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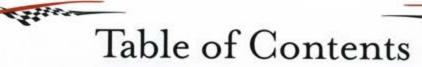
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Letter from the President

On behalf of the board of directors, welcome to the 2016 Air Race Classic! This year marks the 40th anniversary of our great race, the premier transcontinental speed competition for women pilots. 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 traditions of female aviation pioneers. Our premier event is our annual race. Teams of at least two women pilots have four days to fly the daylight only VFR cross country route, encompassing approximately 2,400 miles in length. Multiple enroute control stops along the way allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and planned overnight stops for the race teams. The ladies who participate in this event range in age from 17 to 85 and embody some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our country.

This event would not be possible without the enthusiasm of our loval fans and the efforts of hundreds of volunteers throughout the country. Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials spend thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing a race of this magnitude. Since the race Start, Terminus and route changes every year, additional volunteers are recruited at each of the enroute stops, as well as the Start and Terminus, for each race. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers, aircraft inspectors, anything that needs to be done to make that stop a success. They may be former racers, aviation enthusiasts who follow their hometown race team, and pilots and mechanics willing to travel to the stops to be a part of the competitive camaraderie that is the Air Race Classic. We are extraordinarily grateful to each of them for their participation; the perpetuity of this one-of-a-kind race is due to the dedication and effort of everyone involved!

We thank you for your support of the Air Race Classic, the pinnacle of women's air racing!

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The Air Race Classic (ARC) is an annual VFR all women cross-country event flown in official ARC daylight hours. Airplanes with at least 100 horsepower (HP) and not more than 600 HP may 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. Follow the race and see each team's progress at www.airraceclassic.org.

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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.

Race Info

2016 General Information

Ernest A. Love Field Airport, Prescott, AZ - Daytona Beach Int'l Airport, Daytona Beach, FL

Aircraft Inspections ARC Credentials, Start Registration, Hospitality	Friday	June 17	0800-1700 MDT 0900-1700 MDT
ARC Credentials and Aircraft Inspections Start Registration, Hospitality Racers Arrival – DEADLINE Girl Scouts Discover Aviation – "Mingle with the Racers" Airplane Inspections – CLOSE Racers Social Hour Welcome Reception BBQ – "Meet the Racers"	Saturday	June 18	0800-1500 MDT 0900-1500 MDT 1200 MDT 1200-1500 MDT 1500 MDT 1700-1800 MDT 1800-2100 MDT
Start Registration – CLOSE Collegiate Racers Briefing – MANDATORY All Contestants Briefing – MANDATORY Timing, Technology, & Judging Briefing – MANDATORY Social Hour & Take-Off Banquet – MANDATORY	Sunday	June 19	0800 MDT 0800 MDT 0900 MDT 1330-1500 MDT 1730-2130 MDT
Racer Flyby Briefing – MANDATORY Safety Seminar (Wings Credit) – MANDATORY Race Start / Terminus Briefing – MANDATORY Weather Briefing First Timer Racers Clinic – MANDATORY Race Officials Meeting	Monday	June 20	0800-0930 MDT 0930-1030 MDT 1030-1130 MDT 1130-1200 MDT 1330-1430 MDT 1500-1530 MDT
All Contestants Final Briefing – MANDATORY Start Take-Off	Tuesday	June 21	0630-0700 MST 0800 MST
Hospitality Racers Finish – DEADLINE Meltdown Party – FLYESTA	Friday	June 24	0800-2200 EDT 1700 EDT 1800-2100 EDT
Aircraft Inspections Score Sheet Signing & Meeting with Judges Hiring Fair Collegiate Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED First-Time Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED	Saturday	June 25	0900-1200 EDT 0900-1400 EDT 1300-1600 EDT 1500-1600 EDT 1600-1700 EDT
All Contestants Breakfast & Debriefing – MANDATORY Meet the Racers (Youth Activity)	Sunday	June 26	0800-1000 EDT 1300-1500 EDT
Social Hour & ARC Awards Banquet – MANDATORY	Sunday	June 26	1800-2100 EDT

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Embry-Riddle Welcomes Racers to the 40th Annual Air Race Classic The Collegiate Cross Country

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is very pleased to host the start and the terminus of this year's race as it celebrates its own 90th anniversary. Twenty years ago for the university's 70th anniversary, a similar route was flown, with our campus in Prescott, Ariz. as the start and the Daytona Beach, Fla. campus as the terminus. While our campuses have grown and changed, the enthusiasm for aviation among our students, faculty and staff remains constant at a palpable high. If you love aviation, you'll be right at home.

Beyond the Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses, Riddle (as we affectionately call it) also has its WorldWide Campus, with learning centers around the globe and online, bringing the university-wide enrollment to more than 29,000 students. Dedicated to serving the needs of the Aviation and Aerospace industries, the university is proud of its position as the home to the largest aviation program and the largest aerospace engineering programs in the world.

Your race start in Prescott, Ariz. brings you to an historic city that was twice the Territorial Capital of Arizona Territory (1864-67 and 1877-89). The mile-high city (official elevation: 5,368.23') has an unmistakably charming downtown that surrounds the Yavapai Courthouse. Walk Whiskey Row where Doc Holiday strode before heading to Tombstone. Be sure to stop into The Palace, the oldest restaurant and bar in Arizona and visit the shops that now occupy many historic buildings.

As you appreciate the terrific climate and the topographic beauty, pause to remember the recent tragedy that befell 19 members of this lovely community. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, while fighting the Yarnell Hill fire, members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, a brigade of the Prescott Fire Department, perished propelling the entire country into mourning.

The Embry-Riddle family and the community of Prescott welcome you to this city known as "Everybody's Hometown." We are all confident you'll love it here and will undoubtedly look forward to coming back.



