             |      |             |      |
| 14500'   | 138° @ 10, -5°C | 043° @ 7, -4°C  | 317° @ 14, -4°C | 289° @ 17, -4°C  | 277° @ 22, -4°C  |      |             |      |             |      |
| 16500'   | 138° @ 11, -9°C | 043° @ 8, -8°C  | 317° @ 16, -9°C | 289° @ 19, -9°C  | 277° @ 23, -9°C  |      |             |      |             |      |

NOTE: This interpolation does not account for wind correction angle.

#### NOTAMs within 25 nm of the route KFDK-KMQJ [Show FDC NOTAMs](#) NOTE: times shown are typical

| Loc. | Number | Descr  |
|------|--------|--|
| KFDK | 01022  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 16:01 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
|      | 02008  | Runway 12/30 Work in Progress Construction RESA Approach End Runway 12, 22 FEB 19:37 2017 Until 01 MAY 22      |
|      | 02009  | Runway 05 PAPI Unserviceable, 24 FEB 11:00 2017 Until 01 MAY 11:00 2017 Estimated, Created: 23 FEB 19:05 20    |
|      | 04009  | Taxiway A, C, E, G Work in Progress Adjacent, 17 APR 12:24 2017 Until 01 NOV 00:01 2017, Created: 17 APR 12:2  |
|      | 04010  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1037584) 392727.00N0771926.00W (3.4NM NE FDK) 899.8F      |
|      | 12006  | Obstruction/Obstacle Crane Light (ASN 2015-AEA-2820-0E) 392534N0772253W (0.8NM NNW FDK) 291FT (DSFT /          |
| W50  | 01482  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 15:51 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
|      | 03337  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1037347) 391404.00N0795824.00W (6.2NM E W50) 799.5FT      |
| ZW2  | 01484  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 15:52 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
|      | 03085  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1209121) 392233.00N0765124.00W (9.1NM SE ZW2) 892.1F      |
|      | 04115  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1209119) 392221.10N0765130.20W (9.2NM SE ZW2) 874.0F      |
|      | 04222  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1041820) 392541.00N0764547.00W (11.9NM E ZW2) 930.4F      |
|      | 11178  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1225570) 392649.90N0764647.20W (11.0NM E ZW2) 1548.9H     |
| KGAJ | 01495  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155, 6/1117, 6/7196, 6/7201, 6/7215 ZDC Special SECURITY Instructions, 24 JAN 16:00 2017   |
|      | 04388  | Communications Clearance Delivery 121.6 Unserviceable, 26 APR 15:00 2017 Until 26 APR 19:00 2017, Created:     |
|      | 04384  | Service Automated Weather Broadcast System Out of Service, 24 APR 21:25 2017 Until 01 MAY 21:00 2017, Crea     |
| W73  | 01329  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 16:01 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
| KDMW | 01001  | Runway 16 PAPI Beyond SDCG Right of Runway Centerline Unusable, 03 JAN 15:16 2017 Until 31 DEC 23:59 2017      |
|      | 01007  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 15:57 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
|      | 04001  | Obstruction/Obstacle Tower Light (Antenna Structure #1057365) 393437.00N0770120.00W (2.0NM SW DMW) 104         |
| P98  | 01328  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155 ZDC Flight Restrictions Temporary Flight Restriction, 24 JAN 16:00 2017 Until 31 JAN 2 |
| KLYO | 01620  | Airspace See FDC 1/1155, 6/1117, 6/7196, 6/7201, 6/7215 ZDC Special SECURITY Instructions, 24 JAN 16:13 2017   |

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Women's air racing all 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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 down-play 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."

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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



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# Silent Auction

A long-time tradition, the ARC silent auction is held as a fundraiser to support the future of the Air Race Classic. The auction is an opportunity to purchase interesting aviation-related items, as well as many other items. You can be a part of this annual event whether you are a racer, volunteer or someone cheering ARC on from the sidelines.

Auction items are donated by corporations, groups and individuals. Aviation-related items are always appropriate, but not required. Past items have included aviation technology, DVDs and training courses, aviation prints, hats, shirts, books, tech organizers, jewelry, and much more! This year, we will be focusing on vouchers and gift certificates, but not exclusively. Auction items will be displayed at the Terminus and silent bidding will conclude at the Awards Banquet.



