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## **Letter from the President**

Welcome to the 2017 Air Race Classic! This year marks the 41st running of our race — the premier transcontinental speed competition for women pilots. It is the oldest race of its kind in the nation, with roots dating back to the 1929 Women's Air Derby. The current Air Race Classic is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on encouraging and educating women pilots and preserving and promoting the tradition of female aviation pioneers. The 118 ladies who will participate in the 2017 race include some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our country. Blue skies, tailwinds and good luck to each of you!

The Air Race Classic would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our loyal fans and volunteers throughout the country. Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials spend thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing the race. Planning is underway to welcome the teams at this year's Start, Frederick, MD; multiple stops along the route; and the Terminus in Santa Fe, NM. Enroute stops allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and planned overnight stops for the race teams. Since the Start, Terminus and race route changes every year, additional volunteers are recruited at each of these enroute stops, as well as the Start and Terminus, for each year's race. Scores of volunteers across the country are eagerly anticipating the arrival of ARC racers in their hometowns. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers, aircraft inspectors; anything that needs done to make that stop a success. They may be former racers, aviation enthusiasts who follow their hometown racer or team, and pilots willing to travel to the stops to be a part of the competitive camaraderie that is the Air Race Classic. We very much appreciate 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 thank you for your participation in the Air Race Classic, the pinnacle of women's air racing!

> Lara Gaerte ARC President

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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 125 horsepower (HP) and not more than 500 HP may compete 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 and experience. 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 all 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, the teams have four days to fly all race legs and to arrive and cross the Terminus finish line.



# Past Presidents



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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.

# **2017** General Information

### Frederick Municipal Airport (Frederick, MD) + Santa Fe Municipal Airport (Santa Fe, NM)

START

SIARI			
Airplane Inspections	Friday	Jun 16	0800-1700 EDT
ARC Credentials, Start Check-in, Hospitality			0900-1700 EDT
Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials	Saturday	Jun 17	0800-1500 EDT
Start Registration, Hospitality			0900-1500 EDT
Racers Arrival – DEADLINE			1200 EDT
Racers & Youth Aviation Event - "Mingle with the Racers"			1200-1500 EDT
ARC Credentials, Airplane Inspections – CLOSE			1500 EDT
ARC at The Ballpark – "Welcome the Racers" – MANDATORY			1700-2100 EDT
Start Check-in – CLOSE	Sunday	Jun 18	0800 EDT
Collegiate Racers Meeting – MANDATORY			0800-0900 EDT
All Contestants Briefing – MANDATORY			0900-1200 EDT
Timing Technology & Judging Briefing – MANDATORY			1330-1500 EDT
Social Hour & Take-Off Banquet – MANDATORY			1700-2100 EDT
Racer Flyby Briefing – MANDATORY	Monday	Jun 19	0800-0930 EDT
Safety Seminar (WINGS credit) – MANDATORY			0930-1030 EDT
Race Start / Terminus Briefing – MANDATORY			1030-1130 EDT
Weather Briefing			1130-1200 EDT
First-Time Racers Clinic – MANDATORY			1330-1430 EDT
Race Officials Meeting			1500-1530 EDT
All Contestants Final Briefing – MANDATORY			0630-0700 EDT
Start Take-Off			0800 EDT
TERMINU	IS		
Terminus Check-in, Hospitality	Friday	Jun 23	0830-1700 MDT
Racers Finish – DEADLINE			1700 MDT
Meltdown Party			1800-2100 MDT
Terminus Check-in, Hospitality	Saturday	Jun 24	0830-1700 MDT
Airplane Inspections			0900-1200 MDT
Score Sheet Signing, Meeting with Judges			0900-1400 MDT
Racers & Youth Aviation Event – Meet the Racers			1300-1500 MDT
Hiring Fair			1300-1500 MDT
Collegiate Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED			1500-1600 MDT
First-Time Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED			1600-1700 MDT
All Contestants Debriefing – MANDATORY	Sunday	Jun 25	0900-1000 MDT
Social Hour & ARC Awards Banquet - MANDATORY	011105014150		1800-2200 MDT

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### Consider Volunteering for Team ARC - Contact Us!

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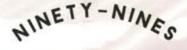
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# The Sugarloaf Ninety-Nines Welcomes Racers to the 41st Annual Air Race Classic

It all started back in 2009, when the Air Race Classic approached the Sugarloaf Chapter about hosting the Terminus of the 2010 race. We eagerly accepted the challenge, and the air racing bug hit us hard! Along with learning host duties, two chapter members, Susan Beall and Lin Caywood, decided to learn to race their planes and have partnered on and off to race almost every year since. The experience was so much fun for the chapter that by 2011 we signed a contract with the ARC to host the Start of the 2017 race.

Our "Small But Mighty" Sugarloaf Chapter is proud to welcome the Air Race Classic back to Frederick to enjoy our hometown. We have some wonderful events lined up for you to enjoy while you are preparing to launch for this year's race, so we hope you take the time to shop, dine, sight-see, take in a ballgame, and experience our hip and historic town.

The Sugarloaf Chapter would not have been able to host the Start without the generous contributions from our Start Sponsors:

Silver Medal: Lin Caywood, Signature Flight Support, AOPA

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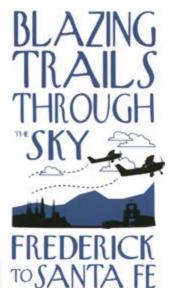
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Not pictured: Kelly Barnhard, Susan Beall, Janet Davidson, Joy Halcott, Marvine Hamner, Cindy Hasselbring, Carolyn Hunker, Victoria Neuville, Keisha Shepherd, Ilana Slotsky, Jill Tallman, Brenda Tibbs, Lisa Wood







AIR RACE CLASSIC 2017

STOPS



# Frederick, MD Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK)

Start Chair: Lin Caywood Start Co-Chair: Susan Beall Airport Manager: Rick Johnson



The Frederick Municipal Airport and The City of Frederick are proud to host the start of the 41st Air Race Classic. Welcome to our city and airport!

Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK) was dedicated in 1949 and the administration building was named in honor of Lt. William T. Delaplaine III, the first Frederick airman killed in World War II. Today, KFDK is the preferred airport in the National Capital Regional for recreational pilots and corporate operators alike. The airport is home to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and offers a federal contract tower, two runways, ILS capability, and a full service FBO. KFDK is conveniently positioned outside the Washington D.C. Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) and is classified as a general aviation reliever airport serving regional and national markets.

The airport is located just east of the thriving historic Downtown Frederick. Frederick is Maryland's second largest city and

provides easy access to centers of business in Washington D.C., Baltimore, and beyond. Frederick is continually recognized nationally for its quality of life and amenities. Recently, it was named one of the "Top 10 Best Downtowns" by Livability.com for the city's historic district bustling with world-class restaurants, shops, and historic sites. We invite you to discover why pilots prefer to Fly Frederick and wish you all a safe and exciting event!

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# Millersburg, OH

## Holmes County Airport (10G) Flyby Only

### Airport Manager: Larry Clark

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If you have the chance to visit, a local treasure not to miss is the Holmes County Trail. Labeled as the first trail in the nation to accommodate Amish buggies, the unique and scenic Holmes County Trail now has 15 miles open from Fredericksburg to Killbuck. Come explore and enjoy the solitude!









Note: This list does not include contributions received after April 15, 2017



# Coshocton, OH

## Richard Downing Airport (140)

Stop Chair: Paula Rumbaugh Airport Manager: Bethel Toler

Welcome to Coshocton, Ohio, and the Richard Downing Airport!

Nestled in the rolling foothills of Appalachian country, Coshocton County is a destination where you will find a restored 1830s canal town, award-winning wineries, tours of the renowned Longaberger Basket factory, and more.

The county of Coshocton, established in 1811, is derived from an Indian word meaning "black bear town." It has grown from a small frontier and farming community to a modern agricultural city. It still has some of the state's richest farm lands as it lies along the Muskingum, Walhonding and Tuscarawas Rivers.

In 1830 a section of the Ohio and Erie Canal opened through the town. Today, we still celebrate our rich history by inviting visitors to take a step back in time in our restored canal town, Roscoe Village. In 1855 railroads were added — Unusual Junction, home to the historic 1895 Fredricktown Station, still pays tribute to these railroads.

The Coshocton County Regional Airport Authority was created in 1965, and with the donation of the 324 acres by the estate of Richard Downing, a Cleveland businessman and aviation enthusiast, the airport opened in 1969. At Richard Downing Airport, we take pride in our fast, friendly and high quality service. We offer full service fueling, airplane tie-downs, a spacious and comfortable terminal building, a pilot lounge with flight planning computers and television, spotless restroom/shower facilities, free coffee and popcorn, a courtesy van, maintenance services provided by Missionary Maintenance Services and rental cars available through Mission Auto Connection.

Located on three acres near the airport is an amphitheater that hosts outdoor entertainment including a July 4th fireworks display, the Wings Over Coshocton Airshow, which has hosted the Navy Tac Demo F-18s and the Air Force A-10 Warthogs, and we are currently planning various drama presentations. Good luck to all ARC teams!

Facility contact: 740-622-2252 Website: www.coshoctoncountyairport.com



STOPS



# Indianapolis Regional Airport (KMQJ)

Stop Chair: Mike Souders Airport Contact: Ryan Maxfield

Welcome to the Indianapolis Regional Airport and Indy Jet! We look forward to welcoming the Air Race Classic to KMQJ. Indianapolis is the "Crossroads of America" located within a one-day drive of most of the U.S. — even shorter by air! It is also home to the world's largest one day sporting event, the Indianapolis 500 run on the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Brickyard. In 2016, the Speedway hosted the 7th round of the Red Bull Air Race World Championship.

Indianapolis Regional Airport (formerly Mount Comfort) is located in Hancock County. It was planned and developed by the Indianapolis Airport Authority in the 1970s to be a premier reliever airport serving general aviation. Capable of serving business jets on the primary runway, and with a crosswind runway to enhance the airport's utility for the smaller users, the airport accommodates a diverse range of aviation users. The largest in a system of reliever airports for Indianapolis International Airport, Indianapolis Regional Airport has significant development potential and has seen many changes in recent years, including a 500' extension of the primary runway and large new corporate aircraft hangars. A new piston/turbine maintenance facility is currently under construction. Located just two miles north of Interstate 70, Indy Regional provides quick and easy access to downtown Indianapolis and the surrounding area.

Indy Jet is your full service FBO on the field. Located a mere twenty minutes from Downtown Indianapolis, we understand that saving time and money is imperative to your operations. Our customer service staff is excited to meet and exceed your expectations.

Our most notable amenities include heated hangars, a pilot's lounge, complimentary gym passes, flight planning room, on-site rental cars, complimentary crew car, Wi-Fi, conference room, and a turbine and piston aircraft service center.

The American Military Heritage Foundation (AMHF), owns a rare Lockheed PV-2 Harpoon, "Hot Stuff," which is located on the field. It has been described as a tailwheel version of the North American B–25 Mitchell. If you have a few minutes during your stay in Indy, consider checking it out. The AMHF is working towards establishing a hangar museum that will showcase aircraft used in our World Wars.

The Indianapolis Aero Club, founded in 1933, is playing a major role in hosting our Air Race Classic stop. This group traces its roots back to the Aero Club of Indianapolis and the 464th Pursuit Squadron of 1922 — nearly 100 years! These pilots and aviation enthusiasts are all about promoting aviation. They are looking forward to the arrival of the ARC racers and planes on the field in June. The club has an active speaker series and scholarship program. It hosts many aviation events from Young Eagles to the Navy's Blue Angels and Air Force Thunderbirds.

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# Decorah, IA Decorah Municipal Airport (KDEH)

### Stop Chair: Jenny Myren Airport Manager: Mike Connell

Decorah arose as a center of many Norwegian settlements in the mid-1800s and is known for its Norwegian-American culture. Luther College was founded in 1861 and continues today as a liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In July, Decorah hosts Nordic Fest, a celebration of Norwegian culture with ethnic dancing, food, and music. The Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum is the largest museum in the U.S. devoted to one single immigrant group.

If you have the time, explore the historic downtown area with its shops and restaurants or enjoy the surrounding parks and bluffs. Decorah has an idyllic setting that attracts canoeists, hikers and bicyclists. The views from the limestone bluffs and the hill overlooking Dunning's Springs Park are inspiring. Enjoy a peaceful walk on the trails of Palisades Park. The historic Ice Cave can be found on the riverside road and still houses ice that appears during the spring thaw and remains into summer.

As you scan the skies around Decorah, keep an eye out for the eagles. The Raptor Resource Project specializes in the preservation of falcons, eagles, ospreys, hawks, and owls. Its mission is to preserve and strengthen raptor populations, expand participation in raptor preservation, and help foster the next generation of preservationists. For several years, millions of viewers tune in to watch the livestream of the Decorah Eagles' nest and maintain a watch for the hatching of the eaglets each spring.