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Prescott, AZ

Prescott Municipal Airport, Ernest A. Love (PRC)

Stop Co-Chairs: Michelle Day and Gretchen Flint Airport Manager: John Cox

The Prescott Municipal Airport and the City of Prescott welcome all participants of the 40th Air Race Classic. We're excited to be the Start airport and wish all of you a safe and fun race.

Prescott's Ernest A. Love Field started as an airstrip in 1926 with land leased to the Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce by The Perkins Cattle Co. As aviation grew so did the airport.

KPRC is a great place for general aviation and student

pilots. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, North-Aire (in conjunction with Yavapai Community College) and Guidance Aviation create a majority of the traffic activity. Our Northern Arizona climate offers access to beautiful flying weather year round.

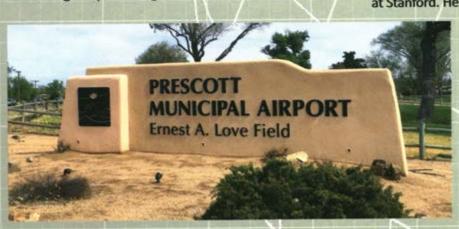
The airport is named for Ernest A. Love (1895–1918), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Service. Love was born in New Mexico and raised in Prescott. He was a graduate of Prescott High School, and studied mechanical engineering at Stanford. He served in World War I and was shot down

near Verdun, France on 16 September 1918, and died of his wounds as a prisoner of war a few days later.

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Ernest A. Love Field covers 760 acres (308 ha) at an elevation of 5,045 feet (1,538 m). It has three asphalt runways: 3R/21L is 7,616 by 150 feet. (2,321 x 46 m); 3L/21R is 4,848 by 60 feet (1,478 x 18 m); 12/30 is 4,408 by 75 feet (1,344 x 23 m).

"Once the aviation bug has bitten you, you miss it if you're not flying. On a beautiful day, you know what it looks like from above. That's the freedom of flight looking at the world from another perspective." — DEBBY RIHN-HARVEY





Los Lunas, NM

Mid Valley Airpark (E98) Fly-By Only

Airport Manager: Kurt Winker

Mid Valley Airpark (E98) is a privately owned, public access airport that has served Valencia County since March of 1970.

This small GA airport, nestled along the Rio Grande Valley, has been operated and maintained solely by private property owner funds for over 46 years.



Mid Valley boasts homes with private hangars as well as many rental hangars on the field. Property owners started and operate Hooey LLC, a 100LL self serve fuel business that has the lowest fuel prices in the area. Stops

Numerous businesses, including aircraft maintenance, are located at Mid Valley.

EAA Chapter 530 is based here and has flown well over 2,000 kids for the EAA Young Eagles Program. Some have gone on to have careers in aviation!

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Albuquerque, NM Double Eagle II Airport (AEG)

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Several military installations were built in New Mexico just after World War II began, including airbases, prisoner of war camps and internment camps. Among the most prominent of the new bases was Kirtland Field, in Albuquerque. Kirtland was originally an advanced flight school for Air Corps pilots, but it was converted into a major base shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. By 1945, 1,750 B-24 crewmen had trained there, as well as B-29 pilots, AT-11 pilots, glider pilots, aviation mechanics, navigators, and others. In May 1942, the army built the Albuquerque Air Depot Training Station just east of Kirtland for specializing in training in aircraft service, repair, and maintenance. It was, however, transformed into an airbase shortly thereafter and used as a convalescence station for wounded soldiers returning from battle. In 1945, the facility was renamed Sandia Army Airfield and eventually merged with Kirtland. Kirtland AFB is part of the ERAU Worldwide Campus.

The Embry-Riddle Albuquerque Campus — located on Kirtland Air Force Base — offers Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees, as well as undergraduate certifications, that will help you achieve a higher position in your current company or make you an attractive job candidate in a new business or field.

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Located on Albuquerque's West Side amidst the extinct volcanoes, Double Eagle II Airport was built in 1975 as a General Aviation Reliever Airport for Albuquerque International Sunport. As you fly in from the west, you can see the practice training bomb ranges used to train the bombardiers in WW II as depicted in the painting that hangs in the Bombing Range Café.

The views of Albuquerque's Sandia Mountain Range from the Double Eagle flightline are spectacular, and with an airport elevation of nearly 6,000 feet, all pilots need to be very mindful of density altitude...especially on a warm summer day!

While in Albuquerque, be sure to take advantage of the great New Mexican food and be sure to pick your favorite chili...red or green! You can also take advantage of some breathtaking views of the Sandia Mountains on the aerial tram, or explore the mountains on your own with many hiking trails. Albuquerque is very bicycle friendly with many bike lanes for avid cyclists.

Welcome to Double Eagle II Airport and the Land of Enchantment, and remember...Fly New Mexico!

Facility contact: 505-244-7888





Midland, TX Midland Airpark (MDD)

Stop Chair: Alexandria Gallegos Airport Contacts: Justine Ruff and Aaron Easton

The City of Midland is excited to welcome the participants of the Air Race Classic. We would also like to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers and sponsors that make this race a possibility. Midland has a strong background and future in aviation. The Pliska Aeroplane was built in 1911 in Midland, Texas by John V. Pliska, a blacksmith, and Gray Coggin, a chauffeur and auto mechanic. It was the first aircraft built and flown in the State of Texas. The Midland International Air & Space Port was granted its Commercial Space Launch Site license by the FAA on September 17, 2014. It is the first primary commercial service airport to be given a spaceport designation.

Midland Airpark was built by the Army Air Corps as a refueling station for planes in the Air Transport Command during World War II. Midland could accommodate bombers as heavy as the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-29 Super Fortress. Most of the aircraft were flown by the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP. Midland International Air & Space Port was a Bombardier College that trained young men to use the bomb sight invented by Carl Norden. Cadets remained at Midland exactly 12 weeks for combined ground and flight training, rigorous physical activity, and rigid military discipline during a 16-hour day, with only part of Sunday off.