Do you have something to donate? Your gift is tax deductible and will make a difference. For more information, contact [silentauction@airraceclassic.org](mailto:silentauction@airraceclassic.org).



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# Where We've Been

## Alabama

Fairhope - 2015  
Gadsden - 2015  
Huntsville - 1991  
Mobile - 2011  
Muscle Shoals - 1993  
Tuscaloosa - 2010

## Arizona

Bullhead City - 1991  
Casa Grande - 1983  
Holbrook - 1992  
Kingman - 1987  
Mesa - 2006  
Page - 1985  
Prescott - 1996, 2016  
Tucson - 2000  
Williams - 2001  
Winslow - 1990

## Arkansas

Arkadelphia - 2016  
Conway - 1996  
El Dorado - 2011  
Fayetteville - 1990, 2013  
Fort Smith - 1980  
Hot Springs - 1978, 2001, 2002, 2011  
Jonesboro - 1987  
Mena - 1992  
Mountain Home - 1991  
Russellville - 2009  
Texarkana - 1985  
Walnut Ridge - 2005

## California

Agua Dulce (flyby) - 1987  
Alturas - 1989  
Calexico (flyby) - 1983  
Concord - 2014  
El Cajon - 1983  
Rancho Murieta (flyby) - 1987  
Redding - 1985  
Rio Bravo - 1987  
Sacramento - 1989  
Salinas - 1988  
San Diego - 2001  
Santa Monica - 1979  
Santa Rosa - 1977, 1986  
Stockton - 1979  
Temecula Valley - 1990  
Thermal - 1992

## Colorado

Burlington - 2002  
Denver - 2000, 2009  
Durango - 1996  
Grand Junction - 1978  
La Junta - 2013  
Lamar - 2004

## Florida

Daytona Beach - 1985, 1996, 2016  
Destin/Ft. Walton Beach - 1978  
Fort Myers - 2010

## Georgia

Albany - 1985  
Americus - 2016  
Athens - 1996  
Jekyll Island - 1981  
Rome - 1998  
Waycross - 2010

## Idaho

Boise - 1977, 1986, 1997  
Coeur d'Alene - 1982, 1995  
Idaho Falls - 1988  
Mountain Home - 2013  
Twin Falls - 1984

## Illinois

Cahokia - 1994  
Champaign/Urbana - 2016  
Danville - 1995, 2014  
Decatur - 1993, 2008  
Freeport - 1999  
Galesburg - 1981  
Jacksonville - 2009  
Kankakee - 1988  
Lawrenceville - 2015  
Marion - 1980  
Mattoon - 2000  
Mount Vernon - 1990  
Peru - 2003  
Tuscola (fly-by) - 2016

## Indiana

Auburn - 2018  
Bloomington - 1992  
Columbus - 1987  
Elkhart - 1997, 2010  
Evansville - 1977, 1986  
Frankfort (flyby) - 2005  
Indianapolis - 2017  
Jeffersonville - 2015  
Lafayette - 1989, 2005  
Seymour - 1994, 1999

## Iowa

Atlantic - 2009  
Burlington - 1991  
Cedar Rapids - 1977, 1986  
Decorah - 2017  
Denison - 2007  
Dubuque - 1994  
Fort Dodge - 1995  
Iowa City - 2011, 2014  
Marshalltown - 1989  
Mason City - 1988, 2008  
Spencer - 2017  
Waterloo - 1980

## Kansas

Abilene - 2017  
Belleville - 1990  
Dodge City - 1984  
Garden City - 1981, 2000  
Great Bend - 2011  
Hays - 1992  
Hutchinson - 1983  
Independence - 1994  
Lawrence - 2006  
Liberal - 2009  
New Century - 2000  
Olathe - 1978  
Pittsburg - 1993  
Pratt - 2001, 2003  
Salina - 1980  
Winfield - 1987  
Wichita - 2004

## Kentucky

Bowling Green - 2007  
Frankfort - 2008  
Lexington - 1981  
Louisville - 1983  
Owensboro - 1996  
Paducah - 1984

## Louisiana

Bastrop - 2006  
Shreveport - 2005

## Maine

Bangor - 2007  
Fryeburg - 2018 Terminus

## Maryland

Frederick - 2010, 2017

## Massachusetts

Hyannis - 2000  
Mansfield - 2008  
Plymouth (flyby) - 2000

## Michigan

Cadillac - 2018  
Flint - 1999  
Grand Rapids - 1983  
Kalamazoo - 2015  
Menominee - 2003, 2006  
Sault Ste. Marie - 1997, 2012  
Three Rivers (flyby) - 2015

