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Letter from the President

I would like to welcome you to the 2018 Air Race Classic (ARC)! This year we celebrate the 42nd running of our race with the 75th anniversary of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

With roots dating back to the 1929 Women's Air Derby, ARC today is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on encouraging and educating women pilots and preserving and promoting the tradition of female aviation pioneers. The ladies who volunteer for and participate in this event 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 our loyal fans and the hundreds of volunteers across the country. Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials spend thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing the race.

Planning is underway at the *National WASP WWII Museum* and *Avenger Field* to welcome the teams at this year's Start in Sweetwater, Texas – the home of the WASP training base during WWII. Designated airports along the route allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and overnight stops for the race teams. The *Katahdin Wings 99s* look forward to welcoming ARC Racers to Fryeburg, Maine as they land at the Terminus – *Eastern Slope Regional Airport*.

Since the Start, Terminus and En Route stops change every year, new (and returning) volunteers are recruited at each of our airports, including our Start and Terminus host locations. Scores of volunteers across the country eagerly anticipate the arrival of ARC racers in their hometowns.

Volunteers may serve 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, or pilots willing to travel to the stops to be a part of the competitive camaraderie that is the Air Race Classic. We are extraordinarily grateful to each of them for their dedication and support; the perpetuity of this one of a kind race is due to the dedication and efforts of everyone involved!

We welcome communities to join us at your airports. We thank you for your participation in the Air Race Classic – *the pinnacle of women's air racing!*

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Airplane Qualifications, Race Handicaps, and Scoring

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.

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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

2018 General Information

Avenger Field Airport (Sweetwater, TX) to Eastern Slope Regional Airport (Fryeburg, ME)

START

Airplane Inspections	Friday	June 15	0800-1700 CDT
ARC Credentials, Start Check-in, Hospitality			0900-1700 CDT
Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials	Saturday	June 16	0800-1500 CDT
Start Registration, 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			1700-2100 CDT
Start Check-in – CLOSE	Sunday	June 17	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			1700-2100 CDT
Racer Flyby Briefing – MANDATORY	Monday	June 18	0800-0930 CDT
Safety Seminar (WINGS credit) – MANDATORY			0930-1030 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
All Contestants Final Briefing – MANDATORY	Tuesday	June 19	0630-0700 CDT
Start Take-Off			0800 CDT

TERMINUS

Terminus Check-in, Hospitality	Friday	June 23	0830-1700 EDT
Racers Finish – DEADLINE			1700 EDT
Meltdown Party			1800-2100 EDT
Terminus Check-in, Hospitality	Saturday	June 24	0830-1700 EDT
Airplane Inspections			0900-1200 EDT
Score Sheet Signing, Meeting with Judges			0900-1400 EDT
Racers & Youth Aviation Event – Meet the Racers			1300-1500 EDT
Hiring Fair			1300-1500 EDT
Collegiate Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED			1500-1600 EDT
First-Time Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED			1600-1700 EDT
All Contestants Debriefing – MANDATORY	Sunday	June 25	0900-1000 EDT
Social Hour & ARC Awards Banquet – MANDATORY			1800-2200 EDT

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The National WASP WWII Museum Welcomes Racers to the 42nd Annual Air Race Classic

On behalf of the 2018 Start Committee, we heartily welcome all racers along with their families and guests to Sweetwater, Texas. During your time in Sweetwater, you can expect to have new adventures and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Our National WASP WWII Museum was honored to be selected by the Air Race Classic as your 2018 Start location. It is a great opportunity to share the history of the trailblazing Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) with the amazing women pilots of today.

Our mission is to educate and inspire all generations with the story of the WASP – the first women to fly America’s military aircraft – women who forever changed the role of women in aviation.

You are in Sweetwater at an exciting time. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the first WASP graduation at Avenger Field, a revered and special place in the history of aviation. Celebrate the pioneers of WWII who blazed trails across the sky for generations of women pilots.

In addition to exploring our wonderful WASP Museum, you will also experience true West Texas hospitality! To honor you all, our downtown is hosting a night of live music and boutique shopping on Friday. Food trucks and our local bookstore & brewery will give you a taste of our local flavor! On Saturday evening, we will attend a bull ridin' event and enjoy an authentic chuck wagon meal! We can even arrange a rattlesnake demonstration, if you really want it!

We are here to serve you and make your 2018 Air Race Classic Start experience as enjoyable, comfortable, and memorable as possible. If you need something, just ask us!

Paula Carmichael, Sherie Alldredge and your friends at National WASP WWII Museum



WASP Bee Haydu (center) with her ARC racer team members, Christy Smith and Susan King - Classic Racer 26, ARC 2009

Sweetwater, TX

Avenger Field Airport (KSWW)

Start Co-Chairs: Sherie Alldredge and Paula Carmichael

Airport Manager: Bob Elliott

Located in West Central Texas, Sweetwater was established as the Nolan County Seat in 1881. On the city's birthday, there was not yet a building of any description – only a smattering of tents and a tent store.. The city was subsequently incorporated in 1902. Today, it is home to Texas State Technical College West Texas Campus, site of national finals rodeos, the World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup, and a municipal airport at historic Avenger Field.

Avenger Field Airport resides three miles west of the city. This general aviation airport hosts Avenger Aviation Services, operated by local pilot, Bob Elliott. Sweetwater's Avenger Field made its mark on history as the training site for America's first female military pilots, the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). The WWII training base is now home to the National WASP WWII Museum.



Adjacent to a Texas Historical Commission Landmark and a destination on the Texas Forts Trail, the National WASP WWII Museum at Avenger Field held its grand opening in 2005. The WASP Museum is dedicated to honoring the legacy of Women Airforce Service Pilots, to educating the public about aviation history and sciences, and to inspiring future generations. The National WASP WWII Museum hosts an annual Homecoming, welcoming WASP and their families to remember those with whom they served. It is home to archives, collections, exhibits and aircraft, preserving the story of the WASP and those who served at Avenger Field. The National WASP WWII Museum tells the story of WASP during WWII and the years after their service in which they continued to seek the veteran status and full military honors due them.

Contacts and websites:

Avenger Field: www.flyavenger.com, phone 325-235-8478

City of Sweetwater: www.cityofsweetwatertx.com

National WASP WWII Museum: www.waspmuseum.org



Alva, OK

Alva Regional Airport (KAVK)

Stop Chair: April Mills

Airport Manager: Tyson Tucker

Welcome to Northwest Oklahoma and Alva Regional Airport. The local aviation community and residents are privileged to host the first stop of the 2018 Air Race Classic. Northwest Oklahoma's rich legacy of aviation launched over a century ago when Clyde Cessna built and flew his initial airplane designs a few miles from Alva. We salute the race teams of this exceptional event as our predecessors did when the Lindberghs and Amelia Earhart flew through the area.



Alva Regional Airport has been a mainstay for transiting aircraft in Northwest Oklahoma. In yesteryear, our lighted beacons showed the path for mail planes and Ford Tri-Motors. Located "midway across the USA", Alva is perfectly situated as a break and fueling stop for aircraft. A 5,000-foot runway, a nearly completed turf runway, Jet A and 100LL fuel, overnight hangars, courtesy cars, and a staffed terminal with a friendly greeting await your arrival. Our airport is your gateway to the area's businesses, museums, arts, celebrations, activities, and recreation.



The current airfield is located on a section of land previously occupied by a mainland WWII German prisoner-of-war camp. After beginning his aviation career in barnstorming and instructing, Leo Strickland obtained a contract to establish a Civilian Pilot Training program before and during WWII. Later he founded Strickland Aviation and acquired a Cessna dealership. From its humble beginnings in 1947, the airport has grown and hosted some of the top national and international names in aviation.

Kinzie Industries began in the early 1950s as an FAA-approved repair station for all metal airplanes and retrieved downed aircraft. In the 1960s, Kinzie transitioned to the Hughes, Schweizer, and McDonnell Douglas helicopters and was internationally recognized for their expertise. Kinzie Helicopter Supply provided overhauled, rebuilt, and replacement Hughes, Schweizer, McDonnell Douglas helicopter parts around the globe. Les Aire leased helicopters and ground supply units for aerial agricultural spraying in various agriculture regions of the U.S.

Plane Plastics grew out of Kinzie Industries and is now the largest manufacturer of replacement plastic parts for general aviation aircraft. It also offers installations, accessories, and upgrades for your plane.



Presently, Alva Regional Airport is home to over 50 aircraft. Tenant businesses on the airport include: Dale's Aircraft Service (A&P and AWI services) and Steggs Aerial Spraying (crop spraying services).

As needed, firefighting units, aerial patrols, and medical flights use the airfield for staging their missions. If you are looking to base your business or aircraft on a well-maintained field, please consider Alva Regional Airport. Land and hangar space are currently available.

Facility contact: 580.327.2898

Websites: <http://www.alvaok.org/ara.htm>
<http://www.planeplastics.com/>



Beatrice, NE

Beatrice Municipal Airport (KBIE)

Stop Chair: Carole Sutton

Airport Manager: Diana Smith

On behalf of the Beatrice Municipal Airport and the city of Beatrice, we want to welcome the 42nd Air Race Classic participants to our City! Our airport has a long history, starting all the way back in 1928. It has gone through many changes and has seen a great deal of aircraft come and go.

The airport provides a vital link to our community and the surrounding area. The Airport is adequate to accommodate almost all single and turbo prop planes, and business jets. As of today, it boasts two runways (14/32, 4,401' x 100'; 18/36, 5,602' x 100'), a parallel taxiway, courtesy cars, hangars available by reservation, and is host to a local Aircraft Mechanic and Avionics Shop to serve your needs.



Beatrice is a place for adventurers, a place for art enthusiasts, and is home to an amazing history. In 1862, the U.S. Congress passed the Homestead Act, which allowed settlers to claim 160 acres of government land for a nominal fee. The law went into effect on January 1, 1863. Just after midnight on that day, Daniel Freeman persuaded a clerk to open the local Land Office so that he could file a claim for a homestead located 4 miles west of Beatrice. His is regarded as the first of the 417 applications filed that day.

In 1936, Congress created Homestead National Monument of America on the site of Freeman's claim. The National Monument is a beautiful and historic National Park, and the only National Park in southeast Nebraska.



Beatrice is surrounded by locations perfect for whatever outdoor activity you have in mind. We've got space for hunting, fishing, hiking, boating, and just about any other outdoor fun that you're looking for!

Beatrice is also host to a plethora of beautiful city parks, including an enclosed dog run, a wonderful water park, the Beatrice Speedway, and much more. Take a quick trip to our historic downtown, and you'll be able to visit many wonderful shops, as well as get delicious food from one of our wonderful dine-in restaurants. Whatever you're looking for, you can find it here.

Through its great history, and its modern amenities, Beatrice continues to grow and attract new business and industries. For more travel information, you can visit the sites below or call:

Gage County Tourism
(402) 205-3292
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Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce
(402) 223-2338
beatricechamber.com

Facility contact: 402.223.5349
Website: <http://www.beatriceairport.com/>



Faribault, MN

Faribault Municipal Airport – Liz Wall Strohfus Field (KFBL)

Stop Co-Chairs: Chris Larson and Karen Workman

Airport Manager: Gerald Serres

Faribault, Minnesota is a charming river town in southern Minnesota. Its historic downtown is graced with beautiful well-preserved stone buildings from the mid-1800s, with ornate facades and plate glass windows that could serve as a colorful backdrop to any Old West movie.

It is home to the sandstone Caves of Faribault, formerly the Treasure Cave Cheese Company, where the first commercially manufactured blue cheese was made in the United States. Its famous *AmaBlu* blue cheese can be found and sampled in the historic downtown storefront appropriately named The Cheese Cave.

The nationally respected Faribault Woolen Mills has been looming fine blankets along the city's river since 1865.

The Faribault Municipal Airport, Liz Wall Strohfus Field, is located on the northwest corner of the city of Faribault. The airport was renamed in 2017 to posthumously honor an amazing local woman, who learned to fly there and shortly thereafter served in World War II as a WASP. Liz Wall Strohfus was known across the state of Minnesota as a passionate advocate of aviation.

She was a popular speaker, and through her many speaking engagements, she encouraged women to pursue their dreams. Anyone who has heard the fiery redhead Liz speak, remembers her warmth, her laugh and her many extraordinary experiences as a WASP. She holds a special place in the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame and in many people's hearts.

The owner of Quality Aviation, Jerry Serres, is a strong supporter of women in aviation. He and the City of Faribault are proud to host a stop in the 2018 Air Race Classic. Welcome, racers!

Facility contact: 507.332.0140

Websites: <https://www.ci.faribault.mn.us/195/Airport>



Galesburg, IL

Galesburg Municipal Airport (KGBG)

Stop Chair: Ellie Repp

Airport Manager: Tony Oligney-Estill

FBO Manager: Phillip Wolford

Galesburg and Jet Air, Inc. (FBO at KGBG), are excited to extend a warm welcome to this year's racers!

Galesburg Municipal Airport is a city-owned, public-use airport located three miles west of historic downtown Galesburg, Illinois. Galesburg, a city rich in history, is located on the beautiful rolling prairies of northwest central Illinois.

The airport has two asphalt paved runways: 03/21 (5,793' x 150') and 10/28 (3,601' x 100'). Jet Air offers aviation fuel (100LL; Jet A), aircraft parking (ramp/tiedown), hangars, GPU/power cart, passenger area/lounge, flight training, aircraft rental, aerial tours/sightseeing, executive aircraft charters, and aircraft sales.

Our airport has hosted the annual *National Stearman Fly-In* for nearly 5 decades, celebrating the WWII primary trainer that taught hundreds of thousands of pilots how to fly! Beginning each Labor Day and attracting around 100 iconic Stearman biplanes and hundreds of participants to Galesburg, it's a week-long event with fun-filled activities – formation flying, aerobatic contests, daily fly-outs, short field take-offs, spot landings, flour bombings, aerobatic demonstrations, rides, and much more!

Galesburg, established in 1825 by George Washington Gale, boasts a rich and colorful history with deep ties to the railroad. It's also the birthplace of Carl Sandburg and childhood home of former president Ronald Reagan. Galesburg was home to the first anti-slavery society in Illinois, founded in 1837, and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. The city was also the site of the fifth Lincoln-Douglas debate, hosted by Knox College.

The Seminary Street Historic Commercial District is one of the Midwest's stunning success stories in downtown restoration. Buildings once nearly abandoned now thrive with restaurants, distinctive specialty shops, a day spa, coffee roastery and a bakery. Racers will discover many more amenities and attractions located in the Galesburg area.

So, whether you're just passing over, stopping for fuel, or spending the night... everyone is excitedly awaiting your arrival!



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Auburn, IN

De Kalb County Airport (KGWB)

Stop Co-Chairs: Tony and Lara Gaerte

Airport Manager: Russ Couchman



Welcome to Auburn, Indiana and the DeKalb County Airport! Proudly known as the "Home of the Classics" for its pioneering role in the early automotive industry, Auburn has a rich history; from the time the founders established the city at the intersection of two major trails in 1836...to its role in launching the automobile industry in the early 1900's. It is home to several world class museums as well as specialty and antique shops, wineries, restaurants and coffee shops.

Originally constructed in 1964 to replace the old Auburn airport on the north side of town, the DeKalb County Airport is now located just south of Auburn. Professionally managed by the staff of DeKalb County Airport Authority, it boasts a 5003' x100' grooved surface runway, precision instrument approaches with ILS and WAAS, and AWOS. The newly remodeled terminal building is a modern facility including a comfortable pilot lounge, high speed wireless internet access, and a spacious lobby. Additionally, it is equipped with a dedicated fleet of support vehicles to ensure prompt response to all weather events; their motto is "We're ready when you are."



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Also located at KGWB, the members of EAA Vintage Aircraft Association Chapter 37 will be assisting with parking aircraft, timing, and other activities in support of the racers.



The entire team of staff and volunteers is excited to welcome the 2018 Air Race Classic teams to Northeast Indiana and look forward to making your stay here in Auburn a memorable one!



Facility contact: 260.927.1845 (FBO)
Websites: <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>
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Cadillac, MI

Wexford County Airport (KCAD)

Stop Chair: Karen Selim

Airport Manager: Bob Johnson



Wexford County Airport is a public use airport, jointly operated by Wexford County and the City of Cadillac located in Northern Michigan.