The Decorah Municipal Airport brought air service to Northeast Iowa in 1963 and is nestled in the bluff country just two miles east of Decorah. For over 20 years, Mike Connell and Connell Flying Service has served as the FBO for KDEH. Mike was recently inducted into the Iowa Aviation Museum as a "2nd Generation Pioneer." He flew his first solo flight at age 16 and joined his siblings in the family aviation business, Connell

Aviation. Today, Mike is a nationally-recognized leader and expert in aviation in America with extensive training, certifications, and experience in flight, maintenance, and aircraft restoration. Mike and the Connell Flying Service team will welcome you to Decorah, and we hope that your race plans will allow you to visit, explore, and enjoy Decorah.

### Facility contact: 563-382-8338 Website: www.connellflyingservice.com











# Bemidji, MN Bemidji Regional Airport (KBJI)

### Stop Co-Chairs: Dick Sathers and Karen Weller Airport Executive Director: Karen Weller

Welcome to Bemidji, "First City on the Mississippi" and capital of Minnesota's beautiful Northwoods! Bemidji is a four-season destination for world-class hunting, fishing,

bicycling, boating, and snow sports amid the beauty of pristine waters and towering pines. Take a "selfie" with Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox on the shore of Lake Bemidji. Navigate the slippery rocks at the headwaters of the Mississippi River. "Bemidji" is derived from the Ojibwe (Chippewa) word Bemejigamaug, referring to the lake with water flowing through it (the Mississippi River). Founded in 1897, the settlement had grown around Carson Trading Post on the southern lakeshore. Logging, the principal occupation at that time, attracted the railroads.

Katherine Stinson, aged 19, of Chicago was the first person to fly an airplane in Bemidji on July 3, 1919. She was part of the Stinson "Flying Family". She flew into Bemidji in a Model Curtis J airplane with a Gnome 80 horsepower, air-cooled engine. The Bemidji Civic and Commerce Association presented property to the City of Bemidji in 1932 to operate an airfield. In 1946, Bemidji Airlines began transporting passengers between KBJI and Minneapolis, even stopping in St. Cloud. North Central Airlines continued air service (1952). Today, Delta Air Lines serves BJI daily with two round trips to MSP.

In 1944, the airfield was designated a "secondary defense airport". It was upgraded with two paved, lit runways as well as two turf runways. The turf runways were abandoned in the 1970s and the main runway 13/31 has been extended to 7,002 feet with taxiways. Modern facility upgrades and expansions have included new weather reporting systems, instrument landing systems, a passenger terminal with jet bridge, and the Airport Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) station. In 2009, airport management came under the Bemidji Regional Airport Authority with city and county representatives and the ability to levy its own taxes for sustaining the operations and maintenance of the airport.

KBJI is the fourth busiest commercial service airport in Minnesota serving over 50,000 passengers in 2016. Fifteen businesses are located at KBJI with nearly 350 employees and 62 based aircraft. A 2015 report highlighted that KBJI had a regional economic impact of \$41.6M and supported 798 direct/indirect jobs in the County. Bemidji Aviation Services, Inc. is the FBO on the field and offers a full range of services (fuel, aircraft maintenance, tie-downs, charter flights, aircraft management, aircraft rentals, flight instruction, hangar rentals, rental cars). KBJI has an active and growing GA community that includes the Bemidji Interagency Airtanker Base, two air ambulances, several corporate aircraft/hangars, an aircraft restoration company, a flying club, EAA and the Civil Air Patrol.

For more information, please visit the following websites or call!

Bemidji Regional Airport Facility contact: 218-444-2438 Website: www.bemidjiairport.org

Website: www.visitbemidji.com

Bemidji Aviation Services, Inc. Facility contact: 218-751-1880 Website: www.bemidjiaviation.com











# Spencer, IA Spencer Municipal Airport (KSPW)

Stop Chair: Deb McGee Airport Contacts: Gayle Brandt and Matt Lueck

Welcome to the northwest corner of Iowa, and the City of Spencer. KSPW is an Enhanced Service Airport to accommodate all of your aviation needs. Our airport is also known as the Northwest Iowa Regional Airport serving the Iowa Great Lakes Region of Lake Okoboji and the communities of Spirit Lake, Okoboji, Arnolds Park, Wahpeton

and Milford. Lake Okoboji is a beautiful blue water lake with a depth of 134 feet, great for all water sports, fishing, diving, sailing and more.

The University of Okoboji is a university of fun and recreation! The University of Okoboji is a fictitious university in the Iowa Great Lakes region of the NW corner of Iowa. The university was the creation of three brothers (The Three Sons of their Dad) in the early 1970s, who printed t-shirts with an "official" school crest. The university is home of the undefeated Fighting Phantoms.

We are excited to welcome the participants of the 2017 Air Race Classic to Spencer. We hope you enjoy flying into our airport across the rolling farmlands, many lakes and beautiful wooded shorelines of Iowa." Spencer has been designated a great small art town in America, and Arts on Grand is the center of the local arts scene. Spencer hosts the Clay County Fair, the "World's Greatest County Fair" attracting 300,000+ visitors each September.

Please stop and take the opportunity to visit the FBO – Leading Edge Aviation. LEA offers a variety of services (fuel, hangar, tie-downs, air charter, flight instruction, and aircraft maintenance). You must meet our airport dog, Wrigley, our self-designated greeter!

Iowa Lakes Community College welcomes you to Spencer and the Iowa Great Lakes region for the 2017 Air Race Classic! The aviation and airport management program at Iowa Lakes Community College is proud to be a part of this vibrant area of Iowa. Our program has been training pilots for more than 35 years using well-equipped aircraft. Iowa Lakes was the first college in the nation to secure a Cirrus SR20 airplane for professional student education. In addition, we offer one-on-one flight instruction and our computer testing is FAA approved. Upon graduation, our students can achieve a Private/Commercial license, Instrument/CFI/CFII and or AMEL ratings. They may choose to pursue a four-year aviation degree or other related degrees such as aerospace engineering.

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# Abilene, KS

## Abilene Municipal Airport (K78)

Stop Co-Chairs: Carole Sutton and Jim Curtis Airport Manager: Jim Curtis

Abilene native and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower created the country's Interstate System, but that's only one way to visit Abilene! Fly into Abilene, Kansas during the 2017 Air Race Classic.

Located at the end of the Chisholm Trail, visitors to Abilene can arrive by air, car, train, rail and trail.

The City of Abilene owns the Abilene Municipal Airport located about one mile southwest of Abilene.

Activated in 1946, the airport has a 4100' runway for small jets and aircraft. The airport is operated by Abilene Flying Services, which is owned and operated by Jim Curtis. The airport is available for general aviation needs.

As you fly over Abilene on your way to K78, make sure to watch for the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood home including an 11-foot-tall bronze statue of Abilene's five-star General.

Take advantage of the Abilene Municipal Airport's courtesy cars and enjoy other area attractions including: historic Seelye Mansion, Great Plains Theatre, C.W. Parker Carousel, Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, Old Abilene Town and the Greyhound Hall of Fame.

Dining options include the world famous finalist for the 8 Wonders of Kansas, cuisine winner, Brookville Hotel. And before you leave, don't forget to grab a special treat fresh from the chocolatiers at Russell Stover Candies!

For more information about Abilene, please visit: www.AbileneKansas.org or Facebook at: Visit Abilene Kansas.

Facility contact: 785-263-3970 Website: www.abilenecityhall.com/index.aspx?NID=379

# Ardmore, OK

## Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport (1F0)

Stop Co-Chairs: Rusty Noble and Chase Tindle Airport Manager: Chase Tindle

Welcome, racers, to the Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport! Our quaint airport has been serving the Ardmore area for decades and is a place where a passion for aviation meets true Southern hospitality.

The airport serves a multitude of aviation operations including corporate traffic, flight instruction, recreational flights, and air ambulance services. As part of the National Airspace System, Ardmore Downtown boasts a 5,000' runway, two instrument approaches, a massive apron area, and friendly FBO staff with some of the best fuel prices around! The facility is nestled neatly on the southern end of the City of Ardmore.

Ardmore is a place for explorers, a haven for those who love to discover what's beneath the surface. With our centuries-old streets, storied train depot, authentic shops, repurposed buildings, and homegrown cuisine, the mystique of a city re-inventing itself is everywhere in Ardmore. And although our town isn't the biggest dot on the map, it's the perfect place for someone who knows that it's not the size of the town, but the character beneath it that matters — a true hidden gem.

A gateway city, Ardmore greets visitors traveling by car on I-35 or by rail on Amtrak. In between these two major transportation byways lies a confident community with a bold vision and an independent spirit. Ardmore was built by entrepreneurs filled with dreams and the drive to make them true. Today, Ardmore's new pioneers are forging their own way, reimagining this proud city and reshaping its bright future.

Art and architecture, boutiques and ballparks, pizza and prime rib, coffeehouses and craft beer, lakes and shakes, ritz and rodeo, quaint and quirky. You can find it all here, in the place where eastern Oklahoma ingenuity meets western Oklahoma independence.

From its pioneering spirit to its modern outlook, this southern Oklahoma community is a not-so-hidden gem of the Sooner State.

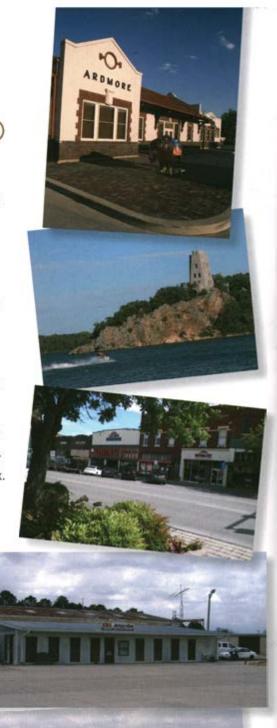
For more information on the airport or the Ardmore area, please visit any of the websites listed below or call:

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce – 580-223-7765 www.ardmore.org

The City of Ardmore, Oklahoma – 580-226-2100 www.ardmorecity.org

We look forward to being a host city for this year's Air Race Classic!

Facility contact: 580-223-5500 Website: www.kmaaviation.com







# Plainview, TX Hale County Airport (KPVW)

Stop Co-Chairs: Stacie Hardage and Phyllis Wall Airport Manager: Stacie Hardage

Conveniently located halfway between Houston and Denver and halfway between Dallas and Albuquerque, the Plainview/Hale County Airport is home to over 60 aircraft and sees numerous jet, multi-engine and helicopter landings each month. In recent years, the airport has seen a significant increase in transit traffic due to competitive fuel prices and ease of use, including amenities such as super-fast fueling trucks and a ground power unit (GPU). The airport is able to provide services to these cross-country planes affordably and efficiently because of the excellent working relationship between the city, county, and Rocket Aviation, LP, the sole fixed based operator at the Plainview/Hale County Airport. The staff at Rocket Aviation strives for friendliness and hospitality and enjoys meeting and assisting customers in any way they can.

Plainview/Hale County Airport continues making improvements to the facility that opened following the close of World War II. As part of the recently completed airfield paving and lighting improvement project, the Plainview/Hale County Airport will be among the first general aviation fields in the nation to have new LED lighting on its runways. The overall, multiphase project, which began in the spring of 2016, includes rehabilitating both runways, replacing taxiway signs and installing new LED lighting on both runways as well as resurfacing taxiways and ramp areas. Paving materials from the project were recycled to surface a new perimeter road on the northeast side of the airport.

The Plainview/Hale County Airport enjoys participating in community activities, both locally and regionally, including competitive fly-in events, and is honored to be stop number eight for the 2017 Air Race Classic. We wish all of the teams a fun and safe race!

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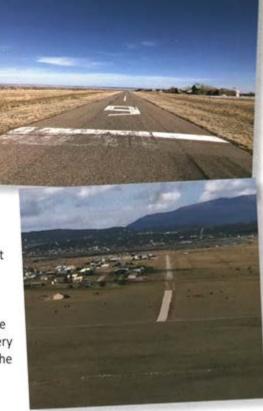
# Edgewood, NM Sandia Airpark Estates East Airport (1N1)

## Flyby Only

### Airport Managers: Kelly and Kay Tanis

Sandia Airpark Estates East Airport is located in Edgewood, New Mexico, "Where the Mountains Meet the Plains on Historic Route 66". The airpark offers unrestricted views of the surrounding mountains, plains and wildlife. Sandia Airpark (1N1) was founded in 1985 as a private strip for local aviators. Located just 25 miles east of Albuquerque and 45 miles south of Santa Fe, the Airpark is now mainly used for locals commuting to and from Los Alamos labs.

After your final flyby here, as you head to Santa Fe, look for these points of interest from the air: leaving 1N1 to the north you will pass three mountains called South Mountain, San Pedro, and Ortiz. South Mountain was a hide-out for outlaws and rustlers. San Pedro was a gold mining area — you can see several mines there. A 9-oz. gold nugget was found there in the late 1980s. Ortiz Mountain has many mine openings, too, including one open pit mine. This was the first large Spanish discovery in North America. It is considered the source of gold that financed this portion of the Santa Fe Trail. Thomas Edison had a laboratory here for separating gold from ore. Where SH 344 turns east for a short distance, look along that easterly line and you can see waving lines of an 1860 military wagon road to Kansas.



Sandia Airpark maintains a single, 4830' x 30' paved runway (9-27) and 100LL fuel. CTAF is 122.8.