## Minnesota

Albert Lea - 2003, 2006  
Bemidji - 2017  
Detroit Lakes - 1991  
Duluth - 1997  
Eveleth - 2004  
Faribault - 2018  
Fergus Falls - 1994  
Minneapolis - 1979  
Winona - 2005

## Mississippi

Greenville - 1994  
Grenada - 2009  
Gulfport - 1978  
Meridian - 1985

## Missouri

Cameron - 2010  
Cape Girardeau - 1998  
Columbia - 1983  
Hannibal - 2004  
Jefferson City - 1982, 2007  
Joplin - 1984  
Kaiser Lake - 1999  
Kirksville - 1992, 2015  
St. Joseph - 1998  
Warrensburg - 2016

## Montana

Bozeman - 2008  
Cut Bank - 1982  
Great Falls - 1979  
Havre - 1995  
Miles City - 1982, 2008

## Nebraska

Ainsworth - 1989  
Alliance - 2011  
Beatrice - 2005, 2018  
Grand Island - 1977, 1986, 2003  
Holdrege - 2013  
Kearney - 1988  
Lincoln - 1982  
McCook - 2007  
Norfolk - 1994, 2014  
North Platte - 1978, 2004  
Ogallala - 1998  
Scottsbluff - 1984, 2014  
Sidney - 1981

## Nevada

Elko - 1985, 2014  
Jackpot - 1989  
Las Vegas - 1978  
Laughlin - 1991  
Reno - 1995  
Winnemucca - 1988

## New Mexico

Albuquerque - 2016  
Farmington - 1987  
Fort Sumner - 2001  
Gallup - 2001, 2012  
Las Vegas - 1990, 2002  
Moriarity - 2000  
Roswell - 1996  
Santa Fe - 1985, 1998, 2017  
Santa Teresa - 2006  
Silver City - 2002  
Socorro (fly by) - 2002  
Tucumcari - 1992

## New York

Binghamton - 1993  
Ithaca - 2000  
Penn Yan - 2018  
Perry-Warsaw (flyby) - 1999  
Saratoga Springs - 2008

## North Carolina

Asheville - 1993  
Greensboro - 1981  
Hickory - 2015  
Kill Devil Hills (flyby) - 2003  
Manteo - 2003

## North Dakota

Bismarck - 1979  
Jamestown - 1997, 2011

## Ohio

Athens - 2005, 2014  
Batavia - 1998, 2001, 2012  
Columbus - 1994  
Coshocton - 2017  
Dayton - 2003  
Mansfield - 2000  
Newark - 2018  
Toledo - 1977, 1986  
Willoughby - 1999  
Youngstown - 1989

## Oklahoma

Ada - 1999, 2006  
Alva - 2018  
Ardmore - 2017  
Bartlesville - 2005  
Burns Flat - 1978, 1999  
Elk City - 1990, 1992  
Norman - 2011  
Oklahoma City - 2007  
Ponca City - 2002  
Shangri-La Afton - 1981  
Woodward - 1998, 2013

## Oregon

Burns - 1995  
Klamath Falls - 1979  
Medford - 1977, 1986  
Sunriver - 1982

## Pennsylvania

Altoona - 2003  
Connellsville - 2015  
New Cumberland - 2014  
Franklin - 2008  
Philadelphia - 1989  
York - 1990, 2014 (fly-by)

## Rhode Island

North Kingstown - 1993

## South Carolina

Columbia - 1980  
Greenville - 1987  
Winnsboro - 2002

## South Dakota

Aberdeen - 1995, 2008  
Brookings - 2011, 2013  
Huron - 2004  
Phillip - 1991  
Pierre - 1982  
Sioux Falls - 1981  
Spearfish - 2011, 2013

## Tennessee

Dyersburg - 1992  
Fayetteville - 2001, 2002  
Jackson - 1982  
Knoxville - 1982, 1997  
Murfreesboro - 2016  
Sparta - 2009