It all started in 1928, when 10 acres of stumps were pulled to build our turf runway, which is still used today.

The Wexford County Airport Authority was formed in 1971, paving the way for broader financial support for our facility. Today, we have 40 rental hangars, a community hangar, a 5,000' x 100' paved runway, 100LL and Jet-A fuel, a comfortable pilot lounge, and a courtesy car for your convenience.

There are several restaurants and accommodations close by. We have 3 FBOs on site offering maintenance, rental, flight instruction, (including seaplane and multi-engine), and a glider operation.

We are also proud to serve as the base for the Civil Air Patrol's Cadillac Highpoint Squadron!

Located in beautiful Wexford County, Cadillac has a wonderful mix of natural beauty and vibrant businesses. Our business community includes manufacturing, health care, education, tourism related businesses, service, retail and agriculture.

Recreationally, the Cadillac area is famous for hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, hiking and biking trails. This Northern Michigan gem has many lakes, rivers and streams, as well as the Manistee National Forest. We enjoy a great quality of life.

Several on-site airport sponsors are looking forward to welcoming racers to the field:

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- Northwoods Aviation (231-775-6641)
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Wexford County Airport (231-779-9525; manager@cadillacairport.com;
www.cadillac-wexfordcountyairport.com)

Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce (231-775-9776; Cadillac.org)
Cadillac Visitor's Bureau (231-775-0657; CadillacMichigan.com)



Newark, OH

Newark-Heath Airport (KVTA)

Stop Co-Chairs: Donna Moore and Paula Rumbaugh

Airport Manager: Harold Ware

Welcome to Ohio, the birthplace of aviation! You have landed at the Newark-Heath Airport, formerly the Newark Air Force Base, hosted in Heath, OH and the seat of U.S.A.F. Meteorology. VTA is owned by the Licking County Regional Airport Authority. Food and lodging are available close to the airport, with more choices just a short drive into town.

In 1929, airmail routes and airfields, including KVTA, were laid out. The VTA beacon and concrete arrow are one of very few remaining in the country. Early pilots had a bird's eye view of the Newark Earthworks, a Hopewell Indian Ceremonial Earthwork that has been nominated as a World Heritage site. Since the 1930s, a 2,040' long hedge, the DAWES ARBORETUM, has served as a unique navigational aid SE of VTA. In 1968, the runway was extended to a 4,649' x 75' runway and lighting was added. To commemorate the event, a celebratory fly-in was held, with the longest line forming for autographs from Newark native, Jerrie Fredritz Mock. In 1964, flying her Cessna 180 *Spirit of Columbus*, Mock became the first woman to pilot an aircraft, solo, around the world.

Presently, EAA Chapter 402, assisted by an active Civil Air Patrol, flies Young Eagles over the world's largest basket, built as the Longaberger Basket Corporate Office. Buckeye Lake, home of the rare Cranberry Marsh, a protected floating bog dating back to the Ice Age, is a favorite practice area for student pilots. Flying over downtown Newark, you can see the Courthouse and Midland Theatre as part of the Square's splendid revitalization. At The Works, a bronze statue of Jerrie Mock and a re-creation of her airplane are on permanent display. Architect Louis Sullivan's "jewel box" bank is currently under restoration.

VTA is home to commercial and GA pilots, a flight school, and an F-4 Phantom on static display. Aviation Works, Inc. provides services that include hangar or tie-down rentals, full service refueling (Jet-A & 100LL), rental aircraft, pilot training, and a staffed maintenance shop.

GOOD LUCK to all ARC teams!

Newark-Heath Airport: 740-522-6968
Website: <http://www.newarkheathairport.com/>



Jerrie Mock, 1st woman to fly solo around the world (1964) with past ARC racer Donna Moore



Penn Yan, NY

Penn Yan Airport (KPEO)

Stop Co-Chairs: Natacha Martin and Frances Englund

Airport Manager: Rich Leppert

Welcome to Penn Yan Airport, located in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region of Western New York.

The airport is owned by Yates County and operated by Seneca Flight Operations, a Division of Seneca Foods Corporation. Seneca has been on the airport since 1956 and operates several jets for charter services around the United States. Penn Yan's two runways - at 3,200' and 5,500' - accommodate both smaller aircraft and jet traffic. The airport includes the Penn Yan Flying Club, which has been an aviation mainstay since the 1940s, as well as the famous Penn Yan Aero engine overhaul facility, which specializes in overhauls of Continental and Lycoming engines.

Yates County borders three glorious Finger Lakes - Seneca, Keuka and Canandaigua. Nearly thirty of the Finger Lakes finest wineries are found here. We also have numerous aviation attractions within an easy drive including the Glenn Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, the National Soaring Museum in Elmira, and the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Horseheads.

The unique combination of lakes, wineries and scenic beauty in Yates County creates an experience that is second to none. Yates County has a wealth of historic and comfortable bed and breakfast inns, an eclectic blend of lakeside restaurants and shopping opportunities that range from country shops to historic shopping districts.

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For more information about Yates County, please visit www.yatesny.com



Welcome Racers!

from Eastern Slope Regional Airport
& the Katahdin Wings Chapter



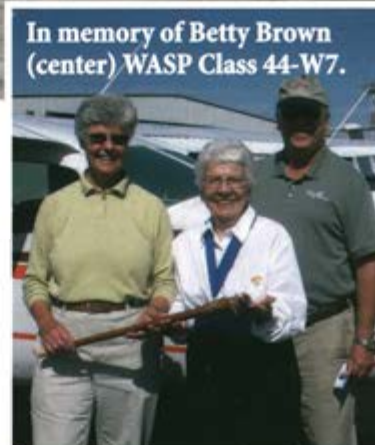
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RUNWAY TO THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Eastern Slope Airport is delighted to be the terminus for the 2018 Air Race Classic and we're looking forward to welcoming you to our airport. Eastern Slope Regional Airport serves Fryeburg and the Mount Washington Valley and is an essential part of the transportation infrastructure. This facility is a point of pride to the community and region. Enjoy all that Fryeburg and the Mount Washington Valley offer during your stay. We appreciate our visitors and wish to make your visit an outstanding experience.

Don Thibodeau

Chairman

Eastern Slope Airport Authority

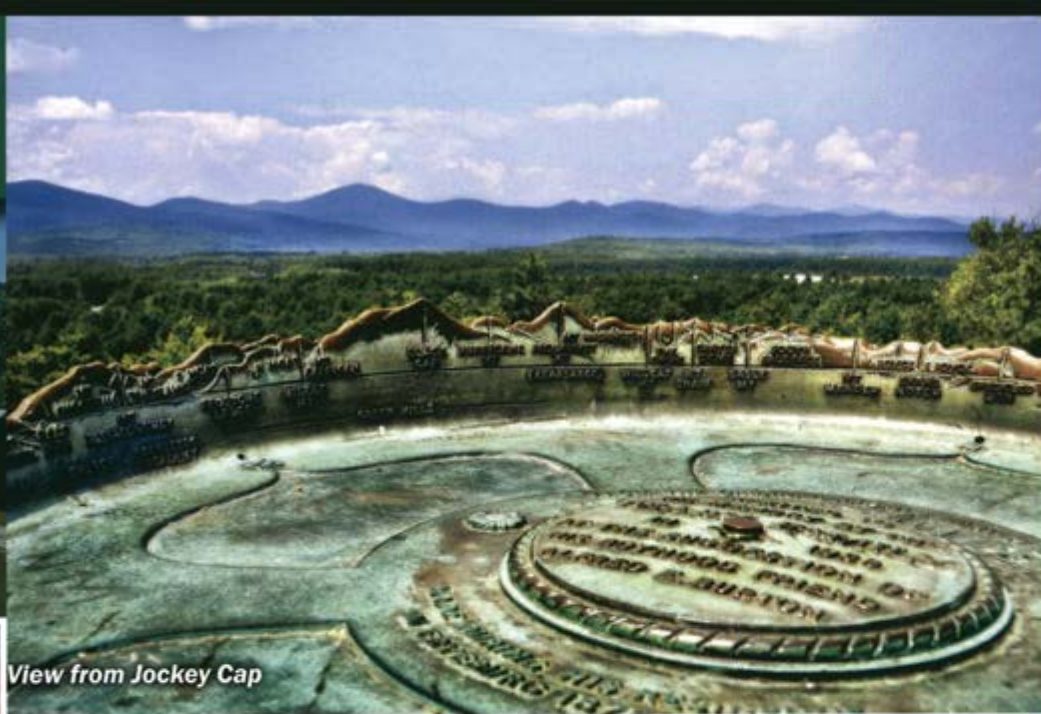


The Katahdin Wings Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. is your Terminus host and we are excited to have a role in your race this year. One of our missions is to support women in aviation but also to share our experiences and invest in the next generation of pilots. By your example, the young people in our area and those that are no longer able to fly, will remember this event for years to come. It is our pleasure to welcome you to Fryeburg and we hope you will leave here feeling appreciated and admired for your efforts and leadership. Thank you for sharing your race experience with us.

Brenda Thibodeau

Katahdin Wings 2018 Air Race Classic Terminus Chair





View from Jockey Cap



Hemlock Bridge

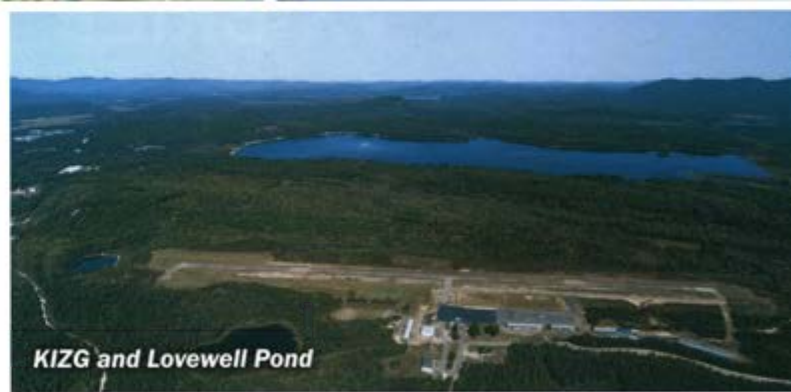
Welcome to Fryeburg, Maine

On behalf of the Town, welcome to Fryeburg and congratulations on your participation in the 2018 Air Race Classic! You could not have asked for a better terminus to your journey. Fryeburg, the home of the Eastern Slope Regional Airport (KIZG), is nestled between the mountains and lake regions and offers stunning scenery everywhere you look.

Fryeburg's beautiful setting hosts a variety of recreational opportunities to be enjoyed. Whether it is a quick walk up Jockey Cap, a more difficult hike on the trails of the adjacent White Mountain National Forest, a bike ride on the Mountain Division Rail Trail, a canoe trip down the Saco River, casting a line in one of the numerous ponds, or just a scenic drive taking in the mountain views and picturesque agricultural land, we are sure you will find plenty to do during your visit.

Fryeburg, the oldest town in Oxford County, is also home to many historical and cultural attractions including museums, libraries, and the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, just to name a few. Perhaps most well-known is the Fryeburg Fair, recognized as Maine's Blue Ribbon Classic, which takes place the first week of October. This fair has been going on since 1851 and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

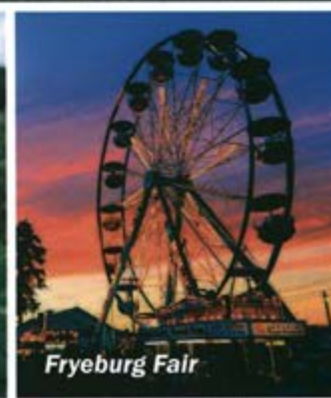
There are several great restaurants to choose from ranging from pizza, Chinese, barbecue, seafood or fine dining. A newly established brewery is a great place to taste a locally made beer and perhaps hear some local musicians perform. Additionally there



KIZG and Lovewell Pond



Green Thumb Farms



Fryeburg Fair

are hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, or camping options available. Fryeburg also has shopping opportunities which include grocery stores for necessities, a pharmacy, farm stands full of local produce and products, and numerous local merchants carrying health food supplies, craft beers and wines, flowers and locally made crafts.

With all of this in mind, we are sure that your visit to our community will be rewarding and we are hopeful that you enjoy your time and return to visit us!

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Volunteers – behind the scenes of the ARC

Thank you to everybody!

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.

The Air Race Classic organization continuously strives to upgrade its operations to meet the 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. Our Divisions include:

1. **FINANCING** – Advertising; Sponsors; Silent Auction; Grants; Endowment Fund; Sales
2. **MARKETING** – ARC Promotion; Trade Shows and Conferences; Racer Promotion; ARC Program; Awards and Prizes; Press Releases; Publications; Social Media
3. **SUPPORT** – Documents and Databases; Website; ARC History; Thank You's
4. **ROUTE** – Enroute Stop Volunteer Coordination; Flyby Design; FAA Waivers

5. **SCORING** – Timing Coordination; Scoring; Timing Technologies
6. **RACERS** – Entry Administration; Mother Bird Program; Credentials; Scholastic Outreach
7. **AIRPLANE** – Airplane Entry; Inspection; Handicaps; New Airplane Technology
8. **EDUCATION** – Safety; Briefings; First Timers/ Refresher; Public Education/Youth; Educational Videos
9. **START/TERMINUS** – Route Selection; Start/Terminus Liaison
10. **SAFETY** – Safety Officer; Race Central; Race Safety Oversight
11. **GOVERNANCE** – Rules; Judging; Treasury

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!

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.



2018 ARC Route Map



Race Route Mileage for Designated Flyby Airports

ID	Airports	Nautical	Statute
KSWW	Avenger Field Airport (Sweetwater, TX)	0	0
KAVK	Alva Regional Airport (Alva, OK)	273	314
KBIE	Beatrice Municipal Airport (Beatrice, NE)	230	265
KFBL	Faribault Municipal - Liz Wall Strohfus Field (Faribault, MN)	286	329
KGBG	Galesburg Municipal Airport (Galesburg, IL)	240	276
KGWB	De Kalb County Airport (Auburn, IN)	244	281
KCAD	Wexford Country Airport (Cadillac, MI)	179	206
KVTA	Newark-Heath Airport (Newark, OH)	287	330
KPEO	Penn Yan Airport (Penn Yan, NY)	290	334
KIZG	Eastern Slope Regional Airport (Fryeburg, ME)	279	321
Total Race Distance:		2308	2656



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Classic Racer 1

Katelyn Kalousek, Cindy Blair, and Shelbe Jarrett
Piper Archer II PA-28-181

Lady Hornets 2

Delaware State University

Welcome first-time racers **Kate Kalousek** (Felton, DE), **Cindy Blair** (Ellendale, DE) and **Shelbe Jarrett** (New Alexandria, PA), representing Air Race Classic newcomer Delaware State University!

Kate is an instrument-rated Private pilot with 180 hours in her logbook. She is a senior majoring in Professional Pilot and working on her Commercial certificate. Her career goal is to fly for American Airlines.

Why is she competing the Air Race Classic? Because, "The opportunity to be able to fly all over the country and become more in tune with my abilities and gain confidence with flying in unfamiliar territory is something that not a lot of women get to do."

When she's not flying, Kate enjoys Crossfit and powerlifting. She also runs marathons. Kate is a member of the Delaware chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

Cindy holds a Private pilot certificate, with 100 hours under her belt. She is back in school, studying aviation, after a 10-year career as a 911 dispatcher. Cindy is also in her 17th year in the Coast Guard, currently serving as a chief boatswain mate for the reserve component.

Among Cindy's other interests are hiking and traveling. She homeschools her daughter and absolutely loves learning with her!

Shelbe is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 75 hours logged. Besides studying aviation at Delaware State, she works for the university's chief flight instructor, helping him with paperwork and assisting her fellow students.

Shelbe is racing because the ARC "is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I couldn't pass up!" But this isn't the first time that she is representing her school: Shelbe is a Division I athlete, recruited to ride on Delaware State's equestrian team. She is also a member of the Delaware chapter of the 99s.