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# Air Race Classic WELCOME TO SANTA FE THE CITY DIFFERENT

On behalf of the citizens of our historic community, welcome to Santa Fe. We're honored that you have chosen Santa Fe as the Terminus Stop for The 2017 Air Race Classic.

Santa Fe has been known as "The City Different" for over a century and wherever you turn, you're sure to discover why. While your senses will be thrilled by our food, art, outdoors, wellness offerings and shopping, we encourage you to get more involved. Santa Fe is a place of going deeper—of learning and becoming a participant in authentic traditions and culture.

Try our savory Northern New Mexican food, but also take a cooking class so you can make tamales and chile yourself. Purchase art to enjoy forever, but why not take a southwestern art class and discover how the masters do it? Don't miss the amazing Meow Wolf Art Complex and tour The House Of Eternal Return where you'll become part of this incomparable 21st century art masterpiece installation.

For sure see Flamenco dancing, but step up and learn some moves! When you get a Santa Fe Margarita Trail Passport, it has all the recipes, but don't stop there. Chat up the bartenders on the Trail for that extra secret to delighting your friends back home. Our outdoors tour guides will teach you how to hike, bike, fish, raft, and horseback ride the astonishingly diverse and breathtaking land that surrounds us. Likewise, our wellness practitioners will reveal life-changing knowledge and techniques that go back centuries.



You'll find Santa Feans eager to meet you and share their city, traditions and secrets. We want you to return home with brilliant memories but also new ways of keeping the Santa Fe spirit alive in your world.

Bienvenidos-Welcome to The City Different.

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# Santa Fe, NM Santa Fe Municipal Airport (KSAF)

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Terminus Chair: Susan Larson Terminus Co-Chair: Robin Smith Airport Manager: Cameron Humphres

Welcome to Santa Fe Municipal Airport!

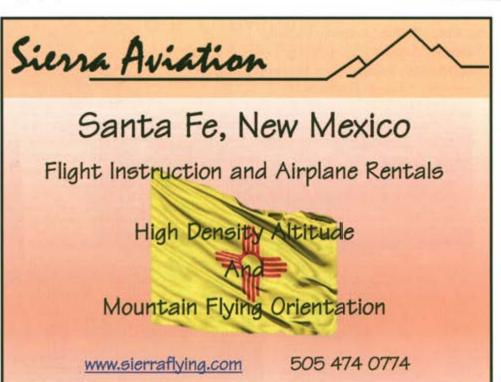
Our small but extremely active airport is thrilled to be the Terminus for this year's Air Race Classic – racers are in for a treat! The city of Santa Fe sits at the base of soaring Sangre de Cristo Mountains in central New Mexico. Founded as a Spanish colony in 1610, Santa Fe embodies a rich history, melding Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures and is renowned for its pueblo-style architecture, colorful markets, traditional and contemporary art, amazing cuisine, and unparalleled outdoor adventures – such as hiking, mountain biking, and climbing.

Santa Fe is ranked as the #1 Cultural Getaway by Travel + Leisure, Best High Altitude City by National Geographic, and Best Small Town

Weekend Destination by Condé Nast Traveler. With all that it has to offer and 320 sunny days per year, Santa Fe is a magical, exuberant, colorful, world-class travel destination.

We are excited for racers to see for themselves why Santa Fe is known as "The City Different". We wish all racers the best of luck, favorable tailwinds, clear skies, and a perfect arrival at SAF!

Facility contact: 505-780-4455 Website: www.santafenm.gov /m/airport



# Volunteers - Behind the Scenes of the ARC - Thank You to Everybody!

The Air Race Classic is an annual event that takes a yearround 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 are volunteers shouldering the responsibility and reaping the reward of sponsoring the race because they believe in its value to both general aviation and women in aviation.

Every year, the Air Race Classic organization strives to keep its operations up to date 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:

- FINANCING Advertising; Sponsors; Silent Auction; Grants; Endowment Fund; Sales
- MARKETING ARC Promotion; Trade Shows and Conferences; Racer Promotion; ARC Program; Awards and Prizes
- SUPPORT Documents and Databases; Website; ARC History; Thank Yous
- ROUTE Enroute Stop Volunteer Coordination; Flyby Design; FAA Waivers
- SCORING Timing Coordination; Scoring; Timing Technologies
- RACERS Entry Administration; Mother Bird Program; Credentials; Scholastic Outreach

- AIRPLANE Airplane Entry; Inspection; Handicaps; New Airplane Technology
- EDUCATION Safety; Briefings; First Timers/Refresher; Public Education/Youth; Educational Videos
- 9. START/TERMINUS Route Selection; Start/Terminus Liaison
- SAFETY Safety Officer; Race Central; Race Safety Oversight
- 11. GOVERNANCE Rules; Judging; Treasury
- MEDIA Social Media; Press Releases; Publications (electronic, paper)

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.

### Special Thank You To The Volunteers

We would love to list all our volunteers and thank them by name, but the program just isn't big enough. Still, their hard work is not forgotten. A special thank you to each and every one of you. Without your time and dedication, this race would not happen.



# 2017 Route Map – June 20-23



# Designated Airports on the Route

Airports	5	Nautical	Statute
KFDK	Frederick Municipal Airport, Frederick, MD	0	0
10G	Holmes County Airport, Millersburg, OH *	221	254
140	Richard Downing Airport, Coshocton, OH	0	0
KMQJ	Indianapolis Regional Airport, Indianapolis, IN	185	212
KDEH	Decorah Municipal Airport, Decorah, IA	333	383
KBJI	Bemidji Regional Airport, Bemidji, MN	288	331
KSPW	Spencer Municipal Airport, Spencer, IA	261	300
K78	Abilene Municipal Airport, Abilene, KS	272	313
1F0	Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport, Ardmore, OK	285	327
KPVW	Hale County Airport, Plainview, TX	228	262
1N1	Sandia Airpark Estates East Airport, Edgewood, NM*	226	260
KSAF	Santa Fe Municipal Airport, Santa Fe, NM	0	0
	*Flyby only Total Race Distance	e 2,299	2,642

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# **Classic Racer #01**

## Marin Magic Piper Cherokee PA28-180

### Susan Royce and Lisa Johnson

Welcome the first-time team of Susan Royce (Mill Valley, CA) and Lisa Johnson (Novato, CA) to the Air Race Classic!

Susan holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 560 hours in her logbook. Though this is her first time flying the ARC, she has raced before: Susan and her mother flew in the 1976 Powder Puff Derby from

Sacramento, CA, to Wilmington, DE, and the 1978 Angel Derby in Dallas, TX, to Freeport, Bahamas.

She is celebrating her 20th year as the founder and owner of one of the few woman-owned financial printing companies in the country, specializing in public finance. When she's not flying her Cherokee, she enjoys visiting family and friends, gardening, bicycling, hiking and cooking. She loves flying in a friend's CJ-6 vintage Yak — especially during formation flying practice.

Susan is a member of the Marin County chapter of the 99s.

Lisa is a Private pilot, single-engine land, and a member of the Marin County chapter of the 99s, with 180 hours under her belt. A professional photographer, she specializes in business portraits, events and old photo restoration.

Lisa is racing to become a better pilot, to make new friends and deepen relationships with old ones, and to step outside her comfort zone for a lifetime experience. Said Lisa, "I feel very fortunate to have amazing opportunities in life and never take them for granted."

Her father was a Private pilot while she was growing up, and she has always wanted to share that experience with her son, Dylan, who is now 10. The two of them love to travel, ski, golf, bike and play baseball.

Elly Beinhorn (1907–2007) German enthusiast who made long-distance flights in every continent and flew around the world.



# **Classic Racer #02**

## Over the Moon! Mooney 201 M20J

### Alicia Sikes and Nancy Rohr

Alicia Sikes (Quakertown, PA) is flying the ARC for the fourth time. She holds an Airline 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, and a DC3 type rating, and 20,060 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!"

Alicia has a master's degree in digital forensics at Champlain College and likes to play tennis and ice hockey. She also runs a company that has airplanes available for leaseback. Alicia is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

Nancy Rohr (Bear, DE) returns for her third Air Race Classic. Nancy is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine land, 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.

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Margaret Adams Australian aviator, first president of the Australian Women's Flying Club in 1938

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# Classic Racer #03 Misplaced Mooney Girls Cessna Skylane 182P

### Gretchen Jahn and Jan McKenzie

Veteran racer **Gretchen Jahn** (Broomfield, CO) is back for her 22nd ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,940 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 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 the Colorado chapter of the 99s, and is a former ARC director.

Welcome Jan McKenzie (Fort Collins, CO) to her first Air Race Classic! 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 complex and high-performance endorsements and 2,630 hours logged. Jan is also a Private helicopter pilot.

For more than 34 years, Jan made her career in the semiconductor industry, primarily managing design and manufacturing groups. Now, she is immersed in aviation, and is racing in the ARC 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 #04 Kent State University Flying Flashes Cessna Skyhawk 172S

### Jaila Manga and Helen Miller

Jaila Manga (Lower Burrell, PA) is back for her second ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 285 hours logged. She is studying in the aeronautics program at Kent State, where she started flying in 2014.

Said Jaila, "I raced for the first time last year and had an awesome experience. I am excited to see what this year's race will be like compared to last year's!"

Originally from Pittsburgh, Jaila enjoys the outdoors. Her ultimate career goal is to become an airline pilot and travel the world. She is a member at large of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first Air Race Classic for Helen Miller (Springfield, OH). Welcome!

Helen has a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 356 hours in her logbook. She took her first flight when she was two weeks old in her family's twin Comanche and has been to Oshkosh practically every year since she was born. "The ARC", she said, "is a great opportunity to build time and gain experience that just can't be found in a classroom."

Helen did her first solo in 2016 in a Piper Colt and is currently studying flight technology and management studies at Kent State. She hopes one day to follow in her father's footsteps and fly for a major airline. Helen is a member of KSU Flying Black Squirrels chapter of Women in Aviation International.



# Classic Racer #05 Acute Phase Reactants Beechcraft Sierra C24R

### Royce Clifford and Melissa Sliffe

Royce Clifford (Encinitas, CA) returns for her ninth ARC. She is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 1,600 hours flown. A retired Navy flight surgeon, Royce was the third female senior medical officer aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier George Washington (CVN-73) from 2007-09. She has flown in F-18s, F-16s, F-15s, F-5s and in an EA-6B Prowler for cat shots, and she flew a C-130 over Saudi Arabia in 2013.

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

Currently employed by the Veterans Administration, Royce conducts research in noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano. Royce is a member of the Palomar chapter of the 99s.

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Melissa Sliffe** (Vista, CA). Melissa is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor certificates, complex and high-performance endorsements, a jet type rating and 3,480 hours logged. She is an independent flight instructor who has worked as a personal pilot for a land developer in Baja California, a corporate pilot flying out of Orange and L.A. counties, and most recently as an air boss/flight ops for an electric company, using a variety of helicopters in the construction of 500 kV transmission towers.

Melissa is also an aviculturalist, raising game birds — pheasants, quail and chukar partridges — for responsible hunters wishing to train and maximize their bird dogs, preventing the loss of wild natural coveys. She also has a kennel where she breeds, raises and trains German shorthaired pointers for hunting.

Melissa is a member of the Palomar chapter of the 99s.

Eileen Collins Former test pilot and NASA astronaut who was the first female pilot and first female commander of a Space Shuttle.



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# **Classic Racer #06**

### The Naviators North American Navion NA-145

### Ailsa Moseley Cutting and Paige Attaway

This is the first Air Race Classic for Ailsa Moseley Cutting (Wellington, FL) and Paige Attaway (West Palm Beach, FL). Welcome!

Ailsa holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 500 hours flown. Said Ailsa, "I love to fly and I love to compete. I am excited for the opportunity to broaden my

knowledge, fly in new territories, meet new people and visit parts of our country that I haven't seen before." She is a member of the Florida Goldcoast chapter of the 99s.

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.

Ailsa owns a tennis management business and is a sanctioned tournament director for the United States Tennis Association. She also founded a flying club and plans trips and events for their members. Previously, she was responsible for the worldwide corporate sales for the International Desalination Association.

Paige is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements and 160 hours in her logbook. Why is she racing? "For the opportunity to challenge myself and complete something that not many people have done or will ever do. I look forward to the adventure of it all and the gained experience, both in flying and in life."

Paige graduated in 2013 from the University of Florida with a degree in aerospace engineering. Currently, she works as a marketing engineer for Dayton Granger, a Fort Lauderdale-based aerospace company; previously, she was an engineer in the flight test department at Sikorsky Aircraft.

When she's not flying, Paige enjoys playing racket sports and beach volleyball. Said Paige, "I'm constantly on the go and enjoy planning for the next event whether it be a big ordeal (the ARC) or a casual weekend away." She is a member of the Treasure Coast chapter of the 99s.



# Classic Racer #07 7th Heaven

Cirrus SR-22 G2

### Connie Smith and Mari Kooi

Connie Smith (Austin, TX) and Mari Kooi (Santa Fe, NM) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Connie is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land. She holds a current instrument rating as well as complex and high-performance endorsements, and has logged 600 hours — though she started flying only two years ago.