Tullahoma - 2005  
Union City - 2015

## Texas

Abilene - 1980  
Borger - 2011  
Bryan - 2006  
Childress - 1985  
Corpus Christi - 1980, 1993  
Dalhart - 1987  
El Paso - 1983, 1999  
Hereford - 2012  
Lubbock - 1983  
Lufkin - 2009  
Midland - 1998, 2016  
Ozona - 2006  
Plainview - 2017  
San Angelo - 1999  
Sweetwater - 2009, 2018  
Tyler - 1993  
Waco - 2016  
Wichita Falls - 1996

## Utah

Logan - 2013  
Ogden - 1977, 1986  
Provo - 1991  
Vernal (flyby) - 1991

## Vermont

Burlington - 2007

## Virginia

Danville - 2003  
Chesapeake-Portsmouth - 2002  
Fredericksburg - 2015

## Washington

Pasco - 1984, 2013  
Walla Walla - 1979

## West Virginia

Huntington - 1980, 1988, 1990, 1995  
Lewisburg - 2007  
Morgantown - 1993  
Parkersburg - 2010  
Wheeling - 1997

## Wisconsin

Ashland - 1994, 2012  
Milwaukee - 1979  
Minocqua-Woodruff - 1991  
Racine - 2009  
Sheboygan - 2004

## Wyoming

Casper - 1978  
Cheyenne - 1977, 1986  
Evanston - 1997  
Gillette - 1995, 2004  
Laramie - 1988  
Newcastle - 1997  
Pinedale - 2014  
Rawlins - 1989, 2011, 2013  
Rock Springs - 1984  
Sheridan - 1979  
Worland - 1991

## CANADA

Saint John - 2007  
Toronto - 1999

# Where We're From

Australia



Fiji



Kiribati



Papau New Guinea



Trinidad & Tobago



Austria



France



Kosovo



Russia



United Kingdom



Canada



German



Malaysia



South Korea



United States



China



Indonesia



New Zealand



Timor-Leste



Venezuela



Columbia



Italy



Norway



Turkey



Cyprus



Kenya



## LOOKING BACK ON 90 YEARS

**1929 to 2019** – We continue to preserve and promote the tradition of pioneering women in aviation.



# 2019 Awards & Prizes

## Air Race Classic Winner's Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the highest-scoring team. The trophy features a soaring bird reflecting the Air Race Classic logo.

## Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the school with the highest-scoring collegiate team. The trophy features a soaring bird reflecting the Air Race Classic logo. Plaques are given to the school and the team members for the permanent possession.

## 99s Terminus Leg Prize

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, award a \$100 cash prize to the race team with the highest score on the 9th or Terminus leg. The winning team must be members of The Ninety-Nines. The 99s' history with air racing dates back to the 1929 National Air Races when Amelia Earhart and several other competitors met under the grandstand at the finish line in Cleveland, OH. They vowed to form an organization for women aviators and that group became the Ninety-Nines. Today's Air Race Classic grew out of that first Women's Air Derby. This award is designed to inspire racers to continue to fly that perfect cross country on the final terminus leg of the race even though the race has been long and hard.

## Claude Glasson SOS Award

The lowest-scoring team without penalties will win the perennially treasured "Turtle" award and a \$100 cash prize.



## Fastest Beech Award

The Beech Aero Club is pleased to offer this award to the team flying a Beech airplane with the best finish in the 2019 ARC. The winning team will receive \$150 to share and a plaque for each team member. The team is invited to the annual

Beech Party at the Beech Aero Club/Beechcraft Heritage Museum. Your VIP Guest ticket will include admission, lunch, dinner, and tour. The museum is home to Louise Thaden's 1936 Bendix trophy and Gene Nora Jessen's 1962 Musketeer N2303Z (serial number M-6) that she piloted around the country when Baby Beech was introduced.

## Fastest Cessna Award

The Cessna Flyer Association is donating trophies to recognize the highest placing team flying the fastest Cessna.

## Fastest Piper Trophy

Piper Aircraft, Inc. is pleased to continue the Fastest Piper trophy for the 2019 Air Race Classic! The custom Piper trophy is awarded to the crew of the highest placing Piper aircraft in this year's Air Race Classic.

## Esther Lowry Safford Rookie Racer Award

Esther Lowry Safford was one of the original six extraordinary women who founded the Air Race Classic. She remained an avid supporter of the race and, prior to her death, she established the Rookie Racer Award for a pilot or co-pilot flying her first Air Race Classic. The awardee is selected based on a short essay, "Why I Fly". The winner receives a \$500 cash prize.