After the war, Midland Airpark continued to grow and began servicing the massive increase in general aviation. Airpark's traffic began to really soar with oil business embracing private and general aviation. In 1977, Airpark based approximately 80 privately and corporately-owned aircraft that ranged from single-engine prop to multiengine jets.

Since 1979 Basin Aviation, Inc. has been servicing Midland Airpark. Basin operates a charter service with two King Air 200s, a King Air 250, a Learjet 40, two Learjet 25s, a Learjet 75, and a brand new Cessna



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Caravan. The charter service offers flights throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, and other surrounding countries. The FBO also provides maintenance to its 100+ tenants based at Airpark and fuel to over 300+ aircraft a month.

Midland College, located adjacent to Airpark, offers an Aviation Maintenance program. The program is designed to prepare their graduates to enter the aviation industry as an Aviation Maintenance Technician. The instructional staff has over 100 years of combined experience of all phases of aviation maintenance. The staff exposes students to not only maintenance but non-destructive testing and composites work. After graduation, the students are prepared for their written, oral, and practical examinations for their airframe and powerplant license.

The City of Midland is very proud to be a stop location for the Air Race Classic, and we hope that everyone has a great time and a safe flight.



COLLEGIATE Waco, TX TSTC Waco Airport (CNW)

Stop Chair: Angel Newhart Airport Manager: Kevin Dorton

Aircraft Pilot Training at Texas State Technical College has nearly 50 years of experience in training professional pilots in the field of aviation.

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TSTC flight teams have competed in the Air Race Classic for the last three years. Last year's team placed third in Leg 2, first in Leg 5 and second in Leg 8. They placed 15th overall out of 54 teams, and 6th out of 17 collegiate teams. They have earned the respect and admiration of pilots across the nation. This year, TSTC will be competing with two teams of highly skilled women, and one of the stops in the race is right here in Waco at the TSTC campus. Expectations are running high throughout all of Aerospace as we compete with flyers from across the nation. The two-year Aircraft Pilot Training Associates degree program the U.S. operated by a two-year educational institution, you'll gain the experience needed to enter the exciting field of aviation. TSTC also has bridge programs within the industry, plus you also have the option to continue towards a Bachelor's degree in Aviation Science through partnerships with Texas A&M Central Texas and Baylor Universities.

Students in TSTC's Aircraft Pilot Training Program learn to fly in the college's twelve Cessna 172's, two Piper Arrows, and two Piper Seminole light twins. Maybe airplanes aren't really your thing? TSTC offers specializations in rotary-wing training. With a Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter and two Robinson R22 Beta II helicopters, TSTC students start accruing flight time their first semester.



is FAA-approved under Part 141 of the FAA Regulations, and is taught by instructors with hundreds of years of combined experience in military and civilian aviation backgrounds. Students learn Federal Aviation Administration regulations, flight safety, how to plot and navigate a trip, analyze weather data, in-flight radio procedures and much, much more. With stateof-the-art equipment, a dual runway environment, fully operational control tower and the largest airport in Texas is seeing a tremendous surge in the need for pilots which is expected to increase in job growth by 23 percent by 2022. It's TSTC's mission to help fill these jobs and strengthen the Texas economy.

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For more information on the Aircraft Pilot Training program, visit www.tstc.edu/programs/ AircraftPilotTraining or call Angel Newhart, the Department Chair for all aircraft specializations at TSTC: **254-867-2647**.





Arkadelphia, AR Florence Memorial Field Airport (ADF)

Stop Chair: Martha Molina Airport Manager: Daniel Hughes

Welcome, racers to Dexter B. Florence Memorial Field Airport! A thriving municipal airport located one mile south of downtown Arkadelphia and home to Arkansas' only university program that offers a four-year Bachelor of Science degree specifically in aviation, Henderson State University. With a runway 5002' x 75', we welcome a variety of aircraft from light sport to medium corporate jet aircraft on a regular basis and see some of the highest numbers of daily operations in the state, thanks in part to Henderson State.

Arkadelphia's slogan is "A Great Place To Call Home!" And that it is! Arkadelphia is located at the foothills of the beautiful Ouachita Mountains in Clark County and is home to two universities, Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University. There is no shortage of activities in the area. With DeGray Lake ten minutes from downtown Arkadelphia and historic Hot Springs only thirty five minutes north, the area offers year round entertainment. Whether it's golfing, swimming, fishing, camping or even horse racing, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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For more information, please visit any of the websites listed or call.

Arkadelphia Airport 870-230-5584 www.cityofarkadelphia.com/airport.html Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce 870-246-1460 www.arkadelphiaalliance.com/ Henderson State University Aviation Dept. 870-230-5012 www.hsu.edu/Academics/Aviation/index.html

I can't remember a single time [my parents] ever told me not to do something I wanted to do. SAV — SALLY RIDE



Warrensburg, MO Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport (RCM)

UCM

Stop Chair: Amanda May Airport Contact: Denis Godfrey and Tony Monetti

Skyhaven Airport is a public-use airport located three miles northwest of Warrensburg, Missouri and just forty-five minutes east of Kansas City. It is owned by the University of Central Missouri.

The UCM Department of Aviation offers Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Aviation. We were the first university to offer a Master's in Aviation Safety. We are a part 141, reduced ATP minimum school.

Warrensburg has historical downtown retail and restaurant options and is home to the University of Central Missouri. You will find many things to do from rock wall climbing to bowling, to the on-campus movie theatre. We would like to share our core values with you:

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For more about Warrensburg, visit: www.warrensburg-mo.com



Tuscola, IL Tuscola Airport (K96) Fly-By Only

Airport Manager: Jerry Adkisson

Tuscola K96 is and always has been a privately owned/ public use airport which began as a little country airstrip a mile and a half southwest of the city of Tuscola, Illinois.

It began modestly in the spring of 1953, with a shop hangar and a small chicken house for an office and has seen a variety of operators over the years.