Connie has a Ph.D. in computer science and specializes in software performance engineering. Currently, she works for a computer technology company doing research and development, consulting and teaching.

Though this is her first airplane competition, Connie is an experienced racer, having won two Sports Car Club of America national championships in autocross racing. But, she said, "I find flying much more interesting." She is a member of the Rio Grande Norte chapter of the 99s.

Mari holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 300 hours in her logbook. She is racing to improve her piloting skills, meet other pilots, and have a great deal of fun. Said Mari, "I am looking forward to the humorous parts of the race!"

Mari is the retired (2015) CEO/CIO and founder of Wolf Asset Management International, which managed assets for institutional clients around the world. She has traveled extensively in more than 100 countries and particularly enjoys exploring remote areas of the world. "I like to experience life in many dimensions," Mari said, "including flying above the ground and diving below the sea."

Aviation is a family tradition for Mari — she is related to the Wright brothers through her great-grandmother Lennie Ellen Wright. Mari is a member of the Rio Grande Norte chapter of the 99s.



# Classic Racer #08 Purdue University Cirrus SR-20

### Mary McCarty and Alyssa Harvey

Mary McCarty (West Lafayette, IN) is back for her second ARC. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, she has a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 340 hours logged. Mary is a flight instructor at Purdue, where she is entering her fourth year as a professional flight student. Asked why she is racing, Mary said, "I can't imagine passing up the opportunity to fly

across the country with other women who share my passion for aviation!"

During last year's race, her team was excited to fly into Daytona Beach for the first time, and they decided to record the approach on their GoPro. "The only problem was that it was stored in the back of the plane," said Mary, "so we now have a picture of me diving face-first into the baggage compartment!"

Mary was inspired to enter aviation by her grandfather, who flew C130s in Vietnam, and she earned her Private while she was still in high school. Now, they shoot approaches together in his Cessna 172 whenever she's home from college. Mary is an officer of Purdue's student-run flying club and a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Alyssa Harvey (Crown Point, IN) to her first ARC! Alyssa holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 131 hours in her logbook. She is studying Professional Flight, with a minor in Spanish, and helped organize Girls in Aviation Day for grades 3-8 for the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation. She also has interned at a local flight school, assisting with logistics.

Said Alyssa, "I enjoy competition, and it's an honor to represent Purdue University in the Air Race Classic. The air race represents everything that I love about flying — freedom and adventure, the excitement and challenge of visiting new places and gaining new experiences to grow as a pilot."

When she's not flying, she enjoys yoga, rock climbing, hiking, playing golf and gardening. She belongs to Global Connect, a group that reaches out to international students, plans activities and celebrates other cultures. Last summer, she taught kids life lessons through the game of golf as a First Tee coach/mentor.

Jacqueline Auriol (1917–2000) French test pilot who rivalled Jacqueline Cochran in breaking speed records.





# Classic Racer #09 Cardinal Cruisers Cessna Cardinal 177B

### Minnetta Gardinier and Jeneanne Visser

Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa City, IA) is back for her 10th ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 1,822 hours logged. She is a member of the Iowa chapter of the 99s. Said Minnetta, "I've flown the ARC 2008-2016. Each race is a new adventure, and each race introduces me to new flying experiences and new friends in aviation. I return to this race each year for the great fun, friendship and flying that it offers. It's a blast to reconnect with past racers and to meet new racers."

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

Minnetta is an associate professor of pharmacology at University of Iowa, teaching pharmacology and neuroscience to medical, pharmacy and graduate students, and instructing graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in responsible and ethical conduct of research. But, she said, "Flying is my number one hobby, and it continues to encroach into my life in other ways — local airport commission, 99s, EAA." She also enjoys travel (preferably in her own plane), reading, gardening and attending theater and performing arts events around the Iowa City area. She is an Air Race Classic Director, Governor of the North Central Section 99s and a member of the Iowa chapter.

Jeneanne Visser (Grimes, IA) is flying the Air Race Classic for the second time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 288 hours in her logbook. Said Jeneanne, "I race for the experience, the opportunity to learn from others, and the opportunity to share my passion for aviation with others in the race, the volunteers and the public. I've volunteered in three ARCs and flew my first ARC in 2015. I can't wait to experience the race again!"

During the 2015 race, her team ordered sandwiches while waiting out weather but then made a quick decision to depart. They paid for the yet-to-arrive sandwiches and donated them to the volunteers. "We won a leg prize on that leg", said Jeneanne. "So glad we opted to go hungry!"

She had wanted to fly since she was in grade school. Said Jeneanne, "My uncle had a 170B and a grass field on his farm, so the seed was planted. Thirty-five years later, I decided I would never have time and money, but it was time, so here I am!" Jeneanne is senior underwriter for a mortgage company and enjoys riding her Harley, taking photographs, target shooting and golfing. She is a member of the Iowa chapter of the 99s.



# **Classic Racer #10**

Cirrusly Cirrus SR-22

### Tracy Lovness and Sherri Taylor

Tracy Lovness (Stillwater, MN) returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. Tracy is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 1,150 hours flown. She is competing because she finds the ARC a challenging, exhilarating learning experience.

Tracy has visited 85 countries on all seven continents, and she and

her husband, Pat, who is also a pilot, regularly fly their Cirrus throughout Canada, the Continental U.S., Alaska and the Bahamas.

Other than aviation, Tracy's interests include reading, fitness and foreign language study. She is a member of the Minnesota chapter of the 99s, the Stars of the North chapter of Women in Aviation International, the AirSpace Minnesota Founding Flyers Society, the Minnesota Pilots Association and the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association.

Sherri Taylor (Suwanee, GA) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Sherri holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, advanced ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, and 1,500 hours logged. She is co-owner of a flight school and is working on her flight instructor certificate. Said Sherri, "I am looking forward to the camaraderie and challenge of the long cross-country."

Sherri is involved in the Cirrus Owners & Pilots Association Pilot Proficiency Program and is a member of the Georgia chapter of the 99s. She enjoys reading when she's not flying — but she noted, she's working on her CFI — "so there is no time for anything else!"



# **Classic Racer #11** Team Wild Mama Cessna Skylane RG R182

### Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr

Terry Carbonell (Tavernier, FL) returns to ARC for the 11th time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with 2,860 hours in the air and holds singleengine land and sea and multi-engine land certificates, instrument flight and ground instructor credentials, and complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements. A former attorney, building and demolition contractor, asbestos and hazardous materials remediation contractor,

truck driver, flight instructor and scuba diving instructor, Terry is currently a contract pilot flying mosquito-control missions.

Said Terry, "Racing has become my annual birthday ritual. What could be a better celebration of life than flying around the country with 150 of your best girlfriends?" ARC has been a great educational experience for Terry, who has been fortunate to marry ARC events with youth aviation education and her nonprofit, Aviation Adventures.

Terry lives in the Florida Keys on a runway with "Wild Mama." She also likes scuba diving, hiking, biking and quilting, and is chief of staff to her cat, Stubby. Terry is a member of the Paradise Coast chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Ellen Herr (Fort Myers, FL) is flying the ARC for the seventh time. An instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 2,055 hours logged, she is co-chair of the Paradise Coast chapter of the 99s.

Said Ellen, "Racing sharpens my decision-making skills and ability to apply my training to the VFR flying environment."

Ellen is a retired physical therapist who now volunteers for Angel Flight, Aviation Adventures and Pilots N Paws — where she met her retriever, Penny. For the past five years, she has co-hosted the Aviation Study Group, an informal-scenario based pilots' discussion group. When she's not flying, Ellen enjoys kayaking,

reading, gardening, traveling and hiking.

Micky Axton (1919–2010) One of the first three Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) to be trained as a test pilot and the first woman to fly a B-29.





# Classic Racer #12 Freakin' Awesome Cessna Skylane 182T

### Lin Caywood and Janet Davidson

Lin Caywood (Frederick, MD) is flying the Air Race Classic for the seventh time. An Instrument-rated Private pilot, she has single-engine land and sea certificates, a high-performance endorsement and 1,635 hours logged. Asked why she races, Lin said, "I enjoy meeting new racers and reconnecting with returning racers that share the same passion for flying and competitive spirit that drives us to participate in this very unique sport."

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. "Flying is my passion," she said. "I volunteer with the ARC and the 99s so I can share my love for flying with others and volunteer with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) to give back while flying. I also love taking kids for a Young Eagles first flight in my plane their faces light the sky."

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. and specializes in management of defaulted residential real estate.

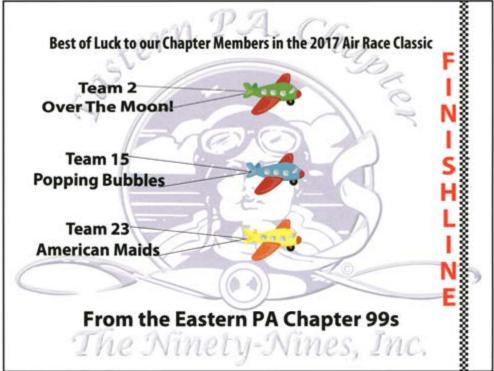
Janet Davidson (Union Bridge, MD) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Janet is an Airline Transport Pilot with single-engine land and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating and 9,700 hours under her belt. She flew for airlines in the United Kingdom and Europe and owned a Nanchang CJ-6A, which she brought to the States when she moved here. She lived in Oshkosh, WI, for 12 years and flew Parts 91 and 135.

Currently, Janet works doing sales for Scheme Designers — but she plans to return to her flying career ASAP! She is a member of the Sugarloaf chapter of the 99s.

Her hobbies include riding horses and taking care of her dogs. Her mottos: "Life's too short for ironing," and "Try something at least once!"







# **Classic Racer #14** Liberty Belles I Liberty University Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III

### Keegan Starkey, Jodi Yoder and Audrey Rabe

Welcome Keegan Starkey (DeMotte, IN) to her first ARC! Keegan is a senior at Liberty who works at the university's School of Aeronautics. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 230 hours logged. Flying runs in her family. Her grandfather started a

charter service and later opened a flight school. When she started flying herself, she didn't really enjoy it, just thought of it as a useful tool. But when she started her cross-countries, she fell in love!

Keegan is a member of the Indiana Dunes chapter of the 99s and the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Jodi Yoder (Lynchburg, VA) returns for her second Air Race Classic. A Commercial pilot, single-engine land, Jodi is an instrument flight instructor at Liberty with a complex certificate, a current instrument rating and 750 hours flown. She has been instructing since 2013 and hopes one day to own her own plane and use it to teach others to fly.

After high school, Jodi spent a gap year backpacking everywhere from New Zealand to India to Japan. She has a passion for everything international: food, people, language and cultures. Jodi loves mentoring younger girls and inspiring them to dream big. She is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first ARC for **Audrey Rabe** (Newbury, OH). Audrey is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 185 hours in her logbook. A senior at Liberty, she is working on her Commercial and multi-engine certificates and hopes to earn an Airframe & Powerplant mechanic's certificate soon after graduation. Her career goal is to become a missionary pilot in remote areas of the world.



# Classic Racer #15 Popping Bubbles

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### Mary Wunder and Ariel Tweto

Mary Wunder (Collegeville, PA) returns for her 10th Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, highperformance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,250 hours flown. She is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

Asked why she flies the ARC, Mary said, "I race because it's so much fun. 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 of Aviation Adventures, and teaches homeopathy. Said Mary, "I want every little girl to know she can fly."

Welcome Ariel Tweto (Anchorage, AK) to her first ARC! Ariel holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 150 hours in her logbook. She is known to TV audiences from the show "Flying Wild Alaska," about her family's aviation business, which she helped develop.

Ariel founded and runs a nonprofit called Popping Bubbles that works with communities in the Arctic to help combat critical issues such as suicide and substance abuse. She is racing to bring awareness to her charity and to help "Pop" the aviation "Bubble." Ariel is developing a new show about aviation that highlights the different career opportunities in the flying world, to hopefully boost people's interest in aviation.

Said Ariel, "I love nature, traveling, flying with different people, learning about different cultures, and being with my friends and family. I also really enjoy being in the water, hiking, and running. I haven't missed a day of running since August 2001!" She is a member of the Alaska chapter of the 99s.



### **Classic Racer #16** Liberty Belles II Liberty University Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III

#### Katelyn Wagner and Allison Grubb

Katie Wagner (Newton Grove, NC) is back for her second Air Race Classic. Katie is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, who has a current instrument rating, flight instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements and 428 hours logged. Said Katie,

"I am looking forward to seeing all the racers again. I learned so much last year and can't wait to see what happens this year."

Katie works as a flight instructor for Liberty University School of Aeronautics and is a senior majoring in aeronautical aviation with a specialization in commercial/corporate aviation. She enjoys being outdoors and spending time with friends.

Katie is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Allie Grubb (Duluth, GA) to her first ARC! A Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 247 hours in her logbook, Allie became interested in aviation when she was 13 and has wanted to fly the ARC since she heard about it in high school. Now, here's her chance!