Thanks to ALL volunteers – organizers, timers, observers, mechanics, fuelers, greeters, drivers, and EVERYONE making ARC 2018 a success. We couldn't do the race without you!
~ Grateful Racers



Nancy Harkness Love, WAFS Founder (1914-1976)



Nancy took her 1st flight at 16 and earned her pilot's license in a month. Love was Commander of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) and led the 2nd Ferrying Group at New Castle Army Air Field (Wilmington, DE). After the WAFS merged with Cochran's WFTD group to form the WASP, she oversaw all WASP ferrying operations. Certified to fly 19 military aircraft, she was the 1st woman to fly the C-54 Skymaster, B-17 Flying Fortress, and B-25 Mitchell. She was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Classic Racer 2

Alicia Sikes and Nancy Rohr

Mooney 201 M20J

Over the Moon!

Alicia Sikes (Quakertown, PA) is flying the ARC for the fifth time. She holds an Air Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor and advanced/instrument ground instructor certificates, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating, a DC3 type rating, and 21,380 hours logged. Currently a captain flying 737s for American Airlines, Alicia has flown 63 types of airplanes, including MD80s, 727s, 757s and 767s, for TWA, Air New Orleans and Napier Air Service.

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

During last year's race, departing Spencer, IA, there was a "beautiful conga line of the four overnights getting out as soon as we could before a storm hit. Wish I'd had a GoPro that morning!"

Alicia holds three master's degrees: in digital forensics, space studies, and systems management/information systems. In her spare time, she likes to play tennis and ice hockey. Alicia is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Nancy Rohr (Bear, DE) returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. Nancy is an Air Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine land, complex, high-performance, instrument flight instructor, and advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials, a current instrument rating, a jet type rating and 4,000 hours logged. She is competing "for the spirit and love of flying and the camaraderie of like-minded women pilots."

Nancy started flying for fun and kept working on her ratings until she became a flight instructor and corporate pilot. She is assistant director for regulatory affairs at FlightSafety International, working to ensure compliance with European aviation rules.

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

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



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Eastern PA. Chapter
TEAM 2
ALICIA SIKES & NANCY ROHR

TEAM 15
MARY WUNDER & JULIET LINDROOTH

FAST TAIL WINDS
FROM THE EASTERN PA CHAPTER 99S
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Classic Racer 3

Lorraine Denby and Amy Myzie

Piper Arrow PA-28R-180

Blue Footed Booby

Lorraine Denby (Berkeley Heights, NJ) is flying the ARC for the third time. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, and 3,019 hours in the air. A data scientist, she is an American Statistical Association fellow and winner of the Edison Patent Award, holds 19 patents and has authored more than 50 publications.

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

Much of Lorraine's free time is occupied by Civil Air Patrol, where she is the New Jersey Wing emergency services training officer. She is now part of the Green Flag mission, helping to train ground troops by acting as a surrogate predator. Lorraine also enjoys skiing, hiking, sailing, and spending time with her grandchildren. She is a member of the New Jersey chapter of the 99s.

This is the third ARC for **Amy Myzie** (Piscataway, NJ). Amy holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 817 hours in her logbook. She races to meet fellow women pilots from around the world and to test her flying skills.

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

Amy has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than 40 years, starting as a cadet and now serving at the state level for the New Jersey wing. She is skilled in emergency response techniques. She also teaches first aid, CPR and higher levels of EMS training. Amy is a member of the New Jersey chapter of the 99s.



Classic Racer 4

Minnetta Gardinier and Theresa White

Cessna Cardinal 177B

ARC 4 Fifinella

Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa City, IA) is back for her 11th ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 1,979 hours logged. Said Minnetta, "I've flown the ARC 2008-2017. Each race is a new adventure, and each race introduces me to new flying experiences and new friends in aviation. I return each year for the great fun, friendship and flying. 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 postdoctoral researchers, graduate students, and medical students. But, she said, "Flying is my #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, the performing arts, and sporting events.

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

Theresa White (Kent, WA) returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 800 hours in her logbook. Theresa first got involved with the ARC when her Oklahoma 99s chapter hosted the 2007 Start, and it was so much fun that she raced the following year. She has supported the race as a volunteer ever since and serves as an ARC director. Said Theresa, "I'm excited to be racing again after 10 years and to be sharing the experience with Minnetta!"

Last year, Theresa retired from the FAA after working at the FAA Academy in OKC and Seattle as a technical writer and for International Training in the Aviation English Training Program. She is currently a retiree "in training," enjoying interests like hiking, reading, music, and flying. She looks forward to spending more time promoting and encouraging women to pursue their aviation interests and careers.

Theresa flies a Cessna 172 and enjoys flying along in her partner Mike's World War II Navy biplane. She lives at a residential airpark and is active in the Washington Pilots Association. Theresa is an avid participant in a local antique airplane club's air tours around the Pacific Northwest. These tours are the polar opposite of the ARC – slow, short legs, and very low stress! And when she has a need for speed, she volunteers as a timer for the race announcers at the Reno Air Races. Theresa is chapter chair of the Greater Seattle chapter of the 99s and a member of Women in Aviation International.



Classic Racer 5

Madeline Hooks, Brittany Danko, and Rachel Malone

Diamond DA40

Flying Sycamores

Indiana State University

Madeline Hooks (Warsaw, IN) is flying the Air Race Classic for the first time. Welcome! Madeline is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 155 hours in her logbook. She is majoring in Professional Pilot with a minor in Spanish and wants to become a flight instructor on her way to a possible career in charter or corporate operations.

Said Madeline, "I have wanted to participate in the race since before I began my flight training. I aim to learn from the challenges we will face and from the people we will get to share this experience with."

Outside of aviation, Madeline enjoys running, biking and learning. She is helping to start a Women in Aviation chapter at Indiana State and is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Someday, she hopes to build her own aircraft.

Brittany Danko (Corydon, IN) returns for her third ARC. A Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 550 hours logged, she graduated from Indiana State in December and now teaches at the ISU Flight Academy while finishing her instrument instructor certificate.

The race, said Brittany, "is an amazing opportunity to promote women involved in aviation and for myself to grow as a pilot. I'll have the chance to do something very few have done. Last year, I learned more in one week of racing than I had in a year of flying!"

Brittany fell in love with aviation when she was 17 and can't wait to make it a career one day. When she's not flying, Brittany enjoys playing piano and guitar — anything that can be a challenge. She loves parks and lakes and surrounding herself with great people. Brittany is a member of the Tailwinds chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Rachel Malone** (New Albany, IN). Rachel is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 76 hours under her belt, majoring in Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Management. She is working on her instrument rating and hopes to fly for a major airline someday.

Other than flying, Rachel enjoys playing soccer and the piano, snowboarding and traveling when she has the opportunity to do so. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.



Jacqueline Cochran, WASP Founder (1906-1980)



Cochran was a pioneer in the field of American aviation. She was the 1st woman to enter the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race (1937), to make a blind instrument landing (1937), and to break the sound barrier (1953). She was inducted into the International Aerospace Hall of Fame (1965) and the U.S. Aviation Hall of Fame (1971). At the time of her death, no other pilot held more speed, distance, or altitude records in aviation history than Cochran.

Classic Racer 6

Arlene Wohlgemuth and Julia Matthews

Cessna Skyhawk 172N

Unusual Attitude

Arlene Wohlgemuth (Indio, CA) is back for her sixth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot with single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea ratings, a current instrument rating, instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials and 5,182 hours in the air.

Arlene races for the adventure, challenge and camaraderie of the ARC. She said, "On our first race, we accidentally left our charts at an airport about halfway through the race. Our Mother Birds brought them on to the Terminus, but instead of simply returning them, the charts were 'auctioned' back to us."

Arlene has been a flight instructor for more than 20 years. Then she went into politics as a state representative for 10 years and served as executive director of the largest state-based free-market think tank, Texas Public Policy Foundation. Now, she is flight instructing again and volunteering with a local aviation nonprofit, where she is teaching four high school girls to fly. She heads up her local EAA Eagle Flight program, with two rallies thus far, and last year competed in the Havasu 600 airplane race.

Arlene is a member of the Coachella Valley chapter of the 99s.

Julia Matthews (Dallas, TX) returns for her ninth ARC. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and 2,425 hours flown. She is a member-at-large of the 99s.

Julia races for the love of flying, the camaraderie, adventure and challenge. Said Julia, "There is nothing like the joy of flying low and slow over this beautiful country." Her previous races have brought so many laughs at adventures on the route: terrible motels along the way, fun meals with other racers, great people who helped out and awesome sights.

She retired in 2008 from a career in accounting, primarily for small businesses, then worked part-time in the aviation department at a local college. Now retired again, Julia recently moved back to the big city from her home in the country to be near her children and grandchildren — a new chapter in her life.



Classic Racer 7

Kenzie Alge and Helen Miller

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Flying Flashes

Kent State University

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Kenzie Alge** (Kent, OH). Welcome!

Kenzie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 176 hours flown. She is an officer in Kent State's chapter of Women in Aviation International — the KSU Flying Black Squirrels — and the Precision Flight Team, and is working on her Commercial certificate.

Said Kenzie, "I was very excited to have been given the opportunity to participate in the Air Race Classic after hearing about the awesome experiences others have had from my university. I race because it is a great flying experience and an opportunity to fly places I never imagined I would at that this point in my career."

Kenzie has known since she was a little girl that she wanted to be a pilot and started working toward her Private in high school. In the little free time she has out of school, she enjoys spending time with friends and flies as much as she can outside her aviation classes.

Helen Miller (Springfield, OH) is back for her second ARC. Helen has a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement and 510 hours in her logbook. Currently, she is a flight instructor at Kent State and hopes to move on to a regional airline by the start of next year.

Why is she racing? "Because it's fun! Last year, I was surprised by how friendly all of the competitors were and look forward to experiencing that again," said Helen. "There's also the experience aspect of it; there are just some things you can't learn in a classroom environment."

In addition to flying, Helen is an avid reader who can easily get lost in a book for hours. She is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.



Classic Racer 8

Candie Oldham and Susan Westervelt

Mooney 201 M20J

Missile Minions

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

Candie is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 2,387 hours in her logbook. She is competing in the ARC again "for the challenge of this unique type of flying and for the opportunity to race with Sue — can't believe our first race was 18 years ago!"

Candie has worked for the airlines, as a travel agent, for AAA Auto Club and at a large chain of fabric stores. She volunteers at her home airport, Falmouth Airpark, and is looking forward to retirement and the opportunity to travel more.

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

Susan holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 1,400 hours logged. Said Sue, "I enjoy flying to new and different parts of the country, spending time with such talented and interesting women pilots, and in particular, flying with Candie in her Mooney Missile. It is so much fun to do the flybys and meet the people in the communities at the stops."

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

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



Classic Racer 9

Dee Bond and McKenzie Krutsinger

Cessna Skylane 182R

Kiwi Express

Dee Bond (Pukekohe, New Zealand) is back for her ninth Air Race Classic. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and sea, with 4,658 hours flown, Dee holds a multi-engine instrument flight instructor certificate with complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatics credentials. She flies the ARC for fun and friendship, and because it is a great way to see the USA in the company of like-minded pilots.

A member of the New Zealand chapter of the 99s, Dee said, "It is thanks to the 99s newsletter, where I first read about and got inspired by ARC racers, and Denise Waters for taking me on as her co-pilot after the London to Sydney Air Race, that I got the ARC bug."

During her first ARC, she stopped using the radio when air-traffic controllers kept telling her that her radio sounded "funny." Since then, she has raced with American partners to remain incognito as the "kiwi flyer." She met her co-pilot, McKenzie, while volunteering at the Champaign-Urbana, IL, stop during the 2016 ARC.

Dee flies a World War II-era PBY Catalina and owns a Cessna 152, 182, 180 and 185. In 2013, she hired three 182s in South Africa and flew on safari in Botswana and Zimbabwe. She and her partner, Neil, operate a four-star hotel in New Zealand and have developed the Mercer Airport there. She has represented New Zealand twice at the World Precision Flying Championships.

McKenzie Krutsinger (Sidney, IL) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials and 300 hours in her logbook. Said McKenzie, "I race to gain experience and because now I am hooked. After last year's race, I wish I could race every year. The people you meet and the experiences you gain here are amazing."

McKenzie started flying on a whim when she was 16. "No one in my family is interested in aviation," she said, "so learning to be a pilot was a whole new world to me." Now, she is studying Aviation Management with Flight at Florida Institute of Technology, minoring in unmanned aerial systems. She is on the varsity softball team and is a member of Women in Aviation International.

When she's not flying, McKenzie enjoys hammocking with friends, going to the beach and playing with her dog, Blizzard.



Classic Racer 10

Tiffany Brown and Rachel Khoury

Cessna Skylane 182E

Punny Pilots

Tiffany Brown (Lakewood, CO) is back for her second ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials and 789 hours logged. Tiffany is a state engineer for the FAA, managing airport improvement projects for federally funded airports in southern Utah. Previously, she was the state aviation director for the Kansas Department of Transportation, where she managed a \$5 million grant program.



Said Tiffany, "I'm racing to challenge myself as a pilot and to improve my flying skills. I'm also excited to meet other adventurous women who have my passion for aviation." During her last ARC, she and her teammate packed only one change of clothes to save on weight. "By the end of the race we were both unbearably stinky, and as soon as we would land, both windows would open and we'd have our noses as close to fresh air as possible," she said.

An avid outdoorswoman, Tiffany has climbed 36 14,000-foot peaks in the US, including Mt. Rainier, Mt. Whitney and Pyramid Peak. She also enjoys include rock climbing, ice climbing, snowboarding, and traveling internationally.

Welcome **Rachel Khoury** (Parker, CO) to her first ARC! Rachel holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, a current instrument rating and 195 hours in the air. She works as an aircraft records auditor for an air ambulance company and enjoys the opportunity to see the maintenance being done day-in and day-out on her fleet of 27 helicopters.

Aviation has run in Rachel's family for a very long time. On one side, it started in California in 1930. On the other side, her family's roots run very deep in commercial aviation in the 1950s and '60s in the Middle East.

"My great-grandfather Horace Hibbard competed in countless air races," said Rachel. "There must be a reason why he liked it so much! I'm desperate to find out exactly what that reason was."

Classic Racer 12

Lin Caywood and Bev Weintraub

Cessna Skylane 182T

Freakin' Awesome

Lin Caywood (Frederick, MD) is flying the Air Race Classic for the eighth time. An instrument-rated Private pilot, she has single-engine land and sea certificates, a high-performance endorsement and 1,774 hours logged. Asked why she races, Lin said, "The challenge of racing has taught me so much about my plane, honed my flying skills, taken me all over the country and introduced me to so many wonderful volunteers and pilots. I look forward to meeting the new competitors each year and making lifelong friends with them."



Lin is a member of the ARC board of directors, the Sugarloaf chapter of the 99s and the AOPA chapter of Women in Aviation International. "I love to take my grandson flying," she said. "I also volunteer with the ARC and the 99s so I can share my love for flying with others, and with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) to give back while flying. I also love taking kids for Young Eagles/first flights – their ear-to-ear grins are priceless!"

Lin has 30 years of real estate and mortgage banking experience. Currently, she works for one of the largest mortgage investors in the U.S. as a relationship director to companies that specialize in management of defaulted residential real estate.

This is the fifth ARC for **Bev Weintraub** (New York, NY). She is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with advanced ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials and 669 hours logged. She is an ARC director and often serves as Race Central, the ground contact for all racers from the time they leave home for the Start until they cross the timing line at the Terminus. This year, she is flying the race to see the country, hone her piloting skills, meet amazing women and have fun!

In 2012, Bev's team had to land off-course in Newberry, Michigan, due to bad weather at the next flyby. After a group picnic with 10 other teams and Blueberry, the airport dog, they fueled up and did a flyby to continue at the next stop – the first ever in a Sundowner!

For 24 years, Bev was a writer and editor at the New York Daily News, where she shared a Pulitzer Prize for editorials about illnesses suffered by 9/11 rescue and recovery workers. After a three-year hiatus, she is now on her second journalism career, as executive editor of a news website covering K-12 education.

When she's not flying, Bev enjoys reading, singing, baking and doing crossword puzzles. She is a member of the Greater New York chapter of the 99s.