## Other ARC Awards:

- Best Stop
- Flying Family Team
- Mama Bird Award
- Most Congenial Team





## TOP TEN WINNERS OF 2018

|                  |  |                   |  |
|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Mariah Ferber & Paige Kessler  | <b>6th Place</b>  | Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger                                   |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Debby Rihn-Harvey & Chris Dale   | <b>7th Place</b>  | Aly Bond, Josie Cotugno & Yasmine Abu Arab   The Ohio State Univ |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt                                       | <b>8th Place</b>  | Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn                                  |
| <b>4th Place</b> | Debi Dreyfuss & Morgan Mitchell  | <b>9th Place</b>  | Mattie McKenna & Ashley Tucker Auburn Univ                       |
| <b>5th Place</b> | Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak & Kelly Erdman   Western Michigan Univ | <b>10th Place</b> | Alicia Sikes & Nancy Rohr  |

## 2019 AWARDS

### The Top Ten Scoring Teams

Each member receives an ARC Award medallion, and teams receive the following cash prizes:

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| <b>1st Place</b>  | \$6,000 |
| <b>2nd Place</b>  | \$4,000 |
| <b>3rd Place</b>  | \$3,000 |
| <b>4th Place</b>  | \$2,000 |
| <b>5th Place</b>  | \$1500  |
| <b>6th Place</b>  | \$1000  |
| <b>7th Place</b>  | \$900   |
| <b>8th Place</b>  | \$800   |
| <b>9th Place</b>  | \$700   |
| <b>10th Place</b> | \$600   |



### LEG PRIZES

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

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | \$50 and two medallions |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | \$40 and two medallions |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | \$30 and two medallions |
| <b>4th Place</b> | \$20 and two medallions |

# Collegiate Challenge Trophy

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 Trophy to be presented annually to the top-finishing collegiate team.

This trophy is awarded to the highest scoring collegiate team. The trophy features a soaring bird reflecting the

Air Race Classic logo. Winning team members also receive award certificates.

The Air Race Classic gives students wishing to become aviation professionals a unique opportunity to meet and network with other female pilots and 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. As we celebrate the 90th anniversary of women's air racing, we applaud the college students who benefit from the Air Race Classic experience and who will carry on this glorious tradition.

## Collegiate Challenge Trophy 2018

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak and Kelly Erdman (Western Michigan University)    |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Aly Bond, Josie Cotugno and Yasmine Abu Arab (The Ohio State University)          |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Mattie McKenna and Ashley Tucker (Auburn University)                              |
| <b>4th Place</b> | Madeleine Mena Zapata and Michele Rivest (Ecole nationale d'aerotechnique-Quebec) |

## Ten Years of Collegiate Winners

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>2018</b> | Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak and Kelly Erdman (Western Michigan University) |
| <b>2017</b> | Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU-Prescott)                               |
| <b>2016</b> | Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU-Daytona)                                   |
| <b>2015</b> | Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale) |
| <b>2014</b> | Nancy Snyder and Valdeta Mehanja (ERAU-Daytona)                                |
| <b>2013</b> | Valdeta Mehanja and Danielle Erlichman (ERAU-Daytona)                          |
| <b>2012</b> | Danielle Erlichman and Marisha Falk (ERAU-Daytona)                             |
| <b>2011</b> | Leah Hetzel and Sarah Morris (Jacksonville University)                         |
| <b>2010</b> | Lauren Steele and Allison Springer (Purdue University)                         |
| <b>2009</b> | Victoria Dunbar and Jessica Campbell (Indiana State University)                |

# Ten Years of Top Ten Air Race Classic Winners

**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 Gardinier & Jeneanne Visser | Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin | Jenn Lowe & Hannah Burrigh (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)

**2016** Emmy Dillon & Abbie Pasmore (ERAU-Daytona) | Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner & MiJin Kim (Indiana State University) | 92Romeo Petralanda & Virginia Rollin | Dana Atkins, Tina Druskins & Emma Kishel (University of North Dakota) | Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr | Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson & Lauren Brown; Caroline Baldwin, Lydia Baldwin & Cara Baldwin | Corbi Bulluck & Ramona Banks | Alicia Sikes & Heather Hill; Katie Wagner | Analise Nelson & Alicia Isacson (Liberty University).