She is a senior studying aeronautics and pursuing a career in corporate aviation — though she is keeping an open mind to other aviation options. Said Allie, "I always find it amusing being an aeronautics major when I am able to fly to another state and back before most college students are even awake. One time, I had to email a professor that I would be late for class because of weather."

Allie's father was a C-205 pilot. She flew with him when she was growing up, but she never realized she could also become a pilot until she read "Flygirl," a novel about a woman who joins the Women's Airforce Service Pilots program. She is a member of the Liberty University chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Pancho Barnes (1901–1975) Granddaughter of balloonist Thaddeus Lowe, she founded the Women's Air Reserve, Associated Motion Picture Pilots and became the "Mother of the Air Force".





# **Classic Racer #19** No Stinkin' Flight Plan Cessna Skylane RG R182

### Lara Gaerte and JoAnne Alcorn

ARC President Lara Gaerte (Fort Wayne, IN) is flying the race for the seventh time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single/multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with a current instrument rating; multi-engine and instrument flight instructor, and advanced/instrument ground instructor certificates; complex, high-performance, tailwheel and skydiver credentials, and 8,676 hours logged. A mom, FBO owner/

manager, a master CFI, Waco ride pilot and corporate pilot, Lara is racing for the challenge and sense of accomplishment," and to rediscover the joy and excitement that hides in all that hard work."

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

Lara has been making her living in aviation since 2000, when she was laid off from a safe but boring cubicle job — and she's never looked back. "My vacation every year is the Air Race Classic, so I'm really excited to be a racer this year as well as your president," she said. "In my little bits of spare time, I like to take 20-minute vacations in my Piper Cub." Lara is a member of the Three Rivers chapter of the 99s.

Jo Alcorn (Winter Haven, FL) returns for her 10th Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 1,820 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."

Said Jo, "It's great to meet up along the race route with other racers and hear their hilarious stories. But what an event the Newberry 11 was in 2012, when 11 race teams had to wait for fog to lift! A surprised FBO dog, Blueberry, entertained us all."

Since retiring as an IT manager in 2001, Jo has worked with her husband in a number of aviation businesses, the latest and most rewarding being testing and certifying prospective airplane 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.

Lilian Bland (1878–1971) Built her own aircraft and was the first woman to fly in Ireland.





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# Classic Racer #20 DC3 Cessna Skylane 182T

### Debi Dreyfuss and Patricia Manos-Kraemer

Debi Dreyfuss (Potomac, MD) returns to the ARC for the eighth time. With 2,200 hours under her belt, Debi is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating and single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land, flight instructor, and complex, high-performance, tailwheel and formation flying credentials. She is a member of the Washington DC chapters of the 99s and 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. 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, because of snow and ice. 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 new Piper Mirage. She is also teaching her grandson to fly.

Pat Kraemer (Germantown, MD) is flying her second ARC after a seven-year hiatus. She has a Commercial certificate, single-engine land and sea, flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,500 hours in her logbook.

Why is Pat racing? "For the escape into something I love to do (fly), the challenge of perfection (opportunity to put my skills/ training to work) and the thrill/ therapy of seeing our country from the air. And, of course, being able to be with this amazing and unique group of sister-pilots." The first time Team DC3 raced in 2010, "it was all so new — we were so green, trying to be organized and fly our best race. The whole race was a hoot, with some mishaps, lots of belly laughs and a deep everlasting positive experience."

Pat juggles three careers. She is a Ph.D. in biochemistry working for the National Institute of Health; co-owner, with her husband, Harry, of Kraemer Aviation, brokering airplanes — and classic cars — and providing flight training, aircraft appraisals, etc.; and a CFI working on her instrument flight instructor certificate. Pat is a member of the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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### Classic Racer #21 ShineOn Cessna Skylane 182A Elaine Stook and Judy Snow

Elaine Stook (Tulsa, OK) is back for her fourth Air Race Classic. Elaine is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a Private pilot helicopter certificate, a high-performance endorsement and 900 hours logged. Said Elaine, "Three 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."

Last year, she said, "I'm not certain how we did it, but we racked up more penalties than I thought were even possible! Note to self: Not gonna happen this year!"

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 my 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 also 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 sixth time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 966 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 vice president of quality assurance and regulatory affairs at a medical device manufacturing company and independent quality systems consultant. Her hobbies, other than flying, include hiking, motorcycle riding, boating, traveling, participating in water sports and spending time with family.



# Classic Racer #22 The Flying Carastros Cessna Skylane 182T

#### Susan Carastro and Marie Carastro

Susan Carastro (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 16th time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, singleand multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex and tailwheel credentials, and 2,071 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. Plus, she has a new interest in snowboarding. Susan is a member of the Gold Coast Chapter of the 99s.

This is the 17th 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 member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s.



# Classic Racer #23 American Maids Cessna Skylane 182S

### Mary Gibb and Cathy Darcy

This is the second ARC for **Mary Gibb** (Ambler, PA). A Private pilot, single-engine land, she has 1,542 hours logged, a current instrument rating, and complex and high-performance credentials. Said Mary, "few things compare to seeing this amazing country and meeting even more amazing people while racing with a good friend. Nowhere

else can you see our USA like you can from a general aviation plane. I am so blessed!"

Mary broke her ankle the day after her handicap flight last year, putting her team out of the race and her out of flying for six months. "We are now more determined than ever to make the 2017 race a success," said Mary, "and most of all have fun flying together!"

Mary and her husband, David, share the love of flight, alternating PIC duties when they fly cross-country to see their children and grandchildren in Michigan and Minnesota. She also volunteers with Angel Flight East and is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

Cathy Darcy (Wayzata, MN) is back for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and formation flying endorsements, and 1,483 hours in the air. She races to spend time with her good friend and teammate, Mary, as well as for the challenge, camaraderie and experience. Cathy's love of flight came from her dad, who flew B-29s in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and the race is a special way for her to honor him and all veterans of the 73rd Bomb Wing.

During the 2014 race, Cathy was literally caught by the FBO attendant on the ramp in Mountain Home, ID, when the wind blew her off the wing in a dust storm. It took five people to tie the airplane down.

Cathy enjoys flying aerobatics and competing in regional contests. She and her pilot husband, Randy, spend many hours flying cross-country in their Meridian. They also fly tailwheels, a Husky and a Super Decathlon, and do Angel Flight flights whenever possible. Cathy is a mother of two and grandmother of four and is affectionately known as Honey. The four most important things in her life: faith, family, friends and fun!

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### Classic Racer #24 Missile Minions Mooney 201 M20J

### Candie Oldham and Sue Westervelt

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 2,328 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."

She 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. She is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s.

Sue holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance credentials, and 1,365 hours logged. Said Sue, "Each race is unique and provides a new learning experience. The flybys are exhilarating and challenging, especially in Candie's Mooney. Gathering with the racers at stops in the evening and flying with Candie cannot be beat!"

During one race, when Sue was filing a flight plan, the briefer asked where she was going. "I said, 'I don't know where I've been, but I know where we're going," she said. "We both laughed! Some stops are like that."

As a practice administrator and registered nurse for a team of spinal surgeons, Sue enjoys working with the talented surgeons and staff and helping patients get back to enjoying their lives again. When she's not flying, Sue enjoys spending time with her family. She added, "Aviation in itself is like a family, no matter where you go. That's what is truly amazing with our flying community." She is a member of the New Jersey chapter of the 99s.



# Classic Racer #25 Pony Express

Cessna Skylane 182K

#### Sherry Kandle and Patty Viall

Sherry Kandle (Boise, ID) is back for her fourth Air Race Classic. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 768 hours in her logbook, she flies the race for the adventure, the exhilarating flybys and the friendships of amazing women. Said Sherry, "The planning and preparation required to keeps me focused, and I feel driven to increase my knowledge and skills."

Sherry worked for many years as a software engineer and project manager for computer applications from space payloads to industrial automation, artificial intelligence and aviation flight systems. She also co-owned and managed an aircraft maintenance business. Now, she enjoys retirement.

Her husband, Doug, taught her to fly, and makes her laugh when he often asks, "Can I have a turn to fly?" They fly to Oshkosh most summers for AirVenture and camp in the North 40. Sherry currently serves as treasurer of the Northwest Section of the 99s and as membership chair of the Idaho chapter.

Patty Viall (Scio, OR) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

A Private pilot, single-engine land, Patty has a glider certificate, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 500 hours in her logbook. She is a retired air traffic controller who worked in VFR towers, non-radar and radar approach control, and the enroute option in the Northwest Mountain and Great Lakes regions.

While this is Patty's first race, she is not new to the ARC — she served as a timer in Dorris, CA, the first flyby in 2013. Usually, she flies low and slow, so the race will be an exciting challenge. But, said Patty, "Obtaining my glider add-on 37 years after my first glider lesson, is proof that it is never too late to improve your skills!" Patty is a member of the Oregon Pines chapter of the 99s.



### Classic Racer #26 Dakota FlyGirls Piper Dakota PA-28-236

### Corbi Bulluck and Ramona Banks

**Corbi Bulluck** (Apex, NC) is back for her third Air Race Classic. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine licenses; multi-engine instrument flight instructor, advanced/instrument ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, a current instrument rating and 9,359 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.

Last year, flying over Winslow, AZ, on their way to the start, "Ramona and I couldn't resist making a video of ourselves singing the Eagles song 'Take It Easy.' Then we posted online for everyone to see!"

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 third ARC for **Ramona Banks** (Madison, AL). A Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, she has complex and high-performance endorsements and 715 hours in her logbook. She is flying the ARC because of the fellowship with other female racers. Said Ramona, "Not only do they have my same love of adventure and aviation, they are just great people to share a special week with."

Ramona is a multimedia developer working on her education degree in instructional design. She helped form and volunteers for FlyQuest, a nonprofit in Huntsville, AL, that educates young people about aviation careers. She was FlyQuest's program director for two years.

She and her husband, Kevin, who is also a pilot, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 34 years. They love to travel any way they can: hiking, RVing, flying, cruising. Ramona plays flute and has played with Madison Community Band and the Prevailing Winds Flute Choir. She has two granddaughters that she hopes to race with some day. Ramona is a member of Women in Aviation International and the Alabama chapter of the 99s.



# **Classic Racer #27** Three of a Kind Racing Piper Comanche PA-24-180

### Shannon Hicks-Hankins and Pam Rudolph

Shannon Hicks-Hankins (Lake Havasu City, AZ) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. Shannon is a Commercial pilot with single- engine land and sea and multi-engine land certificates, instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements and 7,200 hours in the air. She is a member of the Rio Colorado chapter of the 99s.

Shannon races "because it is fun and challenging. The amount of knowledge you gain from the experience is extraordinary. I love the excitement." During the 2014 race, the team ended up in Elko, NV, for two days for weather. Said Shannon, "We all were freezing — snow in June! After two days of freezing in shorts, we decided to go to Walmart and buy snow pants. We found them and were warm, but laughed at how ridiculous we looked!"

Shannon does office work for her family business and teaches flying part-time. A graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, she has been flying for 30 years. For three years, she was a captain flying FedEx freight for Empire Airlines in a C208. When she's not flying, Shannon enjoys travel, hiking, mountain biking and most water sports.

This is the sixth ARC for **Pam Rudolph** (Lake Havasu City, AZ). She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 2,131 hours flown.

A retired pharmacy technician, Pam flew the Palms to Pines race in 2009 with Tookie Hensley and worked at a local FBO after retiring to Arizona. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s chapter, which hosts a two-day race, the Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race, along with other fun flying activities. When she's not flying, Pam enjoys quilting, embroidering and off-roading in Baja.



### Classic Racer #28 Sky Vixens Cessna Skylane 182T

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instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, an airframe and powerplant mechanic certificate and 470 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.

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 in pursuit of flight.

At last year's start, said Tessa, "We didn't realize the wax we chose would bake that quickly in the Arizona heat. We spent hours laboriously trying to buff it out. We laughed so much at ourselves but were so thrilled to be at the start of the race."

Tessa enjoys flying her husband out for \$100 hamburgers and romantic weekend getaways, volunteering with various charities and caring for numerous rescue animals. Among these is a pet sparrow named Tiara that Tessa rescued as a fledgling eight years ago. Tessa is a member of the Air Capital City chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Teresa Ortega (Wichita, KS) to her first Air Race Classic! Teresa holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 299 hours in the air. She is regional sales director for Textron Aviation and a member of the Board of Directors of the Textron Aviation Employees Flying Club. Said Teresa, "It is a joy to foster aviation in the younger generation!"

For Teresa, flying is a family affair — she has a 4-yearold grandson who is crazy for all things aviation. And her husband, Kirby, is in the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame and was her instructor.

This is the first ARC for Jan Carpenter (Chicago, IL). A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 328 hours under her belt, she is racing "because, like the mountain, it is there. I am racing with two of my most favorite people, Teresa and Tess. How can it not be fun when flying with your best friends?"

Jan is a former home economics teacher who did all her teaching at the International School of Yokohama, Japan. More recently, she has been an executive assistant for several CEOs, and she now works part time with her "forever guy," Tom, in his family business.

She is planning on getting both her instrument and her seaplane rating by the end of the summer. When she's not flying, Jan enjoys playing the harp and dancing. And, she is a motorcycle Harley girl! Jan is a member of the 99s.