Classic Racer 14

Erika Jordan, Kaitlyn Allen, and Meredith Boardman

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Liberty Belles I

Liberty University

Erika Jordan (Silverton, OR) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome! Erika is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 190 hours flown. A senior at Liberty, she is studying Commercial/Corporate Aeronautics and hopes to fly for an airline someday.

When she's not flying, Erika enjoys spending time outdoors. She likes wakeboarding, wake surfing, hiking when the weather is nice enough and staying inside and reading a good book when it isn't. She is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Kaitlyn Allen (Salisbury, NC) is flying the ARC for the third time. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument instructor credentials and 520 hours logged. She is a flight instructor at Liberty and hopes to fly for an airline one day.

For Kaitlyn, the ARC is an opportunity to experience aviation on a competitive level, meet others who share her passion for flying, learn new skills and build new relationships. Meeting other teams at the stops, going out to dinner and hanging out together are some highlights.

Kaitlyn has three little brothers, Avery, Bradley and Wesley, and loves her family very much. She is a total coffee addict who enjoys watching movies, laughing, being silly, reading good books and spending time with people close to her. Kaitlyn is a member of the Lynchburg chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Meredith Jordan** (Bemus Point, NY) to her first ARC! Meredith is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 72 hours under her belt. Why is she racing? "I can think of no better opportunity to gain practical aviation experience," she said. "There are certain skills that can only be acquired through experiences in unfamiliar situations. I have always been competitive, so I am most excited to be involved in a competition with girls who share a passion for flying."

This past summer, she held her first aviation job — washing airplanes, cleaning hangars and working the front desk at her local FBO. When she's not flying, her interests include lacrosse, field hockey, running, hiking, snowboarding, paddle boarding and boating. Meredith especially enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is a leader in Liberty's Women in Aviation International chapter.



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Classic Racer 15

Mary Wunder and Juliet Lindrooth

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Nile Queens

Mary Wunder (Collegeville, PA) returns for her 11th Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a current instrument rating and 2,601 hours flown. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

Asked why she flies the ARC, Mary said, "I race because it's so much fun. I learned to fly in the '70s, and racing gives me the opportunity to try new things and an excuse to get to different parts of the country. Plus time spent flying with your girlfriends – priceless!"

Mary said, "I had the best job ever. I was an air traffic controller. Where else can you tell people what to do and they have to listen to you? I have been retired 10 years and now I just fly and harass the new controllers."

Mary is a permanent trustee of the 99s Endowment Fund, which raised its second \$1 million last year. She is also on the board of directors of the Air Race Classic and Aviation Adventures, and teaches homeopathy. Said Mary, "I want every little girl to know she can fly."

Juliet Lindrooth (Perkasie, PA) is flying the Air Race Classic for the fifth time. She is an Air Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land, multi-engine instrument flight instructor, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatic certifications; a jet type rating, and 18,000 hours in her logbook. Said Juliet, "I can fly all around the world and across this country multiple times per month. But racing allows me to see parts of the country that I wouldn't usually be able to see. I get to meet fantastic people at the small airports who I normally wouldn't meet. In short, it's a blast!"

Juliet has been flying since she was 15 and soloed on her 16th birthday. Currently, she is a 767 international first officer for American Airlines. Previously, she worked as a flight instructor and as a J32 captain for a commuter airline. On her way to the 2014 race, Juliet had to file IFR in her little airplane. Said Juliet, "I had never done that before. What could possibly go wrong? I got a hold, procedure turn, an ILS to a circle to land. All hand flown, no autopilot, no flight director and no auto throttles. We laughed about it on the ground."

In her spare time, Juliet restores vintage, pre-World War II airplanes and flies them for a museum on weekends. Her other passions are her four adult children, ski patrol, photography and her husband, Steven, who is also a pilot. Juliet is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and the governor of the Mid-Atlantic section.



Cornelia Fort, WAFS (1919-1943)



On December 7, 1941 while flying with her student, she was the 1st U.S. pilot to encounter the Japanese airfleet, narrowly avoiding a mid-air collision with a Japanese plane. In 1942, she was the second member to join the "Original" WAFS, Women's Auxiliary Flying Squadron, which preceded the formation of the WASP. She was the 1st female pilot to die on active duty March 21, 1943.

Classic Racer 16

DeMornye Joyce, Megan Bradshaw, and Kristi Serafin

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Liberty Belles II

Liberty University

Welcome the first-time team of **DeMornye Joyce** (Lynchburg, VA), **Megan Bradshaw** (Fredericksburg, VA) and **Kristi Serafin** (Doylestown, PA) to the Air Race Classic!

DeMornye is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 185 hours in her logbook. She is a senior earning her Commercial-Multi certificate and works as a Dispatcher and pilot store sales associate at her local FBO. Last summer, she completed an internship with GoJet Airlines and an AP3 Summer experience with ExpressJet.

Why is she racing? "I've always aspired to be a part of an event that focuses on showcasing female pilots from all over the nation," she said. "Competing in this race will test my abilities as a pilot, provide an opportunity for adventure and meeting new people."

Her hobbies include photography, exploring different places, spending time with her family and watching aviation-related content online. DeMornye is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Megan holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, multi-engine flight instructor and complex credentials, and 390 hours flown. She is a flight instructor at Liberty, having graduated last spring, and is racing to further her flight experience and aeronautical decision-making abilities.

Megan is a part-time barista who loves to be outdoors, whether it be hiking, camping, or chilling in a hammock. She also loves to sketch and make crafts with leather. Megan is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Kristi is a student pilot with 17 hours in her logbook. She is a freshman at Liberty who had very little aviation experience before starting college — but she plans to become a commercial pilot someday. Said Kristi, "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.



Patricia Chadwick Erickson,
43-W-2 (1921-2013)

Erickson graduated from Ricker Classical Institute in Houlton, Maine. She won a scholarship to the Civilian Pilot Training Program in Caribou. After training at Avenger Field, she was assigned to the airbase in Romulus, Michigan where she flew and ferried B-17s, B-24s, B-25s and other bombers and fighter planes. She also loved to paint, garden, and cross-country ski. But her happiest times were rooted in flying.

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Classic Racer 19

JoAnne Alcorn and Kathleen Howitt

Cessna Skyhawk 172R

Flamingo Flyers

Jo Alcorn (Winter Haven, FL) returns for her ninth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 1,855 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 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. Said 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 research her family tree. Flying allows her to explore family homesteads and meet distant cousins. She loves to travel and cook, and especially bake pies.

Welcome **Kathy Howitt** (Avon Park, FL) to her first Air Race Classic! Kathy holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 170 hours in her logbook. As an avid RV'er, she and her family has seen much of the country from the ground — and now she gets to see it from the air! Said Kathy, "I was shocked and honored to be asked to race this year with a veteran racer, JoAnne Alcorn, a fellow Florida Heartland 99'er. I'm so excited and will soak in all the knowledge and experiences I can."

Kathy is an integrative and holistic nutritionist who enjoys experimenting with low-carb recipes. She formerly worked as a scuba instructor and has driven a big-rig as a CDL holder. When she's not flying, Kathy enjoys gardening, traveling and motorcycling. She is a member of the Florida Heartland chapter of the 99s.

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Hazel Ah Ying Lee, 43-W-4 (1912-1944)



Lee grew up in Portland, OR and was one of the first Chinese-American women to earn a pilot's license in 1932. She was the 1st Chinese-American woman to fly in the military. After her training at Avenger Field, she was assigned to the Air Transport Command's 3rd Ferrying Squadron (Romulus, MI), where she flew PT-17s, T-6 Texans, C-47s and P-51 Mustangs. She was one of the last WASP to be killed in service.

Classic Racer 20

Debi Dreyfuss and Morgan Mitchell

Cessna Skylane 182T

DC3(-1)

Debi Dreyfuss (Potomac, MD) returns to the ARC for the ninth time. With 2,298 hours under her belt, Debi is an Air Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating and single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land, flight instructor, 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 said, "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 the fleet. Team DC3 loves the rush. The members may change, but the thrill doesn't!"

In 2014, Team DC3 got stuck for two nights in Pinedale, WY – snow and ice in June! They made the best of it by renting a car, checking out the Mountain Man Museum, meeting guys at the cowboy bar and hot-tubbing. Said Debi, "We didn't win, but we sure had fun!"

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 is also teaching her grandson to fly.

Welcome **Morgan Mitchell** (Alexandria, VA) to her first ARC! Morgan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 291 hours in her logbook. Morgan works as a space analyst in the Air Force and has had a couple 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 now is racing "for the experience, love of flying and a chance to get away from my desk."

Morgan is also training for her first marathon this year, so 2018 will be a year of new experiences for her. Besides flying, she enjoys engaging in outdoor activities, traveling and exploring new places. She is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s.



Classic Racer 21

Elaine Stook and Judy Snow

Cessna Skylane 182A

Silver Belles

Elaine Stook (Tulsa, OK) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. Elaine is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a Private pilot helicopter certificate, a high-performance endorsement and 950 hours logged. Said Elaine, "Four ARC races have proven to be great fun, a wonderful way to meet new friends, and an opportunity to challenge my skills in ways that are hard to match in general recreational flying. An added plus is when the guys at the airport say, 'I wish I could do that!' It is such a gift."

During one race, she said, "Early one morning, my co-pilot told me to quit dawdling. We barely departed just ahead of a fast-moving storm system thanks to her inspiration."

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

Now retired, Elaine enjoys travel within the USA and around Europe. She recently signed on as a pilot for Angel Flight South Central. Said Elaine, "I look forward to not only providing transportation for those who may need some assistance, but to using my trusty C182 in a way that makes a difference." She is a member of the South Central section of the 99s.

Judy Snow (Vero Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the eighth time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,033 hours. Judy is a member of the Florida Spacecoast chapter of the 99s.

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

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



Classic Racer 22

Susan Carastro and Marie Carastro

Cessna Skylane 182T

The Flying Carastros

Susan Carastro (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 18th time. She holds an Air Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials; and 2,160 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 Gold Coast Chapter of the 99s.

This is the 19th ARC for **Marie Carastro** (Montgomery, AL). She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement 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

Teresa Camp and Denise Robinson

Piper Archer 11 PA28-181

The Purple Hearts

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for **Teresa Camp** (Manchester, MO). An instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 537 hours in her logbook and complex and high-performance endorsements, she is program management discipline chief at Pratt & Whitney, developing military engines. Previously, she worked on the F/A-18 Super Hornet, F-15 Strike Eagle, AV-8B Harrier and T-45 Goshawk for Boeing and on submarines and ICBM systems for Rockwell.

In 2010, Teresa raced for Wings of Hope, her favorite charity. "We almost flew Roy Clark's Tri-Pacer as a publicity stunt," she said. "It was so slow, at 80 knots, that my partner and I bought Depends to wear because of the long leg durations! Fortunately, the plane was scratched for maintenance, and we were able to substitute a faster C-182."

Teresa founded the Boeing Employees' Flying Club in St. Louis and is a member of the Connecticut chapters of Women in Aviation International and the 99s. She has spearheaded 99s compass rose airmarking projects in Greenville, IL, and Meriden, CT.

Denise Robison (Avon, CT) is flying the ARC for the second time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 404 hours logged, she races because "you will never meet nicer, more accommodating, heartwarming people ever!" Said Denise, "Never waste an opportunity to learn, experience and enjoy life!"

Denise is a clinical nurse liaison with more than 33 years' experience working with patients in an acute and post-acute care setting. She removes barriers to admissions by enabling families to navigate the health care system.

Denise holds a third-degree black belt in kenpo karate and won a grand championship in 2004. She also has two amazing daughters. Denise is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Connecticut chapter of the 99s.



Classic Racer 24

Gretchen Jahn and Jan McKenzie

Cessna Skylane 182P

Misplaced Mooney Girls

Veteran racer **Gretchen Jahn** (Broomfield, CO) is back for her 23rd ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with a current instrument rating, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 3,000 hours logged. Gretchen flies the ARC "to see old friends and learn new things. The camaraderie is incredible. I love to meet and help new racers. There is always more to learn about the airplane, weather, aviation rules, team coordination and personal capabilities. It's fun to 'collect' airports, become more proficient and go fast!"



Gretchen is a retired businesswoman and entrepreneur, focusing on manufacturing, aviation and management. She is 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.

Jan McKenzie (Fort Collins, CO) is flying the Air Race Classic for the second time. Jan is president of the 99s and enjoys flying around the country in her Mooney Bravo. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 2,680 hours logged. Jan is also a Private helicopter pilot.

For over 34 years, Jan made her career in the semiconductor industry, primarily managing design and manufacturing groups. Now retired, she is immersed in aviation and is racing to learn, improve her flying skills and enjoy the comradeship of women pilots.

In her spare time, Jan enjoys international travel, hiking and cooking.

Classic Racer 25

Sherry Kandle and Martha Molina

Cessna Skylane 182K

Flying Fillies

Sherry Kandle (Boise, ID) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 842 hours in her logbook, she races for the adventure, the exhilarating flybys and the friendships of amazing women. Said Sherry, "It is fun to compete. Racing motivates me to study, practice, and learn more about my plane. It's a great feeling to master crosswinds and other challenges of the race."



During one race, her team landed at a remote strip because of weather. "After a night in town, a newfound friend brought fuel cans, but no ladder or siphon," said Sherry, "so my dedicated copilot stood on the tailgate, lifting heavy cans high over the wings to pour, fuel running down her arms. Above and beyond duty!"

Sherry is a retired software engineer who also co-owned and managed an aircraft maintenance business and volunteers in aviation organizations. She enjoys working on her airplane with her husband, Doug, who taught her to fly and makes her laugh when he often asks, "Can I have a turn to fly?" Sherry is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Martha Molina** (Fayetteville, AR). Martha is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with an advanced ground instructor certificate and 300 hours in her logbook. Said Martha, "The ARC is the most exciting, exhilarating and exhausting thing I have ever done. I race to reconnect with friends I have met through ARC, gain a wealth of experience, hear inspirational stories of racers, and honor my dad, who would have been so proud that I have continued his flying adventure."

Flying between stops during one race, a team commented on the radio how a carnival below them looked like lots of fun. "I told them that if they wanted to land and check out the carnival, we would gladly pass the word where they were so ARC officials wouldn't worry," said Martha. "They declined!"

Martha is an artist and educator who has taught art, speech, drama and special education for more than 30 years. She currently works with moderate to severely developmentally delayed students.

Said Martha, "My dad always had a love for airplanes and learned to fly late in life. I continue sharing flying with others because of him. The best is sharing knowledge of the women who changed history by racing in 1929 and the stories of those who followed in their footsteps." She is a member of the Arkansas chapter of the 99s and the Northwest Arkansas chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Classic Racer 26

Corbi Bulluck and Stephanie Wrenn

Piper Dakota PA28-236

Dakota FlyGirls

Corbi Bulluck (Apex, NC) is back for her fourth Air Race Classic. She is an Air 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 9,579 hours in her logbook. Corbi was the first female pilot hired by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, flying the governor and other top state officials, as well as doing aerial photography flights for engineering planning and assessment of environmental conditions.



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."

Corbi is a former pilot for Atlantic Southeast Airlines and instructor at FlightSafety International. When she's not flying, she enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing with her dad on the Alligator River, 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 second 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 and 2,000 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."

Said Stephanie, "I'm so excited to be racing in the ARC with my longtime mentor, 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 is the greatest thrill I've ever experienced, and the beautiful views along the way are the icing on the cake!"

During her last race, the pressure somehow made her forget the word for the letter "M" in the phonetic alphabet. "I often referred to it as 'Mango' or 'Motel,'" said Stephanie. "'Mike' was just not in my vocabulary during the ARC."

When she's not flying, Stephanie enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, trying new restaurants, going to the movies, and listening to music while 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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Margaret "Maggie Ray" Ringenberg, 43-W-5 (1921-2008)

At age 8, Margaret took her first flight off an Indiana cornfield. As a WASP, she ferried planes across the U.S. to Canada, towed targets and was a test pilot. After the war, she became a flight instructor. Maggie Ray began racing in the 1950s, flying every Powder Puff Derby from 1957-1977 and numerous Air Race Classics from 1977 through to finishing 3rd in 2008. She co-authored her story, "Girls Can't Be Pilots" (1998).