**2015** Stephanie Armstrong & Jessica Reed (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale) | Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira & Christina Druskins (University of North Dakota) | Malinda Caywood & Robin Hadfield | Claire Schindler & Erica Diels (ERAU-Prescott) | Pam Rudolph & Tookie Hensley | Sarah Wendt & Abigail Pasmore (ERAU-Daytona) | Mary Wunder

& Juliet Lindrooth | Catherine Sweatt, Melanie Abel & Katelyn Walters | Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt | JoAnne Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn.

**2014** Dianna Stanger, Joyce Wilson & Erin Cude | Valdeta Mehanja & Nancy Snyder (ERAU-Daytona) | Melody Dowlearn and Alicia Isacson (Liberty University) | Emily Applegate & Zia Safko | Megan Grupp & Jessica Dyer (Liberty University) | Gayle Schutte & Tanya Gatlin | Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr | Camelia Smith & Julia Matthews | Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine | Kristin Garcia & Marlene Wessel (ERAU-Prescott).

**2013** Marjorie Thayer & Helen Beulen | Michelle Bassanesi & Gretchen Jahn | Valdeta Mehanja & Danielle Erlichman (ERAU-Daytona) | Jessica Lowery & Andrea Ziervogel (Louisiana Tech. University) | Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr; Tonya Hodson & Jennifer McLean & Karen Morrison (Kansas State University) | Frances Irwin, Pam Rudolph & Shannon Hicks-Hankins | Helen Helping & Sarah Morris | Jessica Dyer & Charity Holland (Liberty University) | Gene Nora Jessen, Patty Mitchell & Brenda Carter.

**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 Safko (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 | Safiye Ademoglu & Victoria Dunbar (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 Zoerlein (Southern Illinois University) | Kristen McTee & Kim Turrell (Embry-Riddle Aero University-Prescott)

**2009** Kelly Burris & Erin Recke | Jessica Campbell & Victoria Dunbar (Indiana State University) | Sandy St. John & Linda Pecotte; Joyce Wells & Thelma Cull | Louise Scudieri & Nicole Boettger | Jenna Albrecht & Kimberly Turrell (Embry-Riddle University-Prescott) | Jessica Miller, Athina Holmes & Rivka Irene Lev | Dee Bond & Gretchen Jahn | Dottie Anderson & Jean Sloan | Marisha Falk & Hannah Northern (Embry-Riddle University-Daytona Beach)

Look back on all 40+ years of Air Race Classic Top Ten Winners (1977-2018) [reports.airraceclassic.org](http://reports.airraceclassic.org)



# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual ARC Winners – 2018

1



Mariah Ferber & Paige Kessler

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Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger

2



Debby Rihn-Harvey & Chris Dale

7



Aly Bond, Josie Cotugno & Yasmine Abu Arab  
The Ohio State University

3



Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt

8



Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn

4



Debi Dreyfuss & Morgan Mitchell

9



Mattie McKenna and Ashley Tucker  
Auburn University

5



Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak  
& Kelly Erdman | Western Michigan Univ

10



Alicia Sikes and Nancy Rohr

# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual ARC Winners – 2017

1



Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger

2



Rachel Hutzell & Becca Dooling  
Embry-Riddle Univ.-Prescott

3



Jeneanne Visser & Minnetta Gardinier

4



Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin

5



Jenn Lowe & Hannah Burrigh  
Embry-Riddle Univ.-Prescott

6



Lorraine Denby & Amy Myzie

7



Jo Anne Alcorn & Lara Gaerte

8



Emma Kishell, Dana Atkins, & Jenna Annable  
Univ. of North Dakota

9



Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin, & Jami Higdon  
Indiana State University

10



Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quandt, & Maria Walston  
Western Michigan University