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### Classic Racer #29 Baldwin Family Flyers Piper Cherokee PA-28-180

### Caroline Baldwin and Lydia Baldwin

Veteran racer **Caroline Baldwin** (Silver City, NM) returns for her 13th ARC. She has 1,073 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. This year, we'll be competing against granddaughter Cara, an ERAU race pilot. I enjoy the ARC adventure and challenge, the excitement and camaraderie of the ARC community, and traveling this wonderful country."

Because of ice and snow, the Baldwin Family Flyers overnighted during the 2013 ARC at Grant County Regional Airport in John Day, OR, and during the 2014 race for two nights in Elko, NV. Both years, they enjoyed "visiting" with other marooned ARC teams. Said Caroline, "We were fortunate to finish those races."

Caroline is retired from work as a researcher, consultant, librarian and teacher. Currently, she is a board member, grant writer and volunteer manager of an award-winning community literacy program that she founded in 2001 that has donated more than 220,000 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, and enjoys mahjongg and bridge. She is a member at-large of the 99s.

Lydia Baldwin (Fort Collins, CO) is back for her eighth ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 288 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."

Lydia has been a registered nurse for 16 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 Red or Green? Cessna Skylane 182R

#### Susan Larson and Amy Ecclesine

This is the ninth Air Race Classic for **Susan Larson** (Santa Fe, NM). A Commercial pilot, single-engine land and helicopter, Susan has complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 4,010 hours under her belt. Susan is a past president of the 99s and a member of the Rio Grande Norte chapter.

Susan flies the ARC, "for the estrogen rush at each flyby, and to update my skill set, particularly my decision-making. Bonding with my copilot is an added bonus."

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 "allegedly retired." Said Susan, the past 39 years have brought me much joy, deep friendships, scenery beyond description, a strong bond with a Cessna 182 and experiences that will last a lifetime."

Amy Ecclesine (Berkeley, CA) is flying the ARC for the fifth time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 725 hours in her logbook. "This is always a highlight of my year and a delight to see many return racers," she said.

"Racing is the ultimate continuous improvement to my piloting skills; it's a thrill, and I get to see part of the country I might never see from a single-engine plane," said Amy. "Where else would I brush shoulders with the best racing women in the world?"

Amy is a program leader for the radiation protection group at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Before that, she worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where she met Susan. Amy has run more than 80 triathlons and enjoys snorkeling, singing, dancing, motorcycling, skiing and open-water swimming – anything involving speed. She is a member of the Bay Cities chapter of the 99s.



### **Classic Racer #31** Riddle Racer Blue Embry Riddle Aeronautical University — Daytona Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III Cara Baldwin and Mia Hallgring

Cara Baldwin (Morgantown, WV) is flying her sixth Air Race Classic. An instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land,

she has a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 300 hours under her belt. Cara is in her third year at ERAU-Daytona Beach, majoring in aeronautical science. She recently earned her flight instructor certificate and completed an internship with American Airlines.

Asked why she races, Cara said, "I race for the experience — but not just for the aviation experience. The race is a great way to meet females who are enthusiastic about flying. I'm really excited to represent my school, Embry Riddle, in this year's race!"

When she's not flying, Cara enjoys playing soccer, swimming, taking pictures and playing with her dog, Biscuit.

Welcome Mia Hallgring (Little Compton, RI) to her first ARC! Mia holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 181 hours in her logbook. She is a sophomore at Embry-Riddle and hopes to work as a flight instructor at the university within the next year, once she gets her certificate.

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



# **Classic Racer #32**

### Saratoga Sweeties Piper Saratoga PA-32R-301

#### Louanne Stenger and Felicia Nelson

Louanne Stenger (Lockhart, TX) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 5,500 hours logged. Louanne is an instrument flight instructor who has taught airline pilots and corporate pilots as well as general-aviation flyers.

She and her husband own the only flight school in their hometown and have trained pilots from as far away as Hawaii.

"Louanne said her first time racing was to see what it was like. This time, I am more aware and can enjoy it more! There are so many interesting aspects to the race, the women and finding out the limitations of the aircraft."

Louanne has a degree in illustration/graphic design and tries to keep herself current in the world of art as well as aviation. She works with any medium, but usually pencil. Her solo students have experienced her artwork on their t-shirts! Louanne is a member of the Austin chapter of the 99s.

This is the second Air Race Classic for Felicia Nelson (Red Rock, TX). Felicia is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating, an instrument flight instructor certificate and 2,000 hours in her logbook.

Asked why she is racing, Felicia said, "It's a tremendous experience and helps me to hone my skills as a pilot." The first flyby of her first race in 2010, "was truly an invigorating and downright hilarious experience."

Felicia has worked as a flight instructor, nurse, social worker, teacher and computer networker. "Now," she said, "I am passionate about farming and ranching." She loves her chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pigs, cats and Great Pyrenees dogs! Felicia also enjoys Bible study and fiddling with her tin whistle on occasion.



# **Classic Racer #33** Riddle Racer Gold Embry Riddle Aeronautical University — Daytona Cessna Skyhawk C172S

#### Daniela Kaselow Salas and Kim Kissh

Welcome the first-time team of Daniela Kaselow Salas (Daytona Beach, FL) and Kim Kissh (Mahopac, NY) to the Air Race Classic!

Daniela is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex endorsement, instrument flight instructor certificate and 271 hours logged. She is a junior at Embry-Riddle, majoring in aeronautical science and minoring in business administration. Daniela is a part-time instrument flight instructor at the university and works as a lab tutor.

Flying the ARC has been a dream of Daniela's since she started her flight training — "especially because of the ratio of females in aviation. It would be a great experience to share my passion with other women pilots. The race is an opportunity to inspire other women to join and experience the beauty of flying."

Daniela came to the U.S. from Venezuela three years ago having never spoken English. It took her a year to learn the language. Now, she has launched her career while becoming involved in organizations on campus. Said Daniela, "My job is my hobby and my passion, which is being a pilot."

Kim holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 170 hours in her logbook. She is a junior at Embry-Riddle and recently completed an internship in the flight operations safety department at Southwest Airlines. She is racing to challenge herself as an aviator and to embrace the thrill of flying.

Besides aviation, Kim loves to travel. Her favorite places vary from Lake Tahoe to the island of Aruba. Her next big adventure — besides the ARC — is to Europe, to explore Italy, Greece and Hungary. Kim is a member of the ERAU-Daytona Beach chapter of Women in Aviation International.



# Classic Racer #34 Michiana Redbirds

Cessna Cardinal 177B

#### Margaret Wint and Susan Glisson

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Margaret Wint** (Grand Rapids, MI). Margaret is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, and has flown 855 hours. She races to meet other pilots and improve her flying experience. She is a member of the Indiana Dunes chapter of the 99s.

As the office manager for Benz Aviation, Margaret "has the fun of explaining to the general public about glider safety." 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. Her team was also one of the "Newberry 11." In her free time, Margaret enjoys sewing and reading. She also loves to ride carousels and has gone out of her way to find them in small towns. Margaret has a three-year-old grandson who loves to ride in airplanes.

Susan Glisson (Evansville, IN) is flying the Air Race Classic for the third time. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 924 hours in her logbook. Said Susan, "Traveling across this beautiful country widens my horizons. Meeting and getting to know other women pilots is priceless. ARC racers, while competitive, have such a sisterhood. I'm proud to participate in the ARC and be a small part of women's racing history."

Susan is a retired schoolteacher who holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in elementary education. She taught kindergarteners and first-graders — and enjoyed taking her students on field trips to the airport!

During a previous race, her copilot navigated through five states to get to the start. Said Susan, "She did an excellent job. In the start hotel, she went down to the lobby for a bit. Ready to return to our room, she had to text me to find our room!"

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



# **Classic Racer #35** The Swan, formerly Ugly Duckling Piper Arrow PA-28R-180

### Lorraine Denby and Amy Myzie

Lorraine Denby (Berkeley Heights, NJ) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, and 2,780 hours in the air. A statistics

researcher, she has been honored with both the American Statistical Association Founders Award and the Edison Patent Award, holds 19 patents and has authored more than 50 publications.

"I learned so much flying my first Air Race Classic in 2016," said Lorraine. "Looking forward to seeing what I can learn this year!"

Lorraine has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the International Statistical Institute. She is also a member of the New Jersey wing of the Civil Air Patrol, where she serves as emergency services training officer and counterdrug officer. When she's not flying, Lorraine enjoys skiing, sailing and hiking and spending time with her grandchild.

This is the second ARC for Amy Myzie (Piscataway, NJ). Amy holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 730 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 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, as well, and teaches first aid, CPR and higher levels of EMS training.



# **Classic Racer #36** Zippity Doo Diamonds Cessna Skylane RG R182

#### Camelia Smith and Martha Molina.

**Camelia Smith** (Hindsville, AR) is back for her ninth ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument flight instructor certificate 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, "Each ARC brings new adventures, challenges and destinations! It is always an incredible experience that is difficult to put in words. The wonderful network of meeting and knowing other racers and an opportunity to share our passion for flying."

During one past race, she hung up on the ARC president when she called to say that Camelia's airplane was to be inspected for the top 10. Said Camelia, "I thought it was my cell alarm, so ignored it and went back to bed. Needless to say, I learned how fast I could jump into my clothes!"

Camelia's first aviation experience was as a "hostess" for Trans World Airlines. Having been only to Texas and Oklahoma, she wanted to travel anywhere. That desire led to flying lessons and a whole new world of friends and adventure.

This is the second Air Race Classic for **Martha Molina** (Fayetteville, AR). Martha is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with an advanced ground instructor certificate and 242 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."

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 #37 Beech Blue Beechcraft Sundowner C23

### Sue Jones and BJ Carter

Sue Jones (Wimberley, TX) returns for her sixth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot with single-engine land and sea credentials and 1,180 hours flown. Said Sue, "I like to race because it is a lot of fun and you meet amazing women with similar interests and goals. It pushes you to expand your piloting skills and abilities. It is always amazing to go to different places in the country you would never dream of going to on your own."

In 2013, Sue and her partner lost their alternator in Logan, UT. After getting it fixed, they pushed on to spend the night in Rawlings, 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 is retired from a number of careers, including the arts, real estate, TV and film, and the medical field in Texas and New York. 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 sixth 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, golfing and going on adventures with others. Continuing to improve her flying knowledge and skills is a lifetime goal.



# Classic Racer #38 The Purple Hearts Piper Archer 11 PA-28-181

#### Teresa Camp and Denise Robinson

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for **Teresa Camp** (Manchester, MO). A Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 452 hours in her logbook, 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 332 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 working with patients in long-term care. She has 33 years' experience working with patients in a post-acute care setting and has been an evaluator for the last eight years. She removes barriers to admissions by taking down and writing up each patient's complete clinical picture, focusing on who the person is, not on the diagnosis.

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 99s.



# Classic Racer #39 Kiwi Express Cessna Skylane 182R

### Dee Bond and McKenzie Krutsinger

Dee Bond (Pukekohe, New Zealand) is back for her seventh Air Race Classic. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and sea, with 4,520 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 copilot 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 copilot, 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 represented New Zealand in 2015 at the World Precision Flying Champs in Denmark and will again this year in Austria following the ARC.

Welcome McKenzie Krutsinger (Sidney, IL) to her first ARC! McKenzie is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 215 hours in her logbook. Said McKenzie, "I have only done most of my flying in Illinois and Florida, so this is a great opportunity to fly across the country with an experienced racer. The ARC is also a great way to meet spectacular, hardworking women in the aviation field."



We are air racers, pilots, mechanics, astronauts, air traffic controllers, airport managers, aerospace engineers, flight attendants, educators, enthusiasts, and members of the military. We are Women in Aviation International.



McKenzie started flying, out of the blue, when she was 16. "No one in my family has an interest in aviation," she said, "so learning to be a pilot was a whole new world to me." Now, she is majoring in aviation management with flight at the Florida Institute of Technology, with a minor in unmanned aerial systems. She also plays on the school's varsity softball team and is a member of the university chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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

Jean Batten (1909–1982) Made first solo flight from United Kingdom to New Zealand in the 1930s.



### Classic Racer #40 Retractables Beechcraft Bonanza 35

### Charlie Flesher and Mercedes Eulitt

Pamela "Charlie" Flesher (Fredericksburg, TX) returns for her fourth ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 1,382 hours logged. "Racing provides me the opportunity to test my skills as a pilot and gain experience in unfamiliar situations," said Charlie. "It allows me to be in the company of extraordinary pilots and exceptional women. ARC introduced me to my partner and copilot, Mercedes, an exceptional woman and pilot."

During the 2012 race, "a very elegant woman walked out, saying she flew Grummans. She asked us to sign her program, and we asked her to sign ours. She said to call her for racing tips. We didn't realize at the time who she was – Mary Creason, a famous racer!"

Trained as a physicist, Charlie taught at the university level for several years before going into the semiconductor industry as an engineer. She spent more than 20 years in that field, enjoying world travel and meeting intelligent and interesting people. Charlie is a member of the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the 99s.