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Classic Racer 28

Margaret Wint and Susan Glisson

Cessna Cardinal 177B

Michiana Redbirds

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for **Margaret Wint** (Grand Rapids, MI). Margaret is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 947 hours flown. She races to meet other pilots and improve her flying experience. She is a member of the Indiana Dunes chapter of the 99s.

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

During the 2012 race, Margaret spent the night in Gallup, NM. Returning to the airport, they had to load seven people into the car. "The car was not that big," said Margaret. "We were sitting on laps." Her team was also one of the "Newberry 11."

In her free time, Margaret enjoys sewing, cross-stitching and reading. She also loves to ride carousels and has gone out of her way to find them in small towns. Margaret has a young grandson who loves to ride in airplanes.

Sue Glisson (Evansville, IN) is flying the Air Race Classic for the fourth time. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 972 hours in her logbook. Said Susan, "The Air Race Classic provides the opportunity to expand my flying skills and meet women pilots from many places with many experience levels. Seeing the U.S. from a small plane is an unforgettable experience."

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

Sue has served as social director, board member and newsletter editor for her local airport and is Young Eagles coordinator for EAA Chapter 21. She is the secretary of the North Central Section of the 99s and a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter.



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Classic Racer 29

Caroline Baldwin and Lydia Baldwin

Piper Cherokee PA28-180

Baldwin Family Flyers

Veteran racer **Caroline Baldwin** (Silver City, NM) returns for her 14th ARC. She has 1,133 hours under her belt and holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements. Asked why she flies the ARC, she said, "Racing as the Baldwin Family Flyers with my daughter is very special, a time we treasure. I enjoy the ARC adventure and challenge, the excitement and camaraderie of the ARC community, and traveling this wonderful country."



From 2012-16, the Baldwin Family flyers was a three-generation team. Last year, granddaughter Cara piloted an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University race plane. Cara graduated in December 2017 and now works as a flight instructor building hours before applying to an airline.

Caroline is retired from work as a researcher, consultant, librarian and teacher. She is a board member, grant writer and volunteer manager of an award-winning community literacy program that she founded in 2001. It has donated 260,000+ books to area children. Caroline is secretary/treasurer of the Grant County Pilots Association, promoting aviation to middle school girls and to high school students; sings in a women's chorus; plays percussion in a band; plays tennis, pickleball and bridge. She is a member of the 99s.

Lydia Baldwin (Fort Collins, CO) is back for her ninth ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 350 hours in her logbook. Lydia was inspired to earn her Private by her mom, Caroline, and she flies the ARC "to enjoy an adventure with Caroline and 50 more of my aviatrix friends. I race to challenge myself to excel, to think about opportunities and potential for success. I race because those who did so before me raced with grace, skill and poise, and I admire their achievements."

Said Lydia, "In 2013, the Baldwin Family Flyers were grounded at beautiful ridge-top Ogilvie Field in John Day, Ore. It became a fun, challenging experience. We enjoyed the camaraderie of two other race teams and camped out in the pilot lounge hoping for clear skies."

Lydia has been an RN for 18 years and manages the intensive-care unit at her town's community hospital. She loves living in beautiful northern Colorado with her husband, Marc, who is also a pilot. When not busy with her job, Lydia enjoys biking, hiking and flying out of KFNL in Loveland. Lydia is a member of the Colorado chapter of the 99s

Classic Racer 30

Rose Ganim and Tara Strassburg

Piper Arrow III PA-28R-200

Road Killers

Welcome the first-time team of **Rose Ganim** (Haydenville, MA) and **Tara Strassburg** (Northampton, MA) to the ARC!

Rose holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land and sea, with flight instructor and advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 927 hours flown. She is a thoracic surgeon and farmer who started flying in 1999 after a colleague started taking lessons and she heard herself saying for the zillionth time, "Wow, I've always wanted to do that." Said Rose, "I agree with Karen Blixen that to fly is to see the world through God's eyes."

Why is she flying the ARC? "Because it sounds like a hoot and I finally nabbed a partner!"

Rose owns a Super Cub that climbs like a helicopter and cruises at barely over Vfe. Her favorite thing to do is fly someplace to go fishing — "but I talk about it way more than I do it."

Tara is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 232 hours in her logbook. A licensed structural engineer, she has design credit on high-rise buildings and casinos across the country. Said Tara, "I love the challenge that flying brings — it is a lot like engineering."

Tara is also a triathlon coach who has completed nine Ironmans, and an ultrarunner who has finished four 50-mile races and more than 20 marathons. Said Tara, "I've never raced before" — airplanes, anyway — "this is a new experience, and a great challenge!"



Classic Racer 31

Mia Hallgring and Jody Brandel

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Riddle Racers Gold

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ - Daytona

Mia Hallgring (Little Compton, RI) is flying the ARC for the second time. She 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 500 hours in her logbook. She is a senior at Embry-Riddle and will be graduating after completing an internship with Delta Air Lines.



Said Mia, "I am racing to represent my school as well as to gain personal pilot experience. Racing in the ARC is a huge honor, and I hope to follow in the footsteps of many accomplished female aviators before me."

Mia enjoys surfing, playing ice hockey, driving her Jeep and shooting guns. Long term, her goal is to work for Delta as an airline pilot and fly jets part time for the Air National Guard.

Welcome **Jody Brandel** (Ormond Beach, FL) to her first Air Race Classic! Jody is a Private pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 270 hours logged. She is pursuing a bachelor of science in aeronautical science with a minor in business administration.

"Growing up next to Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, the roar of F-16s inspired me to make the sky my home from a young age," said Jody. "I've been following this dream ever since, becoming the first in my family to pursue a career in aviation, driving me to work even harder to achieve my goals."

She added, "I am extremely proud and excited to represent not only my gender, but also my university, community, and home town in the 2018 Air Race Classic!" Jody is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Classic Racer 32

Alice Novatnak and Abbey Baltzegar

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Riddle Racers Blue

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ - Daytona

Alice Novatnak (Mountain Top, PA) and **Abbey Baltzegar** (Neeses, SC) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Alice holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and complex credentials, a current instrument rating and 260 hours logged. She is a full-time student at Embry-Riddle studying aeronautical science, as well as a flight instructor.



She is racing this year for the thrill of competition, to broaden her flying experience and to achieve a personal goal.

When she's not flying, Alice enjoys water and snow skiing, depending if she is at school or back home in the mountains. She also has been studying music for 12 years and likes competing in singing contests.

Abbey is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 170 hours flown. She is completing her degree in aeronautical science and finishing her Commercial license while working as a dispatcher.

Why is she racing? "I think that it is a great opportunity to further my knowledge and experience in aviation," said Abbey, "and to meet new people who share the same passion about flying that I do!"

Abbey was raised on a farm and is an avid college football fan. She can't wait to start her career as a professional pilot! Abbey is a member of the Embry Riddle-Daytona chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Classic Racer 33

Barbara Filkins and Nancy Smith

Grumman Tiger AA-5B

The Flying Tigresses

This is the first Air Race Classic for **Barbara Filkins** (Fillmore, CA) and **Nancy Smith** (Duluth, MN). Welcome!

Barb is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, multi-engine instrument flight instructor and advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatic endorsements and 1,601 hours logged. A cybersecurity consultant by profession, Barb graduated from Harvey Mudd College as a member of the Bates Aeronautics Program and was an instrument flight instructor at the school. Then she put flying on hold until she and her husband, who is also a pilot, built a Velocity V-twin. Now, she is back flying with advanced instructor ratings, including as a Velocity instructor.

She is flying the ARC to honor her instructor in the Bates Program, Iris Cummings Critchell, who at 97, remains an inspiration to all she taught.

Barb thrives on intense competition: She is a competitive dressage rider at the higher levels, which is natural link to acrobatics. Said Barb, "Looking to focus on competition in the air in 2018!" She is a member of the Ventura County chapter of the 99s.

Nancy is an Air Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 6,975 hours in her logbook. She holds multi-engine instrument and glider flight instructor credentials as well as a Commercial glider certificate, and has complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements. Her motto, developed from a scenic tour of the side of the runway (and almost into the water), is: "Pride Goeth Before a Groundloop."

"I have a checkered career," said Nancy, "between engineering (which paid the bills) and flight instructing (which did not). Since 1982, I've taught in single-engine planes (tricycle, tailwheel and seaplane), light twins and gliders. I am now a part-time instructor for Lake Superior College in Duluth."

Nancy is racing for a new experience and to honor the women who pioneered the race and smoothed the way for women to fly. "One of the original organizers, Iris Cummings (now Critchell), was one of my first flight instructors and is still a dear friend," she said.

Nancy and her husband avoid the harsh Minnesota winter by traveling around the South in a trailer. Her hobbies include playing fiddle and guitar, cooking, baking, hosting a culinary website and trying to teach a boisterous Husky pup to get along with four cats.



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Classic Racer 34

Sue Jones and BJ Carter
Beechcraft Sundowner C23

Beech Blue

Sue Jones (Wimberley, TX) returns for her seventh Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot with single-engine land and sea credentials and 1,240 hours flown. Sue races because "It is super fun to go to new places you would never go to on your own. Getting together 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, real estate and the medical field in Texas and New York — but she enjoys retirement most of all. 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.

This is the seventh ARC for **BJ Carter** (Payette, ID). BJ holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, has 848 hours in her logbook and is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

Said BJ, "I race because it is fun. The people I meet are incredible and inspiring. Each time I race, my skills, knowledge and confidence for flying are challenged." During a previous race, her airplane lost its avionics while taxiing after landing. Said 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 includes CSI work. Now, she is on her second retirement and doing exactly what she wants! When she's not flying, she enjoys biking, cross-country skiing, rafting, fly fishing, playing tennis, golfing and going on adventures with others.



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Betty Wall Strohfus, 44-W-1 (1919-2016)

Strohfus was assigned to U.S. Air Gunnery School in Las Vegas and served as a pilot towing targets used to train men for in-flight combat. She worked many years as an advocate for women who flew during World War II and spoke about her experiences as a WASP and female aviator. She was one of the first women to pilot an F-16 at age 71. She flew as a passenger for an acrobatic plane ride pulling 4.5G at age 95.

Classic Racer 35

Jenna Annable, Dakotah Osborn, and Monique McAnnally
Piper Archer PA28-181

Frozen Force

University of North Dakota

Jenna Annable (Grand Forks, ND) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 425 hours flown. In addition to working on her degree and her multi-engine flight instructor certificate, Jenna has been a flight instructor at the university since last fall.

Said Jenna, "Aviation is my passion and the opportunity to share that with fellow female aviators in a friendly competition that takes us across the country is a dream come true."

When Jenna was in high school, she begged her father for a discovery flight. "Every day, it felt like I would ask him if we could check out the FBO at our local airport. Then, for my 16th birthday, my brother, who was a CFI, took me for my very first flight. It was an experience I'll never forget!" She is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Dakotah Osborn** (Grand Forks, ND). Welcome!

Dakotah holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 313 hours in her logbook. She is a full-time student at UND and hopes soon to start flight instructing as well. After graduating, Dakotah plans to obtain her multi-engine instructor certificate and move on to an airline.

"As someone who became involved with aviation at the age of 16, I have become extremely grateful to those who have helped or inspired me along the way," said Dakotah. "Flying in the Air Race Classic is a great way to inspire other young girls to fly!"

Dakotah is involved with the UND Aviation Education Student Outreach Program, working with local schools to teach kids about different aspects of aviation. Said Dakotah, "I absolutely love working with them, because seeing that spark of interest light up is priceless!" She is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Monique McAnnally** (Valencia, CA) to her first ARC! Monique is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 150 hours under her belt. Her two passions are flying and working with special-needs children, and she worked as a respite caregiver before leaving for school; now, she is a full-time student and a supervisor in the university dining center.

Said Monique, "I am honored to be a part of the UND Team. I wanted to race to help show the world how girls can excel and to not only help promote women in aviation, but general aviation, as well. I want everyone to love flying as I am so lucky to." Monique has volunteered for a program, started by a friend in her 99s chapter, that gives Young Eagles flights to special-needs children and recently helped start an Aviation Explorers post in Grand Forks, ND. She is a member of the San Fernando Valley chapter of the 99s and the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Deanie Parrish, 44-W-4 (1922-)

Parrish is one of Florida's first female air force aviators. She was an engineering test pilot at Greenville Air Force Base and also served as a pilot towing target banners training pilots for combat. After tirelessly lobbying for recognition of the WASP, she accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the WASP on March 10, 2010. In 2015, she was inducted into WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame.

Classic Racer 36

Frances Englund and Samantha Horne

Cessna Skyhawk 172N

Finger Lakes Flash

Welcome the first-time team of **Frances Englund** (Fairport, NY) and **Samantha Horne** (Avon, NY) to the Air Race Classic!

Frances is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 505 hours in her logbook. She is racing this year to honor her mother-in-law, Irene Kinne Englund, WASP 43 W-8, who trained at Avenger Field in Sweetwater. Said Frances, "I'm also racing for the challenge, the fun and the camaraderie. As a rookie, I want to soak it all up. And, of course, I want to win!"

Frances funds her flying habit by working as a pharmacy technician. Previous employment included work in customer service and insurance claims — but wife, mother, grandmother and friend are her most important occupations.

Said Frances, "It's taken me 33 years to log 500 hours. After a long hiatus, and with the encouragement of my family, I not only got back into the left seat, but I also bought Creamsicle, my C172N." Frances promotes aviation by flying Young Eagles and by volunteering with the Girl Scouts. She is a member of the Finger Lakes chapter of the 99s and treasurer of the New York-New Jersey section.

Samantha is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with a Private helicopter certificate and 226 hours in the air. She recently obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration and is pursuing her master's degree while working in the healthcare field. Her goal is to build a career in aviation.

Why is she racing? "Because I want to travel and be a part of something incredibly exciting!"

Samantha began flying at 17 years old after taking a Young Eagles flight, and it snowballed from there. She loves traveling, dogs and experiencing new adventures. Samantha is a member of the Finger Lakes chapter of the 99s.



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Classic Racer 37

Tessa Roberts and Emmy Dillon

Cessna Skylane 182T

Sky Vixens

Tessa Roberts (Wichita, KS) is back for her third ARC. Tessa holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, a jet type rating, an airframe and powerplant mechanic certificate and 611 hours in her logbook. She has more than 20 years' experience in engineering, manufacturing and customer service for the business jet industry and is currently section chief for Learjet field support engineering at Bombardier. Tessa also moonlights with Flight Safety International as a first officer on the Learjet 45 program.



Just a few years ago, Tessa fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a pilot. Her goal in flying the ARC is to inspire others, particularly women of all ages, to dare to dream and never give up the pursuit of flight.

During last year's race, when Tessa's team had a delay in Bemidji, MN, they just had to get a team selfie with Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox!

Tessa enjoys flying her husband out for \$100 hamburgers and romantic weekend getaways, volunteering with various charities and caring for numerous rescue animals. She is a member of the Kansas chapter of the 99s and the Air Capital City chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third ARC for **Emmy Dillon** (Lenexa, KS). Emmy is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 435 hours flown. A graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, she is an aviation systems and human factors engineer at Garmin International, designing new features, testing software and serving as the voice of the pilot in the design and implementation processes.

Said Emmy, "The ARC is like a second family to me. I learn new things about my flying skills and the airplanes we fly, from the other amazingly talented race pilots, and celebrate the long history of women pioneers in aviation." Emmy intends to fly to every state in the U.S. and the ARC pushes her closer to attaining that goal.

After fueling at Albuquerque in 2016, she and her co-pilot had to stop and restart the checklist because they both saw a tumbleweed roll by for the first time. "We probably laughed for five minutes because we were both so mesmerized by it," said Emmy.

Emmy is working on becoming a flight instructor, while focusing on tailwheel and aerobatic training. She is also pursuing a graduate degree in human factors and systems. Emmy is a member of the Greater Kansas City chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.



Dorothy "Dot" Swain Lewis, 44-W-5 (1915-2013)

Lewis grew up in Ashville, NC and dreamed of being an artist and flying. Before joining the WASP, she was a Flight Instructor for Navy cadets and WASP trainees. After the war, she performed aerobatics in a J-3 Cub and studied sculpture. Her first sculpture was a full-size WASP in training - "The Trainee." See it at the Wishing Well on Avenger Field (Sweetwater, TX).