It is now a base of operations for Atlantic Ag Aviation, a North Carolina aerial application company. Your hosts and the owners of the airport are David and Rena Hrupsa of Roper, NC.

For over 40 years, Tuscola K96 served as a base for Nogle & Black Aviation, a restoration and maintenance center specializing in Beechcraft T-34 Mentors.

Atlantic Ag Aviation started their operations here in the spring of 2007, and Mr. Hrupsa has been the sole owner of the airport since the spring of 2012.

Tuscola is a bustling little community located just off



Interstate 57 and only 20 minutes south of Champaign-Urbana and the University of Illinois.

Located at the juncture of three busy highways and three major rail lines, Tuscola is home to a large inland grain export terminal and two industrial chemical plants.

Surrounded by some of the most productive farmland in the world, Tuscola's roots are in agriculture and it still has a grain elevator right downtown. For many years, Tuscola was known as "The Buckle of the Corn Belt".

According to local Native-American lore, Tuscola means; FLAT LEVEL PLACE.

Airport Owners: Dave & Rena Hrupsa Facility contact: 217-253-4342



Aviation, this young modern giant, exemplifies the possible relationships of women with the creations of science. — AMELIA EARHART

Champaign-Urbana, IL University of Illinois-Willard Airport (CMI)



Stop Chair: Sybil Phillips Airport Contacts: Steve Wanzek and Gene Cossey

Welcome to the Institute of Aviation at Parkland College! Established by the University of Illinois in 1946, the Institute was transferred to Parkland College—a premier community college—in 2014. More than 14,000 pilots have been trained during our proud 70-year history. Our alumni fly for all major U.S. airlines and for military, corporate, cargo, and charter organizations worldwide.

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The University of Illinois - Willard Airport is one of only two commercial airports in the country owned and operated by an educational institution. Willard Airport is served by American Airlines which offers convenient,

non-stop service to Chicago's O'Hare Airport and the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. www.flycmi.com





Murfreesboro, TN

Murfreesboro Municipal Airport (MBT)

Stop Co-Chairs: Chad Gehrke and Wendy Beckman Airport Manager: Chad L. Gehrke

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and student organizations of the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Department of Aerospace, we are honored to be Stop #7 and would like to welcome all who are participating in the 2016 Air Race Classic "Collegiate Cross Country." We wish all racers a safe and enjoyable time.

MTSU is known nationally for its Aerospace, Concrete Industry Management, Music, and Recording Industry programs. With over 23,000 students, MTSU is one of the most diverse and largest universities in Tennessee. Some of our alumni include Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum, composer George S. Clinton, and Nobel Prize winner James M. Buchanan. The MTSU Department of Aerospace offers an aerospace major with six concentrations: Professional Pilot, Administration, Technology, Flight Dispatch, Maintenance Management, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations. Our graduates proudly fly for every major airline, serve in every branch of the military, hold various positions with the FAA, are airport administrators across the country, and are flying or stationed all over the world.

MTSU is located in beautiful Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Murfreesboro has been recognized as "the most livable city in Tennessee" and is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation while still maintaining an outstanding quality of life. You won't go hungry in Murfreesboro. From great local restaurants on the historic downtown square to just about every type of food and restaurant you can think of; you can find it here. The City of Murfreesboro and its airport staff are eager to welcome you all to MBT, one of the busiest GA airports in the state. The Murfreesboro Airport has a long history of flight training and aerospace education.

We hope your stop here will be an inspiration to future pilots and perhaps future Air Classic Race racers. We hope you enjoy your stay whether it's just for some fuel or overnight. Facility contact: 615-848-3254 www.murfreesborotn.gov

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Americus, GA Jimmy Carter Regional Airport (ACJ)

Stop Co-Chairs: Mike Cochran and Stephanie Williams Airport Manager: Frankie Williams

Jimmy Carter Regional Airport at Souther Field, named after our 39th President, is located 5 miles north of Americus. The site of the 1st and only World War I airbase

in Georgia, it was named after Major Henry Souther, the 1st Commander of the U.S. Air Services and founder of the Society of Automotive Engineering. Major Carlyle Wash was in charge of Souther Field, one of the first of 29 airbases in the U.S. July 4th 1918, flight training began at what was once a peach orchard. There were 147 **Curtiss Jennies assembled** and used for flight training.

In 1923, Charles Lindbergh came to Americus, purchased a Jenny in a crate, assembled it and then made aviation history. A local citizen, Curtis Pitts, founded the Pitts Special Acrobatic Aircraft. During World War II the site was contracted by Graham Aviation and used for training U.S. and British cadets using the Boeing Stearman.

Since 1948 the site has been the home of South Georgia Technical College where aviation is still in full force. Americus is also the home of Georgia Southwestern State University.



The FBO has operated by Souther Field Aviation, Inc. for the past 40 years with Frankie Williams currently as owner and on site airport manager. SFA is a full service maintenance facility. General aviation services in airframe and power plant are performed with specialties in agricultural aviation with full service fuel.

ACJ has 2 paved runways. RW 5/23, 6011ft. & RW 10/28, 3786 ft with full ILS approach. The UNICOM is 122.80, AWOS is 128.75.

Americus has a rich history with Southern Belle flair, from our historic quaint downtown shops to nearby plains, home of Jimmy Carter, and two National Park Sites: Andersonville Civil War Cemetery and National POW Museum, and the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm.

We welcome and wish all the racers good luck! Facility contact: 229-924-2813 www.southerfield.com

Any girl who has flown at all grows used to the prejudice of most men pilots who will trot out any number of reasons why women can't possibly be good pilots ... The only way to show the disbelievers, the snickering hangar pilots, is to show them.