Mercedes Eulitt (Rosamond, CA) is back for her fourth Air Race Classic. Mercedes is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, singleand multi-engine land, with a multi-engine flight instructor certificate; complex, high-performance and formation flying credentials, and 2,364 hours logged.

Why does she race? "To beat Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr," she said. "I love the pilots and have made lifelong friends from each year's race." Mercedes and Charlie met through emails from Terry, prepared for the 2010 race by email, met in Texas a few days before the start, said hello with weather coming in, threw everything in the plane and headed for Florida. They've been best friends ever since.

Mercedes is a pilot/engineer for Lockheed Martin Skunkworks and has had the opportunity to flight test the world's most advanced fighter aircraft. She enjoys formation flying, flew in the Oshkosh Airshow and kicked off the 2013 Kansas City Chiefs vs. Oakland Raiders game in 2013 with a 49-ship opening. Mercedes and her husband, Sean, who is also a pilot, built the RV-7A that she currently flies. She is a member of the Antelope Valley chapter of the 99s.

Mary Barr (1925–2010) First female pilot to join the US Forest Service and become National Aviation Safety Officer.



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# **Classic Racer #41** University North Dakota The Frozen Force Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III

### Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins and Jenna Annable

**Emma Kishel** (Grand Forks, ND) is back for her second ARC. Emma is a senior at the University of North Dakota, majoring in commercial aviation. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 240 hours logged. She plans to join the

Air Force Reserve as a C-17 pilot at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, CA, after she graduates.

Emma is flying the race for the challenge. "For any given race, there can only be one winner," she said. "That fleeting moment is what makes it so addicting. Many aviators will never get to experience something as big as this, and it helps motivate myself and to realize never to take this opportunity for granted."

Emma played Division 1 golf at the university. In her free time, she likes to fish, hike, and play golf, tennis and ice hockey. She has a black Lab named Stormee.

This is the second ARC for Dana Atkins (Grand Forks, ND).

Dana is an instrument flight instructor at UND. She has a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 660 hours logged. Dana hopes to fly for a smaller company or flight department on her way to a career in international aviation. Her particular interest is making the international aviation system more cohesive.

During last year's race, she said, people kept insisting the temperatures were "hotter than normal. Of course, coming from North Dakota, everything felt like a furnace to us!"

Dana loves traveling and meeting new people, particularly women who are passionate about aviation. Other than flying, Dana enjoys socializing with friends — most of whom are also pilots or involved in aviation — reading, spending time outdoors and exploring. She is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Jenna Annable (Grand Forks, ND) to her first ARC! Jenna is studying Commercial Aviation and Flight Education at UND. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 217 hours flown, she hopes to work for an airline after she graduates.

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.



Amelie Beese (1886–1925) First woman pilot in Germany.



# **Classic Racer #42**

# Flying Sycamores Indiana State University

Diamond Star DA-40

#### Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin and Jami Higdon

Brittany Danko (Corydon, IN) returns for her second ARC. She is a fulltime student at Indiana State with a dual major in professional aviation flight technology and aviation management. She has a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 250 hours in the air.



"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. I learned more in one week of racing than I have 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, she enjoys playing piano and guitar, and enjoys parks and lakes. She is a member of the Tailwinds chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third ARC for **Katelyn Griffin** (Rockville, IN). She is the senior flight instructor at the Indiana State Flight Academy and holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 750 hours flown.

Said Katelyn, "Because of this race I have flown in places that I probably wouldn't have ever thought of flying before. I am very honored to be a part of this historical race."

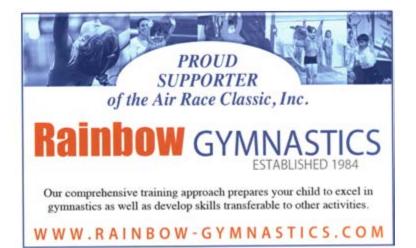
When she's not flying, Katelyn enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, camping and boating. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Jami Higdon (Brazil, IN) to her first Air Race Classic! Jami is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials; complex, tailwheel and aerobatic endorsements, and 539 hours logged. Said Jami, "I think the Air Race Classic is an excellent opportunity to learn new things and gather new flying experiences. I hope this will be a great networking opportunity."

Jami is an instructor at Indiana State who previously worked as a data analyst for a regional airline. "I love teaching the next generation of aviation professionals and hope to one day further aviation training through research," she said.

Jami enjoys trying new outdoor activities with her dog. Currently, they hike and kayak together — and she is hoping one day to train him to be comfortable in her airplane so they can fly together, as well!

Line Bonde (born c. 1979) First Danish woman to become a fighter pilot in 2006.





# Classic Racer #43 AOPAngels Cessna Skylane 182T

### Luz Beattie, Kathy Dondzila and Paula Wivell

Welcome the first-time team of Luz Beattie (Frederick, MD) Kathy Dondzila (Greencastle, PA) and Paula Wivell (Frederick, MD) to the Air Race Classic!

Flying the ARC is a lifelong dream for Luz, an Airline Transport Pilot who is director of flight operations, a CJ3 corporate pilot and a flight instructor for AOPA. She has single- and multi-engine land, single-engine sea, multiengine flight instructor and advanced ground instructor certificates, a

current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, a jet type rating and 11,400 hours logged.

Luz has owned two aircraft, a C150 used for instructing and a Sundowner used to take the family all over — to the Bahamas, Oshkosh and the Amelia Earhart's centennial in Kansas. Said Luz, "I'm dating myself, but my aviation mentor was Sally Field as the flying nun. I knew I could do that!" She is a member of the AOPA chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Kathy is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials, complex and highperformance endorsements and 331 hours in her logbook. She has worked at AOPA for 28 years, first in air safety, then seaplanes, marketing, and currently in the pilot information center as manager of technical communications. She is a writer and editor and contributes a small monthly column to AOPA Pilot magazine, as well as web site content.

Asked why she's racing, Kathy said, "It's an adventure! And it's a fantastic opportunity to get current, again, meet other women aviators, and have fun."

Kathy is working on a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and finishing her first book. She loves spending time with her family — 15 of them, including six grandkids. She is also involved in aviation in Alaska, which has captured her heart. Kathy is a member of the AOPA chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Paula holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 223 hours under her belt. A 23-year AOPA employee, she has worked in membership marketing, membership services, the Pilot Information Center and, currently, flight operations. "Since the race begins in Frederick this year," she said, "we thought it would be fun to get a team together. This will be an awesome learning opportunity."

Paula used to say her hobby was supporting her daughter in all her collegiate activities, but she has since graduated and is now married. "Now what am I going to do? I'm committed to flying more," Paula said. "This race has been a bucket list item for some time, and I'm thrilled I get to participate." She is a member of the APA chapter of Women in Aviation International.

> Aida de Acosta (1884–1962) First woman to fly a powered aircraft alone.



# **Classic Racer #44** The Grand Idaho Hawks Cessna Skyhawk 172M

### Mary Ann Richards and Kitty Curl

Mary Ann Richards (Homedale, ID) is flying the ARC for the fifth time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, Mary Ann has high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,065 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s and a member of Women in Aviation International.

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

She and her husband, Steven, who is also a pilot, are dairy farmers — they bought their farm in 1978 and now have a herd of 130 Holstein dairy cows. They started flying after their fifth wedding anniversary and own a Cessna 172 and a Cessna CT206 Stationair, which they flew to Ecuador — one of Mary Ann's favorite flying experiences.

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

Welcome Kitty Curl (Idaho Falls, ID) to her first ARC! Kitty holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 378 hours in her logbook. "I am looking forward to my first race," said Kitty. "Watch out world, here we come!"

Kitty is the retired owner of a horse tack store who has completed seven Ironman triathlons, including in Hawaii. She hopes the ARC isn't as physically challenging! She started flying as a 70th birthday present to herself, and now, she said, "I get very crabby if the weather prevents me from flying for more than a week."

Kitty is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

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### **Classic Racer #46** Women of Diversity Florida Institute of Technology Piper Archer PA-28-181

### Chesapeake Gustin and Sherisse Pierre

Welcome the first-time team of Chesapeake Gustin (Melbourne, FL) and Sherisse Pierre (Melbourne, FL) to the ARC!

Chesapeake has a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine

and 282 hours logged. She is a senior at Florida Tech majoring in Aeronautical Science with Flight with a minor in Unmanned Aerial Systems. A pilot since her junior year of high school, Chesapeake plans to get her seaplane rating and build a career in corporate aviation.

Why is she flying the ARC? "I race to show my support for women in the aviation field, to inspire the next generation of pilots, to challenge myself and to have fun."

Chesapeake loves spending time outdoors, whether it's hiking, camping or sailing. She also enjoys taking photos and playing the piano.

Sherisse is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement and 323 hours in her logbook. A 2015 graduate of Florida Tech with a bachelor's in aviation meteorology, she is pursuing a master's in aviation human factors and working with the university's Flight Operations department.

Said Sherisse, "I have only ever flown in Florida and southern Georgia. This race has the potential to provide me with a host of different experiences in weather, terrain, and airspace."

Originally from Trinidad and Tobago, Sherisse enjoys trying different foods and seeing new places. She is president of the Florida Tech Women in Aviation Chapter for the 2016-17 academic year.



### **Classic Racer #47** Gurley Girls Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Prescott Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III Rachel Hutzell and Rebecca Dooling

Rachel Hutzell (Prescott, AZ) returns for her second ARC. Rachel is a Commercial pilot with single- and multi-engine land certificates,

instrument flight instructor credentials, a high-performance endorsement, a current instrument rating and 590 hours under her belt. She is a flight instructor at the university and enjoys giving back for all the experience she has gained during her flight training.

Rachel is flying the ARC for the love of flying and to inspire her young niece and cousins to pursue the career of their choice without restraint. Said Rachel, "You really can do what you want as long as you work for it!"

She is the first pilot in her family — that she knows of, anyway. Said Rachel, "Aviation found me, however, and my life has improved greatly because of it!"

Rachel is a member of the ERAU Prescott chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Becca Dooling (Prescott Valley, AZ) to her first ARC! A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, Becca is an instrument flight instructor with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 434 hours logged.

Said Becca, "I see the Air Race as a very exciting opportunity to not only have fun, but to represent myself, women and Embry-Riddle Prescott. I believe the race is an important and effective way to appeal to women interested in aviation, and being a part of that is something that's very important to me."

Growing up, Becca was not very well traveled — "I think that's where my love of flying came from. It gives us a way to see the world from a different perspective," she said. Becca enjoys exploring new places, especially hiking and road tripping.



# **Classic Racer #48**

Granite Eagles Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Prescott Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III

#### Jennifer Lowe and Hannah Burright

Jenn Lowe (LaGrange Park, IL) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Jenn holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 156 hours logged. Before coming to ERAU-Prescott, she had no aviation background and little to no flight experience — but now, she is a student dispatcher on the university's flight line.

Said Jenn, "To compete in the race will be a life-changing experience. I want to inspire young girls to change stereotypes and follow their dreams, no matter what. The sky is not the limit!"

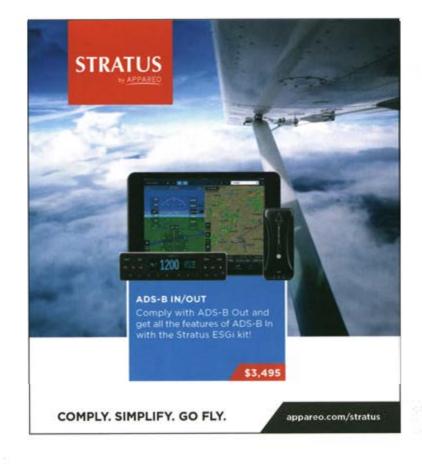
As a student-athlete, Jenn balances her time between flying and playing soccer. She also loves photography, reading, being the sweetheart of sigma chi, camping, off-roading and going on adventures with her amazing friends. Jenn is a member of the university chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Hannah Burright (Prescott, AZ) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and ground instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements, a current instrument rating and 615 hours in her logbook. She became a flight instructor at the university last year, a month after completing her first ARC. Eventually Hannah hopes to build a career in corporate aviation.

"The Air Race Classic is an awesome opportunity to represent my university in addition to meeting new racers and catching up with old racers," said Hannah. "I am especially looking forward to flying to new airports and experiencing new parts of the country that I have never been to."

In addition to flying, Hannah loves anything outdoors, from hiking and rock climbing to snowboarding and wakeboarding. She enjoys traveling with her fiancé. Hannah is a member of the university chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Ann Baumgartner (1918–2008) Test pilot and the first American woman to fly a U.S. Army Air Forces jet aircraft (a Bell YP-59A jet fighter).





# Classic Racer #49 Western Michigan University Cirrus SR-20

### Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quandt and Maria Walston

Shelby Satkowiak (Mio, MI), Lauren Quandt (Grosse Isle, MI) and Maria Walston (Kalamazoo, MI) are flying their very first Air Race Classic. Welcome!

Shelby is majoring in flight science and aviation administration while working as a flight instructor at Western Michigan. She holds a Commercial certificate, single/multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight

instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 300 hours logged. After graduation, she hopes to become a bush pilot in Alaska.