Classic Racer 38

Kathy Fink and Shannon Osborne

Mooney M20

PALS in Motion

This is the first ARC for **Kathy Fink** (Geneva, IL) and **Shannon Osborne** (New York, NY). Welcome!

Kathy is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 977 hours logged. A retired high school science teacher, Kathy has been a pilot since 1976 and has flown many volunteer missions. She and her late husband, who was also a pilot, formed an organization called VetAir.org, dedicated to providing air transportation to animals that needed help getting to various destinations.

For Kathy, the ARC is for pleasure, camaraderie, adventure, education, new places and new friends. Flying, she said is "a form of meditation. Being over the land and clouds is a visible separation from the day to day world. Gives me perspective to what's important." She added: "I do believe my 'gonna do that someday' is now."

Shannon holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 620 hours in her logbook. She made her career in the cable television industry for more than 30 years, and since retiring five years ago, has focused on volunteering in aviation and improving her flying.

Kathy and Shannon named their team for Patient Airlift Services — PALS — a nonprofit whose volunteer pilots help bring patients and medical personnel together in an effort to give patients the best chance at beating terminal illnesses. Shannon volunteers for PALS both in the air and providing ground transport.

When she's not flying, Shannon loves to travel with her husband and discover new places. "Unlike most folks that go on vacation, we love to have no agenda," she said. "We tend to travel to places that you walk a lot. We figure out what neighborhood to explore each morning and go to it." Shannon is a member of the Greater New York chapter of the 99s and secretary of the New York-New Jersey section.



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Classic Racer 39

Camelia Smith and Susan Larson

Cessna Skylane 182R

Ragin' Racin' Redheads

Camelia Smith (Hindsville, AR) is back for her 10th ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor certificates and 10,000 hours flown. She is a member of the Arkansas chapter of the 99s and the Northwest Arkansas chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Said Camelia, "Flying the ARC with so many accomplished women makes it an awesome experience. There is not a way to relate the excitement and challenge of this event to those that have not participated. Every racer that finishes is a winner!"

Normally, Camelia brings all that she needs, plus much more, when she's traveling. But, she said, "I must laugh when I think about how few clothes and travel items I carry during the ARC. One racer said she just leaves her clothes behind, eliminating more each day — an idea I think I like."

Camelia grew up on a farm in rural Arkansas and has flown fire detection for the state and National Forest Services. Her work as a flight instructor and in charter and corporate aviation has taken her to many unexpected destinations. But even after flying to the Bahamas, Mexico and Canada, she said, "the ARC is still the ultimate cross-country trip. My husband thinks all ARC racers are the best!"

This is the 12th 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, a current instrument rating and 4,175 hours logged. 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. No doubt, I've been blessed!" Meeting Debbie and Roger Johnson after an unscheduled landing in their alfalfa field during the 2016 ARC became Susan's best ARC memory, and she has stayed connected with them since, even visiting en route to the 2017 race start in Maryland.

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. Now, she is "approaching true retirement."



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Classic Racer 40

Gabrielle Escudero and Rachel Piacentini

Cessna Skyhawk 172R

Saluki Aces

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

Welcome **Gabrielle Escudero** (Aurora, IL) to her first ARC! Gabby holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 111 hours in her logbook. She is a full-time student working on her Commercial certificate while working as an aircraft dispatcher for the university.

Why is she racing? "Participating in an air race specifically for women is important to me because promoting and advocating for women in aviation is an issue that is very close to my heart."

Gabby is very involved with aviation-related student organizations such as Alpha Eta Rho and the SIUC Saluki Aviators chapter of Women in Aviation International. Outside of aviation, she enjoys reading, working out, and spending time with friends and family.

Rachel Piacentini (Steger, IL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements and 384 hours logged. She has done all her flight training and earned all her certificates at the university, and is starting her second semester as a flight instructor there.

Said Rachel, "I race to help reach out to future women aviators and be a part of a race that illustrates the bond and support between women aviators. Racing also allows me to share the amazing experience of racing with other women at the university and keep the university sending teams to the race each year."

Rachel likes to try new things, especially things that pose challenges — so it is no surprise that she is the first pilot in her family. She loves hiking in the area around her home and finding new places to explore with friends. Rachel is a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators chapter of Women in Aviation International.



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Classic Racer 41

Alyssa Harvey and Tiffany Imhoff

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Purdue University

Alyssa Harvey (Crown Point, IN) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 324 hours in her logbook. Alyssa is studying professional flight technology, with a minor in Spanish, while working as a flight instructor at the university. A member of the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation International, she helped organize Girls in Aviation Day for grades 3-8.



Said Alyssa, "The Air Race Classic is full of challenges and adventures, and it represents everything I love about flying. It's an amazing experience to fly across the country and meet so many different women all joined together by our love of flying."

Last year, while Alyssa's plane was taxiing to the FBO in Plainview, TX, jackrabbits hopped out of the grass just as she was about to make a radio call. Being from the Midwest, she'd never seen rabbits with such large ears before. She laughed over frequency – which amused everyone at the FBO!

When she's not flying, Alyssa enjoys rock climbing, hiking, gardening and playing golf. She used to work at a golf course, teaching kids life lessons through the game of golf as a First Tee coach/mentor. Alyssa is also a certified scuba diver and loves trying new things – one year for her birthday, she went skydiving.

Welcome **Tiffany Imhoff** (Huntington Beach, CA) to her first 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 328 hours flown. She is studying professional flight technology at Purdue with a minor in business management, and works as a flight instructor for the university.

Why is she racing? "There are so many amazing opportunities to gain experience in flying through different terrain and to meet fellow aviators. I race to represent Purdue University and to gain experience flying in different situations."

Tiffany enjoys many outdoor activities and sports, ballroom and swing dancing, and Brazilian jiu jitsu. She is treasurer of the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation International.

A rectangular advertisement for Rainbow Gymnastics. At the top, there is a blue-tinted photograph of several young girls performing gymnastics. Below the photo, the text reads "PROUD SUPPORTER of the Air Race Classic, Inc." in a serif font. The main logo "Rainbow GYMNASTICS" is prominently displayed, with "Rainbow" in orange and "GYMNASTICS" in blue. Below the logo, it says "ESTABLISHED 1984". A short paragraph describes their training approach: "Our comprehensive training approach prepares your child to excel in gymnastics as well as develop skills transferable to other activities." At the bottom, the website "WWW.RAINBOW-GYMNASTICS.COM" is written in orange capital letters.

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Classic Racer 43

Shavana Jones and Peninah Kimani

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Delaware State University

Welcome the first-time team of **Shavana Jones** (Philadelphia, PA) and **Penny Kimani** (Dover, DE), representing Air Race Classic newcomer Delaware State University!

Shavana is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and formation flying credentials and 309 hours in her logbook. She is majoring in Aviation: Pro Pilot and has worked as the aviation secretary assistant throughout her sophomore year. Since her freshman year, Shavana has been on the Dean's and President's lists, and has obtained a 4.0 grade-point average the past two semesters.

Shavana is flying the ARC to gain more flight experience, test her abilities as a pilot and network. "I want to show the world that women are just as capable as men in this industry," she said. "You don't see many female pilots, so this gives me the opportunity to be able to connect with people like me."

In addition to being an aviator, Shavana is a mixed martial artist. She started at age 16 and over the past five years has acquired a career record of 126 wins and 7 losses. Shavana also loves to swim. She is a member of the Delaware chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

Penny is a Private pilot, single-engine land, who has 100 hours in her logbook and is working on her instrument rating. She is a sophomore who works in the university's aviation program, assisting the senior secretary and her fellow students. She is racing to gain experience, meet other female aviators — "and to show how fast I am!"

Originally from Kenya, Penny became interested in aviation on her first trip to the U.S. When she's not flying, she enjoys drawing and playing the violin. She is a member of the Delaware chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.



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Classic Racer 44

Rachel Chaput and Madison Bright

Cirrus SR20

Flying Fins

Jacksonville University

Welcome the first-time team of **Rachel Chaput** (Hampton, NH) and **Madison Bright** (Kennesaw, GA) to the ARC!

Rachel is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 230 hours logged. She is a full-time student at Jacksonville, studying flight operations and aviation management.

Said Rachel, "I am excited to be a part of an extraordinary tradition that brings a unique group of individuals together. Women are a minority in the aviation world, but we are just as passionate and as talented as everyone else. I would love to represent my school and show my team's passion and talent."

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.

Madi holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 131 hours under her belt. She is a student-athlete at Jacksonville University earning a degree in aviation flight operations and management with a goal of a career in the airlines.

Said 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.



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Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds, 44-W-5 (1923-2018)

Her favorite word was HONOR. After graduation, she was assigned to Merced, CA and tested BT-13s and AT-6s. She served in the USAF Reserves from 1949 to 1960. She was an accomplished artist and silversmith and enjoyed lapidary. She designed the official WASP WWII flag and WASP silver jewelry.

Classic Racer 46

Madeleine Mena Zapata and Michèle Rivest

Cessna Skyhawk 172N

Demois'ailes

École nationale d'aérotechnique - Québec

École nationale d'aérotechnique - Québec makes its ARC debut with the first-time team of **Madeleine Mena Zapata** (Longueuil, Quebec) and **Michèle Rivest** (Saint-Hubert, Quebec). Bienvenue!

Madeleine holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with flight instructor and basic ground instructor credentials and 360 hours logged. She is a full-time student at ENA studying aerospace engineering.

Said Madeleine, "Racing is more than a line in my bucket list, it is a hidden passion. In addition to passing my knowledge on to others, which provides me with a great amount of fulfillment, I also want to push my limits and go for the highest peak. We come from Canada to learn and to give our very best."

Madeleine is originally from Colombia; she learned English as a second language and French as a third.

One of her hobbies is to express herself through art, as well as to appreciate art created by others – "There is indeed a lot of art in aircraft design!" Madeleine is a member of the Montreal chapter of the 99s.

Michèle is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with a Private helicopter certificate and 3,263 hours in the air. Since 1985, she has been an instructor at ENA, teaching aeronautics to future aircraft maintenance technicians. She started flying in 1974 and soon earned her Commercial license (Canadian certificates expire, unlike those in the U.S.), working as a ground instructor and a flight instructor on fixed-wing and rotary aircraft. Michèle also flew tailwheels and eventually became a helicopter bush pilot.

Why is she flying the ARC? "To keep myself updated as a pilot," said Michèle. "Because it gives me the proud opportunity of representing ENA. Finally, because it would be a crowning achievement in my long career in aviation."

When she's not flying, Michèle enjoys reading, music, dance, movies, and travel — taking to the road to discover new scenery, architecture, lifestyles and languages.



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Classic Racer 47

Kali Hague and Jessica Murphy
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After a nine-year hiatus, **Kali Hague** (Washington, D.C.) is back for her second Air Race Classic. Kali holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; multi-engine flight instructor credentials; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 670 hours in the air.

Kali is an aviation attorney, helping Part 135 operators, corporate flight departments and airports navigate complex aviation regulations, buy and sell business jets, and negotiate contracts. The ARC opens the door to another side of aviation: said Kali, "I love small GA airports, and I love meeting adventurous women pilots."

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

When she's not flying, she enjoys competing in triathlons with her boyfriend, entering races in vacation destinations like St. Croix and Puerto Rico.

Welcome **Jess Murphy** (Winston-Salem, N.C.) to her first Air Race Classic! Jess is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, advanced ground instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 600 hours in her logbook.

Originally from Australia, Jess began flying when she moved to the States in 2011 and worked in the office of Signature TechnicAir while earning her Private pilot license. Now, she is an avionics technician at the company and working on her flight instructor certificate. As for the race, Jess said, "It is a great opportunity to participate in an event that promotes women in aviation."

Jess' hobbies include hiking, soccer – basically anything outdoors.



Classic Racer 48

Elizabeth Keller and Madison Taylor
Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Barnstorming Babes

Middle Tennessee State University

Welcome the first-time team of **Elizabeth Keller** (Maryville, TN) and **Madison Taylor** (Franklin, TN) to the ARC!

Elizabeth is flying the Air Race Classic as her thesis for MTSU Honors College. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 340 hours flown. Elizabeth began her aviation career her junior year of high school by interning with a charter company based out of in KDKX (Knoxville, TN). Now she is a Buchanan Fellow at the university and is flight instructing there while finishing her degree.

Said Elizabeth, "I chose to participate in the air race because I like a challenge. Also, I believe that experience is the best way to learn. There's no better way to make my wings stronger than by using them."

When she's not flying, Elizabeth enjoys hiking the Great Smoky Mountains, reading, hammocking and spending time with her family on their farm in eastern Tennessee. Elizabeth is a member of the Tennessee chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Madison is a senior at MTSU with a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 385 hours in her logbook. She has been a flight instructor at the university for about seven months and hopes to begin an airline career next year.

"This race will push me and my skills to their fullest capabilities," Madison said. "I will have to build self-confidence, and also have the chance to learn from so many other women who are passionate about aviation."

Madison began her flight training in San Marcos, Texas, and is excited to go back and start the race in her home state. Other than flying, Madison enjoys hiking and snowboarding.



Classic Racer 49

Maria Walston, Shelby Satkowiak, and Kelly Erdmann
Cirrus SR-20

Western Michigan University

Maria Walston (Kalamazoo, MI) is back for her second Air Race Classic. A sophomore at Western Michigan, Maria is working on a bachelor of science in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Management and Operations. She works as an ambassador for the College of Aviation and holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 210 hours in her logbook.

"It is such an honor to race alongside so many inspiring women," said Maria. "I race not only to grow as a pilot, but also to meet other women, who can guide me in the infancy of my career as a female pilot." During last year's race, her team recorded a video at every stop along the route. Said Maria, "We ended up making some pretty good music videos and had lots of fun dancing and sharing our experience with others."

When she's not flying, Maria enjoys scuba diving, longboarding and traveling. She hopes to get her seaplane rating so she can combine her passion of being on the lake with aviation.

This is the second ARC for **Shelby Satkowiak** (Mio, MI). Shelby is double-majoring in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Administration, with a minor in General Business, and works as a flight instructor at the university. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements and 690 hours logged. After graduation, she hopes to move on to a regional airline.

Why fly the ARC? "I want to push myself outside of my comfort zone to be the best pilot I can be while having fun and meeting all of the amazing women pilots along the way," Shelby said.

Other than flying, Shelby loves being outdoors, playing sports, and hanging out with family and friends. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Kelly Erdmann** (Southfield, MI) to her first ARC! A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 110 hours logged, Kelly is a senior at Western Michigan double majoring in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Management and Operations with a minor in Supply Chain Management. Her goal is to fly for Alaska Airlines.

Kelly is racing to expand her experience as a pilot and network with other women aviators. "I am competitive in nature and strive to be the best I possibly can be and thrive on testing my skills," said Kelly. "Racing brings real-life situations of teamwork and discipline that will help me grow both personally and professionally."

Kelly's hobbies include 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.



Beverly Beesemeyer, 44-W-6 (1919-)



She grew up Hollywood and Beverly Hills, attending USC and the Art Center in California. As a tow target pilot, she trained male pilots for air combat. After the war, she was a flight instructor and briefly worked in Texas ferrying new planes to their owners. In 1951, she was offered an inactive reserve commission and was "drafted" as an administrator. Since retiring, she has refocused on art. At age 99, she flew a KTLA reporter around Orange County.

Classic Racer 50

Megan Shaffer and Jane Zieba

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Lewis Flyers

Lewis University

This is the first ARC for **Megan Shaffer** (Mattoon, IL). Welcome!

Megan is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 224 hours logged. She is majoring in Aviation Flight Management, with a minor in Aircraft Dispatch, and plans to earn her flight instructor certificate and work as a CFI at the university while completing her degree.

"As a first time racer, I am excited to meet and learn from so many fellow female aviators," Megan said, "as well as compete in such a cool and unique challenge."

Megan competes for Lewis on the track and field and cross country teams. She has also developed a passion for healthy cooking and baking to fuel her life of flying and running.

Jane Zieba (Orland Park, IL) is flying the ARC for the second time. Jane has a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 690 hours logged. She is earning a master's degree in Aviation and Transportation and is a flight instructor at the university.