- CORNELIA FORT, WAFS

Zellwood, FL

Orlando North Airpark (FA83) Fly-By Only

Airport Manager: Bo Long

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Daytona International Airport (DAB) DAYTONA BEACH

Stop Chair: Deborah Bandy Airport Contact: Frederick B. Karl

Daytona Beach International Airport is a publiclyowned, county airport located just three miles from the wide stretch of sandy beach. One of its remarkable features is that it is adjacent to the famed Daytona International Speedway. DAB is served by three airlines; Delta, American Eagle, and added most recently, JetBlue. Much of the airport traffic can be attributed to that from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University that occupies 183 acres on the northeast corner of the airport property. Sorties from the Riddle Ramp average in the range of 400 per day. This facility is partnering with Embry-Riddle to provide service and parking to the race planes of this year's Air Race Classic.

Daytona Beach International Airport covers over 1,800 acres of land. The airport houses companies including Yelvington Jet Aviation Inc., ATP Jet Center, SheltAir Aviation Services, Commonwealth Aviation and Daytona Aircraft Services. Beyond the flight training at Embry-Riddle, another seven flight schools use Daytona International Airport's three runways.

Adjacent to the airport international terminal is the FBO operator, SheltAir Aviation Services, which has provided quality service to the Daytona Beach area for the last 27 years. It is particularly busy during race events since it too is within walking distance of the Daytona International Speedway. SheltAir offers a customer service team on an executive level with amenities and services to suit your aviation needs from superior ground support to first-class concierge service.



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

Sponsoring a transcontinental air race requires more than a few people willing to spend countless hours putting the pieces in place. The continual, year-round process 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 expertise, providing experiences that more fully support 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.

The organization strives to advance its processes and operations to meet the aviation challenges in today's changing world. We have implemented the use of 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; Future Start & Terminus Selections
- MARKETING ARC Promotion; Trade Shows & Conferences; National Press Releases; Racer Promotion; Publications (electronic, paper); ARC Program; Awards & Prizes
- SUPPORT Documents & Databases; Website; ARC History; Thank Yous
- ROUTE Route Selection; Start & Terminus Liaisons;
 FAA Coordination; En Route Stops; Race Central
- TIMING & SCORING Timing Coordination; Scoring; Judging; Timing Technologies
- RACERS Entry Administration; Mother Bird Program; Credentials; Scholastic Outreach
- AIRPLANE Airplane Entry; Inspection; Handicaps; New Airplane Technology
- 8. EDUCATION Safety; Briefings; First Timers/Refresher; Public Education/Youth; Educational Videos

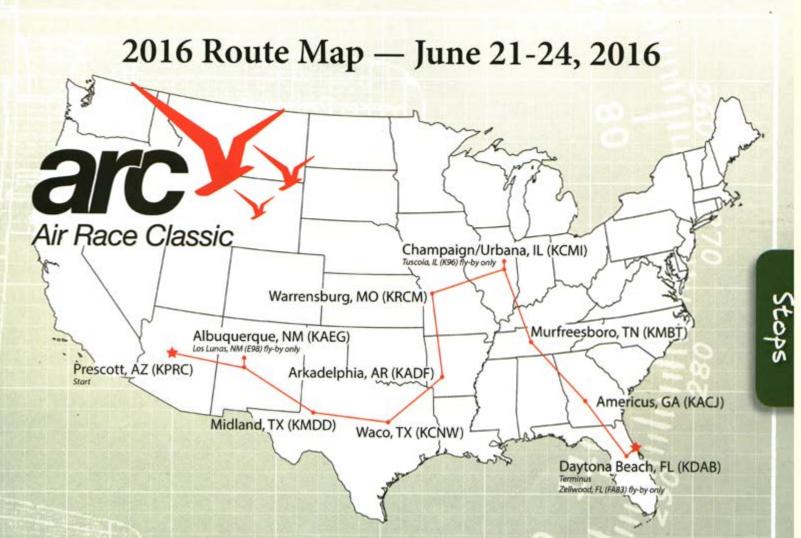
An ever expanding network of volunteers supports the race by working with the Board and Assistant Directors across these divisions. They generously dedicate numerous hours throughout the year to ensure a safe, competitive, educational and festive event. The ARC volunteer network makes this event continue to happen annually. Thank you to the men and women involved in this network!

Working on this event is almost as exciting as flying it. 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.

Contact 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. While they go nameless, their hard work is not forgotten. A special thank you to each and every one of you. Without your hard work and dedication, this race would not happen.



Designated Airports on the Route

Airports	Δ	Nautical	Statute
PRC	Ernest A Love Field Airport, Prescott, AZ		1
E98	Mid Valley Airpark, Los Lunas, NM *	280	322
AEG	Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque, NM **		
MDD	Midland Airpark, Midland, TX	284	327
CNW	TSTC Waco Airport, Waco, TX	257	296
ADF	Dexter B Florence Memorial Field Airport, Arkadelphia, AR	251	289
RCM	Skyhaven Airport, Warrensburg, MO	283	326
K96	Tuscola Airport, Tuscola, IL *	262	302
CMI	University of Illinois-Willard Airport, Champaign/Urbana, IL **		
MBT	Murfreesboro Municipal Airport, Murfreesboro, TN	252	290
ACJ	Jimmy Carter Regional Airport, Americus, GA	251	289
FA83	Orlando North Airpark, Zellwood, FL *	242	278
DAB	Daytona Beach International Airport, Daytona Beach, FL		
* Fly-by only	Timing point		1993
** Fuel stop	Optional route stop	Section States	
	Total Race Distance	2,362	2,719

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Pete Sanchez was 5 years old when his family introduced him to flying. 1977 His mom and dad owned and rented aircraft as he grew up, and Pete 0 enjoyed aviation with his sister and brother. "We enjoyed flying as far back as I can remember," he says.



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"I didn't begin flight

training until I was 26," Pete says. "AOPA's flight training oresources made me a better and safer pilot."



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2016 "I particularly like AOPA's educational videos and the flight planning tool. I recently flew cross-country from South Dakota to Arizona with my four young sons, and the AOPA flight planning tool was invaluable for me to find airports and fuel prices along the route."