She is racing because, "I want to push myself outside of my comfort zone, to be the best pilot I can while having fun and meeting all of the amazing women pilots along the way." When she's not flying or studying, Shelby likes to spend time outdoors, play sports and hang out with friends and family. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Lauren is an aviation flight science and aviation maintenance technology major, with a Private pilot certificate, a current instrument rating, airframe and powerplant mechanic certificate and 215 hours in her logbook. Before college, she worked at Avflight Willow Run in Michigan as a line technician, and she spends summers helping the aircraft mechanic at her local airport.

Said Lauren, "I am excited for the challenges the race will bring and meeting new people with similar interests along the way." Lauren is the first pilot in her family and hopes one day to fly as a corporate pilot. She is a member of the Sky Broncos Precision Flight Team and the Yankee Ladies chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Maria is a freshman seeking a bachelor's degree in aviation flight science and aviation management and operations. She works as an aviation ambassador for the university and has a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 143 hours under her belt.

Maria's interests include scuba diving, longboarding, traveling, water skiing and barefoot skiing. She hopes to get her seaplane rating someday so she can combine her passion for water with aviation. Maria is a member of the Michigan chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.



# **Classic Racer #50** The Boilermakers Flying Club Purdue University Piper Warrior II PA-28-161

### Nicoletta Fala and Chloe de Perre

Welcome the first-time team of Nicoletta Fala (West Lafayette, IN) and Chloe de Perre (Lafayette, IN) to the ARC!

Nicoletta is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument

rating and 249 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 young girls everywhere that all dreams are achievable if you are willing to work hard. In particular, I hope that our visibility in the race will help improve the retention of women in STEM at Purdue."

Other than flying, Nicoletta enjoys reading everything she can get her hands on, 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.

Chloe holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 178 hours under her belt. An analytical chemist at Purdue, she earned her Ph.D. in analytical and environmental chemistry in France, then lived in Florida and Illinois before settling in Indiana three years ago.

"I love flying, adventure, and a good challenge," said Chloe. "The ARC is all of it, so I had to take the opportunity! I also would like to show any woman out there that anyone who loves flying can do it, and to show my family and friends that flying small planes is safe."

She added, "The feeling when flying is so wonderful. It's like nothing left on the ground matters anymore." When she's not flying, Chloe enjoys running, cycling, swimming, roller blading, hiking, camping and eating. She is a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.



# **Classic Racer #51**

### Lewis Flyers Lewis University Cessna Skyhawk 172S

### Jane Zieba and Lauren Loomis

Welcome Jane Zieba (Orland Park, IL) and Lauren Loomis (Lockport, IL) to their first Air Race Classic!

Jane holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 267 logged, as well as a current instrument rating, and complex and high-performance endorsements. She is a senior at Lewis and plans to continue her education after graduation, getting her master's degree and becoming a flight instructor as well.

Said Jane, "I want to race because it would be a great experience to fly across the country in a Cessna with other women who are just as passionate about aviation."

Jane has flown on the university's Flight Team for about two years, competing against other schools from around the nation. Said Jane, "I had fun working on bringing up my flight skills to a higher level of precision and application."

Lauren is a senior at Lewis with a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 204 hours in her logbook. She has worked at the university's dispatch desk since August 2016 and the previous summer worked as a passenger service agent at O'Hare Airport in Chicago.

Lauren is racing for the camaraderie "and to have the amazing experience of flying from the East Coast to New Mexico."

In addition to flying, Lauren enjoys spending time with her shiba inu puppy — who loves walks and runs as much as she does! Outdoor activities are always fun for Lauren, especially kayaking and going to the beach.

Susana Ferrari Billinghurst (1914–1999) Argentinian pilot, first woman in South America to gain a commercial pilot's licence, in 1937.

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# **Classic Racer #53** All-American Girls Cessna Centurion 210F

### Brooke Rogers, Jayden Lancaster and Shayla Jaynes

Welcome Brooke Rogers (Tulsa, OK), Jayden Lancaster (West Jordan, UT) and Shayla Jaynes (Salt Lake City, UT) to their first ARC!

Brooke holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 495 hours logged. She is a senior at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, working on a degree in flight operations.

She is a member of the Great Salt Lake chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Jayden is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a multi-engine flight instructor certificate, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 890 hours in her logbook. She graduated from Westminster last August with a degree in flight operations and currently is a flight instructor there. She has completed three internships with Textron Aviation.

In her free time, Jayden loves crafting handmade cards and envelopes. "Giving people something made from the heart and seeing how it lights up their day is something I enjoy," she said. Jayden is a member of the Great Salt Lake chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Shayla is a student at Westminster who holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 247 hours under her belt. She is a member of the Great Salt Lake chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Besides flying, studying and working as a supermarket cashier, she spends her time hiking, cooking, eating, and binge-watching Netflix shows.



# **Classic Racer #54** War Eagle Women Auburn University Cessna Skyhawk 172SP

### Kendall Higdon and Ashley Taylor

Welcome the first-time team of Kendall Higdon (Auburn, AL) and Ashley Taylor (Auburn, AL) to the ARC!

Kendall is pilot for Auburn University's very first ARC team. She holds

a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 25 hours logged. A junior at Auburn, Kendall is studying professional flight management and was a founding member of the university's War Eagle chapter of Women in Aviation International. She serves as outreach chair for the organization.

"I am so excited to race in this year's competition because Auburn University has never had a team compete," she said. "I am honored to represent Auburn Aviation, and to be a part of such a historic race!"

Said Kendall, "I love people, pets, and above all, Jesus. I love being a pilot and sharing my passion with anyone that will listen. I strive to set a good example for younger generations. War Eagle and Blue Skies!"

Ashley is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating and 340 hours in her logbook. She recently graduated from Auburn and holds a degree in media studies, with minors in professional flight and German. Though most of her work has revolved around swim coaching, she is switching to flight instruction and plans to build a career in aviation.

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 such a historic race, full of aviation tradition, is extremely exciting — especially while representing my alma mater. This is one of those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities".

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



### **Classic Racer #55** Houston Hot Flashes Beechcraft Bonanza V35A

#### Deborah Rihn-Harvey and Christine Dales

Welcome the first-time team of **Debby Rihn-Harvey** (La Porte, TX) and **Chris Dale** (League City, TX) to the ARC!

Debby is an Airline Transport Pilot, single/multi-engine land and singleengine sea, with instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates; complex, tailwheel, high-performance and aerobatic credentials, a jet type rating and 34,000 hours in her logbook. She is a national aerobatics

champion who has represented the U.S. in competition for 31 years, flies in airshows – and is flying the ARC for a new challenge! Last year, she was featured in the video announcing the winners of the Top 10 Drawing.

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, and serves on 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.

Chris is a captain for Southwest Airlines, where she has flown for 25 years. She started as a flight engineer at Continental Airlines in 1985 and holds an Airline 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 24,000 in the air.

Why is she racing? "I look forward to something new, 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.



## **Classic Racer #56** Lady Buckeyes The Ohio State University Cirrus SR-20

#### Alexandra Bond, Josephina Cotugno and Natalie Higdon

Welcome the first-time team of Alexandra Bond (Columbus, OH), Josephina Cotugno (Baltimore, OH) and Natalie Higdon (Columbus, OH) to the ARC!

Aly is piloting Ohio State's very first ARC team. She is a first-year student majoring in aerospace engineering, with a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land; flight instructor and Private glider certificates; a current instrument rating; complex and high-performance endorsements, and 420 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. She soloed before she got her driver's license and earned her flight instructor certificate the day she moved to OSU. 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.

Josie is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 104 hours in her logbook. A student at Ohio State, she is working on her instrument rating and competes on the university's flight team.

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

Natalie is a senior studying Public Management, Leadership and Policy with an aviation minor. She started her aviation career at 18 and has worked in many corners of the industry, including airline ground crew, FBO customer service, travel consulting, and government aviation. She holds a student pilot certificate.

She is racing to create visibility for women in pilot roles and inspire the next generation of aviators, and is honored to be a part of the timehonored tradition of women's air racing. Natalie is a second-generation pilot, following in her mom's contrails to become an airline pilot. When she's not flying, she enjoys practicing yoga and coordinating events for the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.



# Classic Racer #77 White Lightning Middle Tennessee State University Cessna Skyhawk 172R

### Jordan Cantrell and Gabriella Lindskoug

Welcome the first-time team of Jordan Cantrell (Nashville, TN) and Gabriella Lindskoug (Mount Juliet, TN) to the Air Race Classic!

Jordan is a Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 144 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 researcher in the NASA Focus Lab 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."

Jordan wears a number of hats: owner of Cantrell's Airbnb and 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.

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

Gabriella is a flight dispatcher at MTSU with a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, and 150 hours flown. Said Gabriella, "I have flown Cessnas and currently fly DA-40s through the aerospace program at MTSU. However, I want more experience and would love to put my knowledge to use in the ARC."

Aviation runs in Gabriella's family — her grandfather flew fighters for the Swedish Royal Air force and her father flies 767s for American Airlines. Now, she is looking forward to her own "priceless experience."

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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#### Arkansas

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

#### California

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### Colorado

Burlington – 2002 Denver – 2000 Durango – 1996 Grand Junction – 1978 La Junta – 2013 Lamar – 2004

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Connellsville – 2015 New Cumberland – 2014 Franklin – 2011 Philadelphia – 1989 York – 1990, 2014 (fly-by)

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South Dakota Aberdeen - 1995, 2008 Brookings - 2011, 2013 Huron - 2004 Philip - 1991 Pierre - 1982 Sioux Falls - 1981 Spearfish - 2011, 2013 Watertown - 2012

### Tennessee

Dyersburg - 1992 Fayetteville - 2001, 2002 Jackson - 1982 Knoxville - 1982, 1997 Murfreesboro - 2016 Sparta - 2009 Tullahoma - 2005 Union City - 2015

### Texas

Abilene - 1980 Borger - 2011 Bryan - 2006 Childress - 1985 Corpus Christi - 1980, 1993 Dalhart - 1987 El Paso - 1983, 1999 Hereford - 2012 Lubbock - 1983 Lufkin - 2009 Midland - 1998, 2016 Ozona - 2006 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

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West Virginia Huntington – 1980, 1988, 1990, 1995 Lewisburg – 2007 Morgantown – 1993 Parkersburg – 2010 Wheeling – 1997

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## Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy

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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.

## 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.



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9th Place – \$400 10th Place – \$350



## Top Ten Winners 2016

- 1st Place Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU Daytona)
- 2nd Place Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner and MiJin Kim (Indiana State University)
- 3rd Place 92Romeo Petralanda and Virginie Rollin
- 4th Place Dana Atkins, Tina Druskins and Emma Kishel (University of North Dakota)
- 5th Place Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr
- 6th Place Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson and Lauren Brown
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# **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 teams that have entered the Air Race Classic include:

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## **Collegiate Challenge Trophy 2016**

1st Place – Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU – Daytona) 2nd Place – Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner and MiJin Kim (Indiana State University) 3rd Place – Dana Atkins, Tina Druskins and Emma Kishel (University of North Dakota) 4th Place – Katie Wagner, Analise Nelson and Alicia Isacson (Liberty 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)
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)

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## Looking Back . . . On Ten Years of Top Ten Air Race Classic Winners (2007 - 2016)

**2016** Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU – Daytona); Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner and MiJin Kim (Indiana State University); 92Romeo Petralanda and Virginie Rollin; Dana Atkins, Tina Druskins and Emma Kishel (University of 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 University)

**2015** Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong; Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira and Christina Druskins; Malinda Caywood and Robin Hadfield; Claire Schindler and Erica Diels; Pam Rudolph and Tookie Hensley; Sarah Wendt and Abigail Pasmore; Mary Wunder and Juliet Lindrooth; Catherine Sweatt, Melanie Abel and Katelyn Walters; Candace Oldham and Susan Westervel; 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. of 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

**2007** Marge Thayer and Helen Beulen; Denise Waters and Ruth Maestre; Joyce Wells and Kathy Walton; Katie Sparrow and Marie Janus (Purdue Univ.); Margaret Ringenberg and Linda Schumm; Dee Bond and Alice McCormack; Susan Larson and Amy Ecclesine; Judy Bolkema-Tokar and Patricia Ohlsson; Jan Seiwert Bell and Lara Zook Gaerte; Anne Edmonson and Charlene Olsen

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## 40th Annual ARC Winners - 2016



Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU — Daytona)



MiJin Kim, Lydia Kost and Kayleigh Bordner (Indiana State University)



Virginie Rollin and 92Romeo Petralanda



Dana Atkins, Emma Kishel and Tina Druskins (University of North Dakota)



Ellen Herr and Terry Carbonell



Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson and Lauren Brown



Lydia Baldwin, Caroline Baldwin and Cara Baldwin



Corbi Bulluck and Ramona Banks



Heather Hill and Alicia Sikes



Katie Wagner, Analise Nelson and Alicia Isacson (Liberty University)

# **39th Annual ARC Winners - 2015**



Stephanie Armstrong and Jessica Reed (Southern Illinois University)



Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira, and Christina Druskins, (University of 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)



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