Said Jane, "I want to race, because it is so much fun being with all the women who are just as passionate about aviation as I am. It is amazing to see how we come together as one group, and getting to experience all that this race has to offer."

Jane has been a member of the university's Flight Team for more than two years, competing against other schools from around the nation. Said Jane, "It is fun working on bringing up my flight skills to a higher level of precision and application."



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Classic Racer 51

Mindy Lindheim and Chelsea Carlin

Beech Bonanza G36

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Welcome the first-time team of **Mindy Lindheim** (Senoia, GA) and **Chelsea Carlin** (Wichita, KS) to the Air Race Classic!

Mindy is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, an instrument flight instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements and 646 hours logged. She works as a sales director for Textron Aviation, selling the Cessna 172/182/T206 and Beechcraft G36/G58 in the Southeastern U.S. In addition, Mindy is a demo pilot for the factory and performs test flights with prospective customers.



Why is she flying the ARC? "I wish to race to show the women in aviation other jobs in the field, such as my own, help guide them to their goals, and to become a role model as they grow in their own careers."

Mindy enjoys any type of traveling or outdoor hobbies, flying to fishing — anything outside is fair game. She and her husband even went caving in the Georgia mountains recently — surprisingly difficult, she said — and plan to honeymoon later this year on an African safari.

Chelsea holds an Air 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 2,355 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. And, she has a few beginning skydiver jumps under her belt.

Chelsea is racing "to join other female pilots across the country in excelling at aviation."

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.

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Classic Racer 52

Nicoletta Fala, Catherine Troyer, and Morgan Pietruch
Piper Warrior II PA-28-161

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Nicoletta Fala (West Lafayette, IN) is back for her second Air Race Classic. Nicoletta is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 364 hours in the air. She is an aerospace engineering Ph.D. student at Purdue University, where she also did her undergraduate studies. She is researching general aviation safety; her dissertation is on improving flight safety by providing pilots with data-driven flight-debrief feedback.

Said Nicoletta, "I race to show to young girls everywhere that all dreams are achievable if you are willing to work hard. Our participation in the race last year helped us increase the number of women in the Purdue flying club (currently 25%) and I hope to help improve the retention of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) at Purdue even more."

Last year, her team's alternator failed 20 minutes into the race. "We continued the first leg without radios, writing notes to each other to communicate," Nicoletta said. "Once we got closer to the airport, my copilot called the FBO to yell at them that we are arriving!"

Other than flying, Nicoletta enjoys reading, experimenting with food, and gardening by trial and error. Her favorite thing to do is fly solo cross-countries at night, when the air is smooth and the frequencies quiet, when she can enjoy being airborne the most. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Cathy Troyer** (Evansville, IN) to her first 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 508 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," said Cathy. "I have been involved in Women in Aviation, and now I want to promote aviation to women by becoming a racer in the Women's Air Race Classic."

Besides flying, Cathy enjoys biking, hiking, running and drawing. One of her biggest inspirations is her father. He is not a pilot, but they go on many flying adventures together. Cathy is a member of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Morgan Pietruch** (Belvidere, IL). Morgan is a student pilot and a sophomore at Purdue, studying aeronautical and astronautical engineering and completing a powerplant engineer co-op with American Airlines. Her ultimate career goal is to become an airline pilot, but, she said, "engineering is an amazing field and a solid foundation if this doesn't work out. I've got a lot more hours of studying and flying to accomplish, but I look forward to the journey."

Said Morgan, "I am the first in my family to pursue anything aviation-related, so being able to be a part of such an amazing community like ARC is why I race! Everyone is so passionate about flying, and I love meeting people as spirited as I am."



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Classic Racer 53

Jennifer Lowe and Brenda Nava

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott

Jenn Lowe (LaGrange Park, IL) is flying the ARC for the second time. Jenn holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 290 hours logged. Before coming to ERAU-Prescott, she had no aviation background and little to no flight experience — but now, she is weeks away from getting her Commercial and multi-engine certificates and complex endorsement.

Said Jenn, "Competing in the Air Race Classic last year was a life-changing experience I will never forget. I want to inspire young girls to change stereotypes and follow their dreams, no matter what. The sky is not the limit!"

As a student-athlete, Jenn balances her time between flying and playing soccer. She also loves photography, reading, being the sweetheart of Sigma Chi, camping, off-roading, hiking and going on adventures with her amazing friends. Jenn is a member of the university chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Brenda Nava** (Chicago, IL). Welcome!

Brenda holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate and 640 hours flown. A flight instructor at the university, she is racing because, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent women and Embry-Riddle on a national level. I race to hopefully be a good example to other females pursuing this career and for my sisters. I know that no matter what the odds, I will always be victorious if I am willing to work hard for it."

Brenda credits her aviation career to her family's endless support and the incredible people she has met, first as a student at the University of Dubuque, as an analyst for Delta Air Lines and now at ERAU-Prescott.

Spending time with family is a priority for Brenda. She also loves running on or off the track on beautiful trails, drawing, cross-stitching, hiking, watching thought-provoking movies and going on last-minute trips all around the world. Brenda is a member of the Gone With the Wind chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Classic Racer 54

Sabrina Hockenson and Hayley Harris

Cessna Skyhawk 172N

Flying Mermaids

Welcome the first-time team of **Sabrina Hockenson** (Louisville, KY) and **Hayley Harris** (Anchorage, AK) to the Air Race Classic!

Sabrina is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatics credentials; a flight instructor certificate, and 292 hours flown. She is an intern in program development at UPS while working as a part-time flight instructor at a local airport. She is also a fifth-year Commercial Aviation student at the University of North Dakota.

Why is she racing? To try something different! Said Sabrina, "I want a challenge that requires me to think on my feet and use the knowledge that I have acquired over my time in training."

Sabrina loves the outdoors, especially hiking, as well as baking, traveling and spending time with her friends, family and her dog. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Hayley holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; flight instructor certificate; complex and high-performance endorsements, and 670 hours in her logbook. For the last year and half, she has worked as a flight instructor at the local aero club at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, and she is a 747 fleet intern for UPS, based at the company's Anchorage Domicile.

A member of Women in Aviation International, Hayley decided to fly the ARC the day she first heard about it at the WAI conference. "I'm looking for a new adventure," she said.

As a hobby, Hayley likes to fuse glass art. She also teaches swimming and diving at a local pool, and enjoys running.



Classic Racer 55

Taylor Thompson and Elza Nikita
Cessna Skyhawk 172S

CAU Aviatrix

California Aeronautical University

CAU makes its Air Race Classic debut with the first-time team of **Taylor Thompson** (Bakersfield, CA) and **Ellie Nikita** (Bakersfield, CA). Welcome!

Taylor is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, complex endorsement and 332 hours logged. She is working on her bachelor's degree in aeronautics at CAU while working as a flight instructor at the school.

Said Taylor, "This is my first race, and with my competitive spirit I'm very excited to be involved. I am looking forward to meeting other pilots and sharing in the experience. I think this race is a great opportunity to represent my school, and all women in the aviation industry."

Besides aviation, Taylor has a passion for health and fitness. She loves working out, and studying nutrition and the human body. One of her goals is to open a gym someday. Taylor is a member of the 99s.

Ellie holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 235 hours flown. She is earning a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and is working on her flight instructor certificate — and now, she is racing with her best friend!

"When I was presented with this opportunity, I jumped," Ellie said. "I have only flown in California; this race is a dream come true, to meet like-minded women and see the country and experience different flying. I can't think of a better way to show what women can do."

Ellie has also helped to promote aviation by volunteering at air shows for school. When she's not flying, she enjoys camping, hiking, backpacking and embroidering. She is training for her first marathon and hopes to be able to compete at the end of the year. Ellie is a member of the 99s.



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Classic Racer 56

Monica Skrezyna, Dallas Syverson, and Katharine Hanley

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Lady Spartans

University of Dubuque

Monica Krezyna (Lockport, IL), **Dallas Syverson** (Walker, IA) and **Kate Hanley** (Dubuque, IA) are a first-time team from a first-time collegiate competitor, the University of Dubuque. Welcome!

Monica is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 282 hours in the air. She is working on completing her undergraduate degree in three years while working in the maintenance department of the university's flight program.



"I am racing to build connections and to add to my experience as a pilot," said Monica. "I would like to join an airline in the future and this race will be beneficial to both my resume and logging the required hours."

When she's not flying, Monica enjoys swing dancing, rollerblading, playing soccer and other sports, doing service work and participating in church activities. She is a huge animal person — especially dogs!

Dallas has a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, multi-engine flight instructor credentials and 702 hours flown. She is a flight instructor at the university, teaching everyone from Private to multi-engine students, and building time toward her goal of applying to the regional airlines.

Said Dallas, "I want to race to gain valuable experience as a pilot as well as to meet new people. Making new connections in aviation is always a positive experience."

Outside of work, Dallas enjoys practicing yoga, reading, riding her road bike and hanging out with friends and family. "My dogs, Larry and Sophie, are the bees' knees!" she said. Dallas is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Kate holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land and has 129 hours in her logbook. She is working on her instrument rating while studying for her undergraduate degree at the university. She is racing to gain experience and build connections with other pilots.

Kate is a musical theater fan and participates in on-campus shows. She also loves running, reading and watching Vine compilations. She's also a triplet — "which is kind of cool."

Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu, 44-W-7 (1920-)



Bee was born in Montclair, New Jersey. Following her WASP training, she was assigned to Pecos Army Airfield as an engineering test pilot and a utility pilot flying the UC-78/AT-17. She owned a Cessna dealership and flight school and participated in airshows and air races, including the 2009 Air Race Classic. Haydu was a leader in the effort to honor the WASP contributions that resulted in the award of the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010. She has never lost her love of flying.

Classic Racer 57

Deborah Rihn-Harvey and Christine Dale

Cessna Skylane 182Q

Houston Hot Flashes

Debby Rihn-Harvey (La Porte, TX) is flying the ARC for the second time. An Air Transport Pilot, she has 35,000 hours in her logbook, with single/multi-engine land and single-engine sea certificates; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; complex, tailwheel, high-performance and aerobatic endorsements; and a jet type rating. Debby has represented the U.S. in world aerobatics competitions for 31 years and has brought home 15 championships.

Two years ago, she was featured in the video announcing the winners of the ARC Top 10 Drawing. Now, she is flying the race for the reward and the challenge.

A third-generation pilot, Debby retired in 2016 from Southwest Airlines after 27 years and now owns and operates an FBO in Texas. She is an FAA designated pilot examiner, an aerobatic competency evaluator, an airshow pilot, a mentor, and a member of the board of directors of the International Aerobatic Club and the aviation advisory board for the City of La Porte.

Debby has been honored by many organizations, including the 99s, who presented her with the Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation. She is a member of the Houston chapter of both the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

This is the second Air Race Classic for **Chris Dale** (League City, TX). Chris is a captain for Southwest Airlines, where she has flown for 26 years. She started as a flight engineer at Continental Airlines in 1985 and holds an Air Transport Pilot certificate, single/multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; complex and high-performance endorsements; a jet type rating, and 25,000 in the air.

Why is she racing? "I look forward to something exciting and challenging," said Chris.

Chris and her 26-year-old daughter enjoy spending time with their horses, riding and occasionally competing. Said Chris, "I have been accused of not being the most competitive one in the family, but I'm always up for trying something new and fun."



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Classic Racer 58

Alexandra Bond, Josephine Cotugno, and Yasmine Abu Arab

Cirrus SR20

Lady Buckeyes

The Ohio State University

Aly Bond (Columbus, OH) is flying the ARC for the second time. A second-year student majoring in mathematics, she has a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; instrument flight instructor and Private glider certificates; a current instrument rating; complex and high-performance endorsements, and 940 hours logged. Having flown gliders all over the world, from Lake Tahoe to the Italian-Swiss border, Aly is flying the ARC to gain a new experience.



Aly is a flight instructor at Capital City Aviation, a Cirrus Training Center based at the university airport, and a teaching assistant in the college of engineering for the freshman honors engineering classes. She soloed before she got her driver's license and earned her flight instructor certificate the day she moved to OSU. Said Aly, "I love teaching people how to fly, and witnessing the first landing they do without any input on my side is incredible."

When she's not flying, Aly loves to play euchre, scuba dive and rock climb. She is a member of the Scioto Valley chapter of the 99s.

This is the second Air Race Classic for **Josie Cotugno** (Baltimore, OH). Josie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 203 hours in her logbook. A student at Ohio State, she is working on her Commercial certificate and competes on the university's flight team.

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, Josie forgot her dress for the Takeoff Banquet at the Start. Said Josie, "My momma birds and I went dress shopping in the middle of the night to get me and my teammates formal dresses!"

Josie is proud to be not just the only female pilot in her family, but the only pilot. She hopes to one day fly for an airline or private charter company. Josie is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Yasmine Abu Arab** (Columbus, OH) to her first ARC! Yasmine is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 189 hours under her belt. She is an aviation major at Ohio State, with a minor in public policy, and plans to work her way through her ratings in hopes of joining the airlines soon.

Why is she racing? "Members of my Women in Aviation chapter and I noticed that our school didn't have a team and felt that this was a void that needed to be filled. I can't wait to fly this race because I love all aspects of aviation and want to see the diversity of this industry grow."

Yasmine is a member of Women in Aviation International and Alpha Eta Rho.

Elaine D. Harmon, 44-W-9 (1919-2015)



Harmon graduated with a degree in bacteriology from the University of Maryland, College Park. After learning to fly in a Piper Cub as part of Civil Aeronautics Authority program, she joined the WASP. She was then assigned to Nellis Air Force Base as an instrument instructor for the men. While working as a real estate appraiser, she spent four decades to ensure that the WASP would not be forgotten. Her final wish was to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Her family and others fought for a bill that was passed and signed giving this right to the WASP. Elaine Harmon was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on September 8, 2016.

Classic Racer 59

Mattie McKenna and Ashley Tucker

Cessna Skyhawk 172SP

War Eagle Women

Auburn University



Welcome **Mattie McKenna** (Auburn, AL) to her first Air Race Classic! Mattie is a senior at Auburn, where she hopes to be a flight instructor after graduating, on her way to a job in the regional airlines. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 350 hours logged.

Why is she racing? "To expand my interest in aviation and help my confidence as a commercial pilot," Mattie said. "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. Said Mattie, "Being a pilot, I feel like I will have immense opportunities to continue to learn about different countries."

Ashley Tucker (Auburn, AL) is flying the ARC for the second time. An Auburn graduate, she is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a multi-engine flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 930 hours in her logbook. For the last year, she has worked in Auburn's Professional Flight program as a certified flight Instructor, with a goal of working in the airline industry.

Said Ashley, "I was a competitive swimmer for 14 years, and the love for competition follows me from the water to the air. To participate in this historic race for a second time is extremely exciting — especially while representing my alma mater. As soon as last year's race was over, I couldn't wait for 2018!"

Other than flying, Ashley enjoys film, photography, swimming and working out. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

A vertical promotional graphic for the Air Race Classic 2018. At the top left is the ATS logo (a diamond shape with 'ATS' inside). To its right is the ARC logo (the letters 'arc' in a stylized font with a red bird-like graphic above it, and 'Air Race Classic' written below). The main text in the center reads "Congratulations and Good Luck to all those participating in the Air Race Classic 2018" in white and red. Below this, it says "AIRCRAFT TOOL SUPPLY" and "www.aircraft-tool.com" in white. The background of the graphic is a photograph of a white Cessna aircraft in flight against a blue sky with clouds.

Classic Racer 60

Ailsa Moseley Cutting and Sarah Wendt
North American Navion NA-145

Florida Naviators

Ailsa Moseley Cutting (Wellington, FL) returns for her second ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 650 hours flown. Said 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 belonged to her grandfather Crocker Snow, a career pilot and aviation official who early in his career flew Amelia Earhart around Boston. 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.

She works for American Humane, the oldest humane organization in the U.S., and is developing their air service to rescue animals that are trapped in natural disasters or that are victims of cruelty. She also founded the Wellington Flying Club and plans trips and events for the members. Ailsa is a member of the Florida Goldcoast chapter of the 99s.

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Sarah Wendt** (Jupiter, FL). She is an Air 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 3,289 hours logged. Sarah is a Learjet 60 charter pilot by day and a Lear contract pilot by night.