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Ricco Racers

Cessna Skyhawk 172P

Catherine Sweatt, Melanie Abel, Katelyn Walters

Cathi Sweatt (West Terre Haute, IN) is flying the ARC for the third time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 525 hours logged, Cathi said, "I race for the thrill of flying. It is a wonderful way to meet other women with the same interests and be in a competitive environment." Said Cathi, "Every fly-by is humorous. For example, when approaching a fly-by, it appears to onlookers that the plane and participants are totally in control; however on the inside of the cockpit, it is complete

chaos!" She and her husband, Jeffrey, who is also a pilot, own two businesses: a damage control and restoration company for residential and commercial clients, and a sun tanning center.

Cathi is completing her bachelor's degree at Indiana State University. When she's not flying or studying, she enjoys traveling, reading, gardening and spending time with her three children and 2-year-old granddaughter, Shelby. Cathi is a member of the Indiana chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Melanie Abel (Terre Haute, IN) returns for her fifth ARC. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, she has instrument flight instructor, complex, high-performance, tailwheel, aerobatics and formation flying credentials and 2,200 hours in her logbook. Melanie is an aviation instructor at Indiana State University and Director of Safety at the ISU Flight Academy. She also works part-time as a corporate pilot in a King Air B200 and a turbine Cessna 421.

Melanie races for the challenge: "It's not every day that you get to push yourself, and your airplane, to the limit." During the 2014 race, several teams were stuck in Elko, NV. Said Melanie, "We woke up the next morning with high hopes of departing, only to find that our airplanes were covered in ice. We all worked frantically to thaw our aircraft. The camaraderie turned us into the Elko Racers!"

When she's not flying, Melanie enjoys ballroom dancing, especially East Coast Swing. She is a member of the Indiana chapter of the 99s, a member at-large of Women in Aviation International and an ARC Director.

Katelyn Walters (Rockville, IN) is back for her second ARC. She is a recent graduate of Indiana State University, with a degree in professional aviation flight technology and aviation management, and a flight instructor at the school. Katelyn has a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, instrument ground instructor and complex credentials, and 354 hours logged. She is working on her instrument flight instructor certificate.

Katelyn is racing to gain experience, meet new people and have a lot of fun. Said Katelyn, "I am especially excited to meet women pilots of all ages and hear the stories they have to tell. Being part of an all-women's air race is a great honor for me, and I am very proud to be a part of it."

Katelyn has been a member of the Alpha Eta Rho aviation business fraternity for three years. She enjoys spending time with family and teaching her little brother about aviation.



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Cessna Skyhawk 172S



Macy McCall Parrish, Alexandra Harayda, Lacee Law

Welcome McCall Parrish (Hillsboro, TX) to her first Air Race Classic! McCall holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 208 hours under her belt. Said McCall, "I'm racing to gain an experience that a lot of people don't have the opportunity to have. I want to represent my school and my team in the best way possible and have an amazing time while doing it."

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was stationed at James Connally Air Force Base, which is now the TSTC campus. Her parents, as well as two uncles, graduated from the TSTC and pursued aviation careers.

Before deciding to follow the family tradition, McCall worked in media relations at the American Football Coaches Association. Now, she works there part time while completing her degree.

Ali Harayda (Spring, TX) is back for her third Air Race Classic. A Commercial pilot, single- and multiengine land, with a current instrument rating, a flight instructor certificate, complex endorsement and 300 hours flown, Ali is racing to experience and learn to overcome new obstacles in flying and to grow as a pilot. Said Ali, "I want to come together with other female pilots from over the U.S. to share our love for flying."

During the 2014 race, in Elko, NV, Ali experienced just such an obstacle: "Who would expect to get snowed in?"

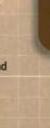
A student at Texas State Technical College, Ali recently earned her CFI and is building time and experience toward her goal of flying for an airline. She enjoys running and martial arts — she competed in taekwondo for 17 years and was a member of the Amateur Athletic Union's taekwondo team for two years before enrolling at TSTC to become a pilot.

You're clear to land at America's Favorite Bakery and Coffee Bar. This is the first ARC for Lacee Law (Waco, TX). Lacee is a student pilot with 44 hours in her logbook, working on both her Private pilot's license and a degree from TSTC's Aircraft Pilot Training Program. Lacee was drawn into the world of aviation after learning about Amelia

Earhart. Said Lacee, "Her fearlessness and independence inspired me, and the fact that she competed in several races has prompted my desire to compete as well."

When she's not flying, Lacee enjoys running. She has completed two half-marathons and plans to complete a full marathon soon. She also likes reading and photography.

I think it is a pity to lose the romantic side of flying and simply to accept it as a common means of transport." — АМУ ЈОНИЅОЙ



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Julia Matthews, Arlene Wohlgemuth

Julia Matthews (Aquilla, TX) returns for her eighth ARC. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and 2,310 hours flown. She is a member of the Brazos River chapter of the 99s.

Julia races for the love of flying, the camaraderie, adventure and challenge. Said Julia, "There is nothing like the joy of flying low and slow over this beautiful country." Her previous races have brought so

many laughs and adventures on the route: terrible motels along the way, fun meals with other racers, great people who helped out and awesome sights.

She retired in 2008 from a career in accounting, primarily for small businesses, then worked part-time in the aviation department at a local college. Now retired again, Julia enjoys gardening, fishing, reading and visiting with family at her house in the country. She also volunteers at her church and at a local arts center.

Arlene Wohlgemuth (Burleson, TX) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot with single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea ratings, a current instrument rating, instrument and multi-engine flight instructor certificates, advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials and 5,048 hours in the air.

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



Shirley you can't be serious!

COLLEGIATE

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Piper Warrior III PA-28-161

Keenyn Duncan, Keisha Holback

Keenyn Duncan (Oklahoma City, OK) is back for her second ARC. Keenyn is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, an instrument flight instructor certificate, a complex endorsement and 483 hours in her logbook. She races because she loves competition, loves meeting other women aviators and loves flying.