# All-Time ARC Most Races



**Dottie Anderson**  
31



**Joyce Wells**  
31



**Margaret Ringenberg**  
30



**Jean Sloan**  
27



**Janet Joder**  
27



**Pauline Glasson**  
25



**Esther Safford  
(Wright Lowry)**  
25



**Lorrie Blech**  
24



**Tookie Hensley**  
24



**Gretchen Jahn**  
24



**Ruby Sheldon**  
22



**Marge Thayer**  
22



**Carolyn Van Newkirk**  
21



**Elaine Roehrig**  
21



**Marolyn Wilson**  
21

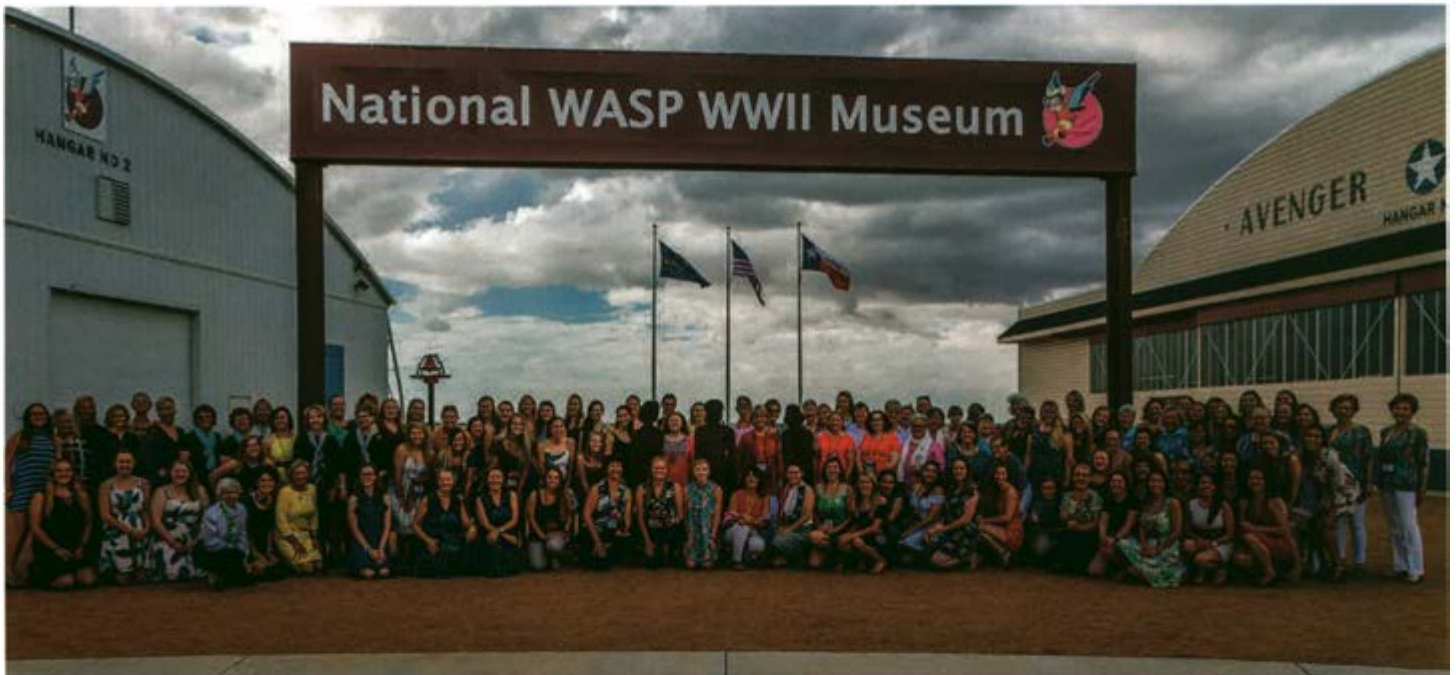
## The ARC Medallion



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](mailto:president@airraceclassic.org) for pick up at the Terminus.

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## 2020 Leg Lengths

|   |                        |                        |          |          |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | Grand Forks, ND (GFK)  | Pierre, SD (PIR)       | 250 nm   | 288 sm   |
| 2 | Pierre, SD (PIR)       | Sheridan, WY (SHR)     | 288 nm   | 331 sm   |
| 3 | Sheridan, WY (SHR)     | Sterling, CO (STK)     | 298 nm   | 343 sm   |
| 4 | Sterling, CO (STK)     | Dodge City, KS (DDC)   | 230 nm   | 265 sm   |
| 5 | Dodge City, KS (DDC)   | Ada, OK (ADH)          | 239 nm   | 275 sm   |
| 6 | Ada, OK (ADH)          | Pine Bluff, AR (PBF)   | 238 nm   | 274 sm   |
| 7 | Pine Bluff, AR (PBF)   | Mount Vernon, IL (MVN) | 290 nm   | 334 sm   |
| 8 | Mount Vernon, IL (MVN) | Tullahoma, TN (THA)    | 217 nm   | 249 sm   |
| 9 | Tullahoma, TN (THA)    | Terre Haute, IN (HUF)  | 249 nm   | 287 sm   |
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