Why is she racing again this year? "Because it's an addiction! Hi, my name is Sarah, and I'm an Air Race Classic addict." During a previous race, her team had to make an off-route maintenance stop in the middle of Missouri. "The mechanic moseyed up to our airplane on a rusty, old farming tractor," Sarah said. "Not what we were expecting!"

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 61

Mariah Ferber and Paige Kessler
Cessna Skyhawk 172R

Nashville Flight Training

Welcome **Mariah Ferber** (Goodlettsville, TN) and **Paige Kessler** (Mount Juliet, TN) to their first Air Race Classic!

Mariah is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a flight instructor certificate, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 900 hours in the air. The first pilot in her family, she took her first discovery flight at 16, got her Private certificate at 18 and has been working as a flight instructor for two years.



She is racing "to inspire other women to fly and to be a part of a large group of women gathering together who also love to fly."

When she's not flying, Mariah enjoys yoga, working out, taking classes online and spending time with friends and family. She is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Paige holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 170 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 waitresses to pay for flight training.

Why fly the ARC? "I have heard these races are an amazing experience!"

Paige's hobbies include riding horses, playing with her Great Dane and Corgi, spending time with her daughter. She also enjoys watching her daughter and her boyfriend ride motorcross.

Classic Racer 77

Jordan Cantrell and Gabriella Lindskoug

Cessna Skyhawk 172R

White Lightning

Middle Tennessee State University

Jordan Cantrell (Nashville, TN) is flying the ARC for the second time. Jordan is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 302 hours logged. She is a pre-med student at MTSU with a major in psychology and minors in chemistry and aerospace, as well as a biochemistry researcher at the university.

Said 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 and a beekeeper who started her own honey label, Sharron's Sharin', with her father.

In her spare time, Jordan enjoys hiking to waterfalls and dancing. She is a member of the MTSU Air Raiders chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the second 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, flight instructor certificate, complex endorsement and 289 hours flown. By summer, she hopes to have her instrument flight instructor certificate as well.

"I race because last year was one of the best experiences I have ever had in aviation," said Gabrielle. "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. Can't wait to be back!"

Last year, a number of teams couldn't continue any farther for the day, so they decided to rent paddleboards in Bemidji, MN. Said Gabriella, "I got unlucky and was given a surfboard....then, just as we reached the middle of this massive cold lake, I lost my balance and fell in!"

When she's not flying, Gabriella rides for the MTSU equestrian team and plays guitar. She is a member of the AOII sorority, the Middle Tennessee chapter of the 99s and the MTSU Air Raiders chapter of Women in Aviation International.



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Mary "Marty" Martin Wyal, 44-W-10 (1922-2017)

Wyal graduated with a degree in bacteriology from DePauw University (Greencastle, IN). Then she discovered aviation and soloed at Sky Harbor in Indianapolis (1943). As a WASP, she flew AT-6s, BT-13s and PT17s - earning her coveted wings and graduating just two weeks before the WASP program ended. Post-war, she was a ferry pilot, flight instructor and owner of C&E Aviation charter service. She served as the WASP Historian (17 yrs), President (2 yrs), and was a spokesperson and advocate for the WASP legacy.

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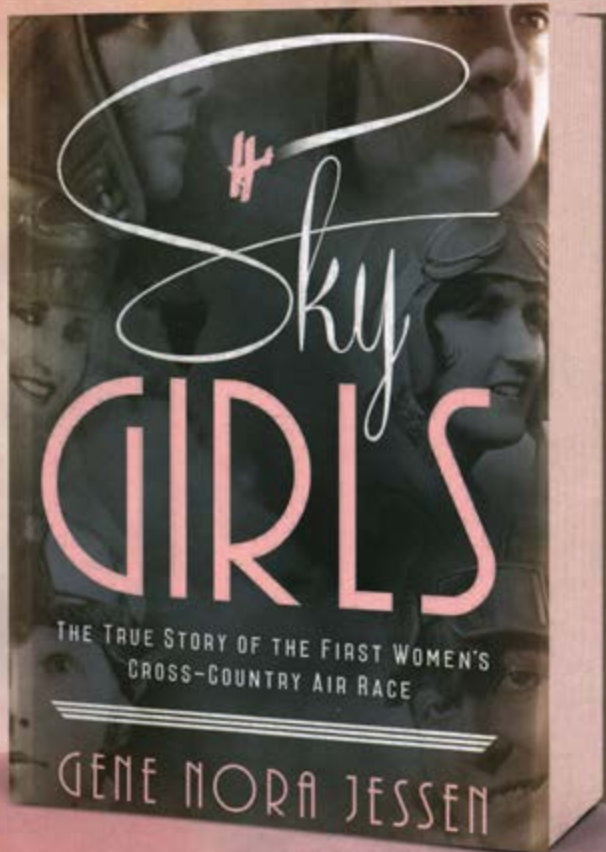
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Los Lunas (flyby) – 2016
Mesa – 2006
Page – 1985
Prescott – 1996, 2016
Tucson – 2000
Williams – 2001
Winslow – 1990
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Arkadelphia – 2016
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Agua Dulce (flyby) – 1987
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Redding – 1985
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Burlington – 2002
Denver – 2000, 2009
Durango – 1996
Grand Junction – 1978
La Junta – 2013
Lamar – 2004
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Destin/Ft. Walton Beach – 1978
Fort Myers – 2010
Zellwood (fly-by) – 2016
- Georgia**
Albany – 1985
Americus – 2016
Athens – 1996
Gainesville – 1984
Jekyll Island – 1981
Rome – 1998
Waycross – 2010
- Idaho**
Boise – 1977, 1986, 1997
Coeur Alene – 1982, 1995
Idaho Falls – 1988
Mayfield (flyby) – 2013
Mountain Home – 2013
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Murphysboro – 2010
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- Indiana**
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
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Marshalltown – 1989
Mason City – 1988, 2008
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Abilene – 2017
Belleville – 1990
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Shreveport – 2005
- Maine**
Bangor – 2007
- Maryland**
Frederick – 2010, 2017
- Massachusetts**
Hyannis – 2000
Mansfield – 2008
Plymouth (flyby) – 2000
- Michigan**
Benton Harbor – 2012
Flint – 1999
Grand Rapids – 1983
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Menominee – 2003, 2006
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- Minnesota**
Albert Lea – 2003, 2006
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Alliance – 2011
Beatrice – 2005
Columbus – 2012
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Grand Island – 1977, 1986, 2003
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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
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Laughlin – 1991
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Winnemucca – 1988
- New Mexico**
Albuquerque – 2016
Edgewood (flyby) – 2017
Farmington – 1987
Fort Sumner – 2001
Gallup – 2001, 2012
Las Vegas – 1990, 2002
Los Lunas (flyby) – 2016
Moriarty – 2000
Roswell – 1996
Santa Fe – 1985, 1998, 2017
Santa Teresa – 2006
Silver City – 2002
Socorro (fly by) – 2002
Tucumcari – 1992
- New York**
Binghamton – 1993
Elmira – 2007
Ithaca – 2000
Perry-Warsaw (flyby) – 1999
Saratoga Springs – 2008
- North Carolina**
Asheville – 1993
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Bismarck – 1979
Jamestown – 1997, 2011
- Ohio**
Athens – 2005, 2014
Batavia – 1998, 2001, 2012
Columbus – 1994
Coshocton – 2017
Dayton – 2003
Mansfield – 2000
Millersburg (flyby) – 2017
Toledo – 1977, 1986
Willoughby – 1999
Youngstown – 1989
- Oklahoma**
Ada – 1999, 2006
Ardmore – 2017
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Woodward – 1998, 2013
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Burns – 1995
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Medford – 1977, 1986
Sunriver – 1982
- Pennsylvania**
Altoona – 2003
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North Kingstown – 1993
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Aberdeen – 1995, 2008
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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
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
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New and Returning Awards for the 2018 Race



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 their permanent possession.

Fastest Piper Trophy

Piper Aircraft, Inc. is pleased to continue the Fastest Piper trophy for the 2018 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.



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. 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 2018 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 on Saturday, October 14, 2018. Your VIP Guest ticket will include admission, lunch, dinner and tour. The museum will be inducting the 1962 Musketeer N2303Z (serial number M-6) that ARC racer Gene Nora Jessen piloted around the country when the *Baby Beech* was introduced. The Museum is also home to Louise Thaden's 1936 Bendix Trophy.

Fastest Cessna Award

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

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:

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

2018 Awards

The Top Ten Highest Scoring Race Teams

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

1st Place	\$5,000
2nd Place	\$3,000
3rd Place	\$2,000
4th Place	\$1,500
5th Place	\$950
6th Place	\$700
7th Place	\$600
8th Place	\$500
9th Place	\$400
10th Place	\$350



LEG PRIZES

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

1st Place	\$50 and two medallions
2nd Place	\$40 and two medallions
3rd Place	\$30 and two medallions
4th Place	\$20 and two medallions

Top Ten Winners 2017

1st Place	Dee Bond and McKenzie Krutsinger
2nd Place	Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU – Prescott)
3rd Place	Minnetta Gardinier and Jeneanne Visser
4th Place	Caroline Baldwin and Lydia Baldwin
5th Place	Jenn Lowe and Hannah Burrigh (ERAU – Prescott)
6th Place	Lorraine Denby and Amy Myzie
7th Place	Lara Gaerte and Jo Anne Alcorn
8th Place	Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins and Jenna Annable (Univ North Dakota)
9th Place	Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin and Jami Higdon (Indiana State Univ)
10th Place	Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quant and Maria Walston (Western Michigan Univ)



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 receive cash awards and 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 to make contacts all around the country. Flying the Air Race Classic not only improves piloting skills, it can enhance employment searches after graduation. Any school with an established aviation program is eligible to send a team of female pilots.

The Air Race Classic traces its lineage back to 1929, the year of the first Women's Air Derby. As we approach the 90th anniversary of women's air racing, we celebrate the college students who benefit from the Air Race Classic experience and who will carry on this glorious tradition.

Collegiate Challenge Trophy 2017

- 1st Place – Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU – Prescott)
- 2nd Place – Jenn Lowe and Hannah Burrighat (ERAU – Prescott)
- 3rd Place – Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins, and Jenna Annable (University of North Dakota)
- 4th Place – Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin and Jamie Higdon (Indiana State University)

...More Winners from the Past Ten Years

- 2016 – Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU – Daytona)
- 2015 – Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong (Southern Illinois University – Carbondale)
- 2014 – Nancy Snyder and Valdeta Mehanja (ERAU – Daytona)
- 2013 – Valdeta Mehanja and Danielle Erlichman (ERAU – Daytona)
- 2012 – Danielle Erlichman and Marisha Falk (ERAU – Daytona)
- 2011 – Leah Hetzel and Sarah Morris (Jacksonville University)
- 2010 – Lauren Steele and Allison Springer (Purdue University)
- 2009 – Victoria Dunbar and Jessica Campbell (Indiana State University)
- 2008 – Marisha Falk and Mandy Parsons (ERAU – Daytona)
- 2007 – Katie Sparrow and Marie Janus (Purdue University)

Learn more at <http://www.airraceclassic.org/collegiate.htm>

Auburn University	Kent State University	Texas State Technical College
California Aeronautical University	LeTourneau University	The Ohio State University
Daniel Webster College	Lewis University	University of Central Missouri
Delaware State University	Liberty University	University of Dubuque
Dowling College	Louisiana Tech University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
École nationale d'aérotechnique, Quebec	McGill University	Université de Moncton
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) – Daytona Beach	Metropolitan State College of Denver	University of Nebraska
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) – Prescott	Middle Tennessee State University	University of North Dakota
Florida Institute of Technology	Minnesota State University – Mankato	University of Oklahoma
Indiana State University	Ohio University	Vaughn College
Jacksonville University	Purdue University	Western Michigan University
Kansas State University	Quincy University	Westminster College
	South Dakota State University	
	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale	

Looking Back On Ten Years of Top Ten Air Race Classic Winners 2008 – 2017

2017 Dee Bond and McKenzie Krutsinger; Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU – Prescott); Minnetta Gardinier and Jeneanne Visser; Caroline Baldwin and Lydia Baldwin; Jenn Lowe and Hannah Burright (ERAU – Prescott); Lorraine Denby and Amy Myzie; Lara Gaerte and Jo Anne Alcorn; Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins and Jenna Annable (Univ North Dakota); Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin and Jami Higdon (Indiana State Univ); Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quant and Maria Walston (Western Michigan Univ)

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

2015 Stephanie Armstrong and Jessica Reed (Southern Illinois Univ – Carbondale); Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira and Christina Druskins (Univ North Dakota); Malinda Caywood and Robin Hadfield; Claire Schindler and Erica Diels (ERAU – Prescott); Pam Rudolph and Tookie Hensley; Sarah Wendt and Abigail Pasmore (ERAU – Daytona); Mary Wunder and Juliet Lindrooth; Catherine Sweatt, Melanie Abel and Katelyn Walters; Candace Oldham and Susan Westervelt; JoAnne Alcorn and Gretchen Jahn

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

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

2012 Dianna Stanger and Victoria Holt; Danielle Erlichman and Marisha Falk (ERAU – Daytona); Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr; Arlene Wohlgemuth and Julia Matthews; Malinda Caywood and Susan Beall; Elizabeth Frankowski and Carol Brackley; Joyce Wilson and Janet Yoder; Nicole Lordemann and Tonya Hodson (Kansas State Univ); Marlene Wessel and Kristine Anthony (ERAU – Prescott); Emily Applegate and Zia Safko (Metropolitan State College of Denver)

2011 Leah Hetzel and Sarah Morris (Jacksonville Univ); Alice McCormack and Justyna Kincaid (Univ Illinois – Urbana Champaign); Joyce Wilson and Rebecca Hempel; Camelia Smith and Julia Matthews; Melanie Murdock and Erin Jackson (Southern Illinois Univ – Carbondale); Deborah Dreyfuss, Linda Knowles and Carolyn Bailey; Susan Carastro and Marie Carastro; Safiye Ademoglu and Victoria Dunbar (Florida Institute of Technology); Linda Evans, Alison Chalker and Barbara Strachan; Malinda Caywood and Susan Beall

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

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

2008 Dene Chabot-Fence and Gloria May; Judy Bolkema-Tokar and Ruby Sheldon; Margaret Ringenberg and Carolyn Van Newkirk; Marge Thayer and Helen Beulen; Joyce Wells and Kathy Walton; Dottie Anderson and Jean Sloan; Camelia Smith and Laura Berry; Marisha Falk and Mandy Parsons (ERAU – Daytona); June McCormack and Tookie Hensley; Elaine Roehrig and Marolyn Wilson

*Look back on all 40+ years of Air Race Classic Top Ten Winners (1977-2017)
<http://reports.airraceclassic.org>*

41st Annual ARC Winners – 2017

1



Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger

6



Amy Myzie & Lorraine Denby

2



Rachel Hutzell & Becca Dooling

7



Lara Gaerte & Jo Anne Alcorn

3



Jeneanne Visser & Minnetta Gardinier

8



Emma Kishell, Dana Atkins, & Jenna Annable

4



Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin

9



Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin, & Jami Higdon

5



Jenn Lowe & Hannah Burrigh

10



Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quandt, & Maria Walston

40th Annual ARC Winners – 2016

1



Abbie Pasmore & Emmy Dillon

6



Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson, & Lauren Brown

2



MiJin Kim, Lydia Kost, & Kayleigh Bordner

7



Lydia Baldwin, Caroline Baldwin, & Cara Baldwin

3



Virginie Rollin & Naiara Petralanda

8



Corbi Bulluck & Ramona Banks

4



Dana Atkins, Emma Kishel, & Tina Druskins

9



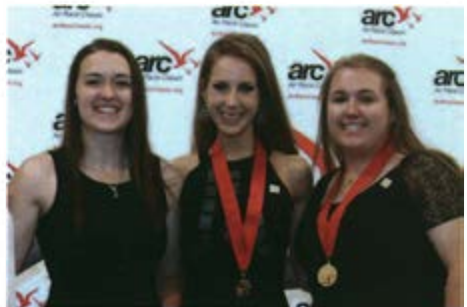
Heather Hill & Alicia Sikes

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Ellen Herr & Terry Carbonell

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