She is currently enlisted in the Air Force Reserve as an Airborne Mission

System Specialist on the E-3 AWACS, with more than 1,300 hours — 560 of them being combat hours over Afghanistan. Keenyn is also an instrument flight instructor at the University of Oklahoma and looks forward to being commissioned in the Air Force after graduating this year with a professional pilot degree. She is a member of the Oklahoma chapter of the 99s.

Keisha Holback (Fletcher, OK) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

A Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex, tailwheel and aerobatics credentials and 180 hours flown, Keisha is a junior at the University of Oklahoma, working on her professional pilot degree. She is racing to put her aviation skills to the test, gain valuable experience and meet other great aviators. Said Keisha, "Flying the Air Race Classic will challenge my performance in the aircraft and on the ground, and will also serve as a benefit in my everyday flying."

Keisha began flying in gliders at age 16 and she includes instructing, performing and teaching aerobatics, as well as flying corporate or charter, among her professional goals. She has been doing aerobatics training outside of her regular university studies with an eye toward becoming a regular aerobatics competitor. Keisha is a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.





Flying Sycamores Diamond Star DA40



Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner, MiJin Kim

Welcome Lydia Kost (Georgetown, IN) to her first Air Race Classic! Lydia is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, instrument ground instructor and complex credentials and 233 hours logged. She is flying the race because of its competitive nature; as a competitive person herself, she found that very appealing. Also, said Lydia, "I am racing for the experience of flying across the country, since that is what I want to do for my career."

Lydia is currently a flight instructor at Indiana State University, where she has also worked as a dispatcher and an instrument ground instructor over the last three years.

In her spare time, Lydia enjoys hanging out with friends, plane watching and attending airshows. She loves helping youth in her community by teaching them about aviation. Lydia is a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Kayleigh Bordner (Bringhurst, IN) returns for her third ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and 324 hours in her logbook. Said Kayleigh, "I participate in the Air Race Classic to pay tribute to the women who paved the way for younger pilots like myself. The race is filled with an amazing amount of history! I also race because it tests my skill as a pilot, and I meet so many amazing women who have become some of my good friends."

In 2014, Kayleigh and her teammates expected warm weather for the race, so they all packed shorts. When they were grounded by snow and ice in Elko, NV., they needed warm clothes, so they went shopping for sweatpants. The store didn't have any women's sweats, only men's – and that's what they had to wear!

Kayleigh started flying when she was 17, taking her first lesson in a J-3 Cub on a small grass strip. Aviation, she said, is her life, and most of her hobbies and interests revolve around that. She is particularly interested in the history and stories behind warbirds. When she's not flying, Kayleigh enjoys reading, crafting and cooking. Kayleigh is a member of the Indiana chapter of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

MiJin Kim (Terre Haute, IN) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome! MiJin holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor certification, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatics endorsements and 860 hours logged. She has been a CFI since May 2015 and currently teaches at the ISU Flight Academy. The ARC, she said, is a perfect opportunity for networking and getting real-life experience outside a training setting.

Originally from Gwang-Ju, South Korea, Milin came to the U.S. in the summer of 2003 and has been flying since 2005. She loves traveling, so being able to fly herself has been a huge plus — she even got to fly over Niagara Falls and the Statue of Liberty! Milin has also lived and worked in China and New Zealand. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.



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Team Bernoulli Cessna Skyhawk 172M

Naiara (92Romeo) Petralanda, Virginie Rollin

Welcome the first-time team of Naiara Petralanda and Virginie Rollin to the ARCI

Nalara (Lady Lake, FL) is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and 5,589 hours logged. She goes by 92Romeo because many people have trouble pronouncing her name — so they call her by her tail number instead!

Asked why she is racing, 92Romeo said, "The Air Race Classic provides a unique opportunity to challenge myself. After years behind the controls

of my C-172, I will really be able to find out if I know my airplane as much I think I do!"

She is an adjunct professor at Embry-Riddle teaching senior and freshman engineering courses, as well as working on the design and development of a hybrid turboprop/electric propulsion system. How does she commute to work? In her 172, of course! 92Romeo is a member of the Florida Spaceport chapter of the 99s.

Virginie (DeLand, FL) holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 175 hours in her logbook. She is a professor of aerospace engineering at Embry-Riddle and is flying the race for the challenge, the camaraderie, the experience, the outreach — "and because I can!"

Virginie was born in France and earned her academic degrees through her master's there. She came to the U.S. for her Ph.D. and stayed, enjoying her interactions with her students and learning new things each semester.

A self-described aviation geek, Virginie loves to visit aviation museums and watch shows on anything aviation-related. She is also the mother of a 5-month-old boy, and this race will be the first time they will be spending so much time apart. Virginie is a member of the Florida Spaceport chapter of the 99s.



Sure B.E.T. Cessna Skyhawk R172K

Barbara Zeigler, Ethel Bailey

Barb Zeigler (Limerick, PA) returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 329 hours logged. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s, a member at-large of Women in Aviation International and an ARC Director. Said Barb, "I race for the experience of not only flying an airplane for two weeks, but to view the beautiful country we live in. My favorite stories are of the people we meet along the way and the fabulous ladies you are competing against."

Barb is a contract specialist for a large global organization with oversight of the company's procurement department. She has been in the procurement field for more than 23 years.

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

This is the third ARC for Ethel Bailey (Elizabethtow, PA). A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, Ethel has a multi-engine flight instructor certificate, a high-performance endorsement, a current instrument rating and 16,000 hours in her logbook. Ethel worked as a registered nurse for 34 years and as a chief flight instructor for 20 before retiring.

Asked why she races, Ethel said, "The ARC was on my bucket list, and I flew my first race in 2010. Now, I want to keep it on my bucket list because it was so fun to fly, it keeps me young and I meet the nicest people!"

When she's not flying Ethel likes snorkeling, reading and enjoying her cats. She also likes to swim and walk the 10 miles of trails throughout the Masonic village where she lives. Ethel is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.



Frozen Force

Cessna Skyhawk 172S



Dana Atkins, Christina Druskins, Emma Kishel

Dana Atkins (Grand Forks, ND) is flying the ARC for the first time! Welcome!

Dana is a senior at the University of North Dakota, studying aviation management. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 350 hours logged, and 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.

Dana loves traveling and meeting new people, and she is looking forward to flying across the U.S. and meeting other 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 of North Dakota chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is **Tina Druskins'** (Grand Forks, ND) second Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, singleand multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor and complex credentials, and 381 hours logged. Tina is a senior at UND majoring in aviation management. She is a flight instructor at the university and at a local FBO. Tina has been flying with her mom in her Piper Warrior for as long as she can remember, and she is racing to inspire other girls to explore aviation, as well as for the friendships formed during the race.

During last year's race, she and her teammates went on a 2-mile wild goose chase in Virginia in an attempt to find sushi. Said Tina, "It ended up being a very hot, long walk with a lot of laughs, that involved finding out holly bushes are not soft! But the sushi was quite good!"



"Adventure is worthwhile in itself." Amelia Earhart

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Tina enjoys ice skating and rollerblading, and is mother to two Siamese kittens! She a member of the Michigan chapter of the 99s and the University of North Dakota chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Emma Kishel (Virginia, MN) to her first ARCI Emma is a student at the University of North Dakota, majoring in commercial aviation with an emphasis in safety. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 120 hours logged. She hopes to fly for Skywest Airlines or the Air Force after she graduates.

Emma is flying the race for the challenges behind it. Said Emma, "Many aviators will never get to experience something as big as this, and it helps motivate me and to realize never to take this opportunity for granted." Emma was born and raised in a small town in northern Minnesota and was a part of Division 1 golf at the university. In her free time, she likes to fish, hike, and play golf is bockey and tennis

and play golf, ice hockey and tennis. She has a black Lab named Stormee.

EAMS



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Sue Jones, Bev Weintraub

Sue Jones (Wimberley, TX) returns for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot with single-engine land and sea credentials and 1,020 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 were stuck at an airport in Oregon, with the wind gusting to 45 mph. Since her plane is always hangared, she never

owned cowling plugs, so they stuffed some Depends that they had brought along just in case into the nose and tied the airplane down.

Sue is retired from a number of careers, including the arts, real estate, TV and film, and nursing. 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.

Bev Weintraub (New York, NY) is flying the ARC for the fourth time. She is an instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with advanced ground instructor and complex credentials and 545 hours logged. For many years, she has served as Race Central, the ground contact person for all racers from the time they leave home for the Start until they cross the timing line at the Terminus. This year, she is flying the race to see the country, hone her piloting skills, meet amazing women and have fun!

In 2012, Bev's team was one of the Newberry 11; Sault Ste. Marie was supposed to go VFR, but it didn't, and they had to land in the middle of the leg until the weather cleared. They fueled up while they were waiting and did a flyby to continue at the next stop — the first ever in a Sundowner!

Bev is a recovering journalist, a former speechwriter for the NYS attorney general and a current writer/editor working in education reform advocacy. In 2007, she and two colleagues won a Pulitzer Prize for editorials that helped get needed assistance for sick World Trade Center rescue and recovery workers. She is the proud co-owner of a Cherokee 140 dubbed the Flying Buttress, a member of the North Jersey chapter of the 99s, secretary of the New York-New Jersey Section of the 99s and an ARC director. Other interests include reading, gardening and baking.



Skyhawks

Cessna Skyhawk 172S

Mary Ann Richards, Allyn Auck

Mary Ann Richards (Homedale, ID) is flying the ARC for the fourth time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, Mary Ann has a tailwheel endorsement and 1,968 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

"The race is an adventure!" said Mary Ann, who is competing because she enjoys the challenges of flying.

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, the Native Daughters of Idaho — an organization dedicated to sharing the history of Idaho's pioneer women — and the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

This is the second Air Race Classic for Allyn Auck (Fort Mohave, AZ). Allyn is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 897 hours flown. Said Allyn, "Every challenge in life brings growth and learning, so I challenge myself with air racing so that I can continue to grow and learn while promoting aviation for women."

Soon after getting her Private in 2005, Allyn started flying for monthly Young Eagles events, introducing 400 kids to aviation. The continual procedural reviews, repeated preflight briefings, the need to ignore cockpit distractions and the impetus to fly at least monthly gave her some of her best flight training.

Allyn is the orthopedic impairment specialist for the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. Previously, she taught a class for students with physical disabilities from 1989 to 2011. Allyn is a member of the Rio Colorado chapter of the 99s.

TEAMS



Team Wild Mama

Cessna Skylane RG R182

Terry Carbonell, Ellen Herr

Terry Carbonell (Tavernier, FL) returns to ARC for the 10th time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with 2,600 hours in the air and holds single-engine land and sea and multi-engine land licenses, 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 mosquitocontrol pilot.

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, and I have been fortunate to marry ARC events with youth aviation education and my nonprofit, Aviation Adventures."

Terry lives in the Florida Keys on a runway with her airplane "Wild Mama." She also likes scuba diving, hiking, biking, quilting and gardening, 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 sixth time. An instrument-rated Private pilot with a single-engine license, a highperformance endorsement and 1,975 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 real-life situations. No two races are the same, and each one has unique challenges. There is never a dull or routine race, and it's always a great opportunity to meet new and interesting people."

Ellen is a retired physical therapist who now volunteers for Pilots N Paws, Angel Flight, Fort Myers Flying Club and Aviation Adventures. She owns a 2006 Cirrus SR22 and enjoys flying for charity and visiting family and friends. When she's not flying, Ellen likes doing agility training with her retriever mix dog, Penny, gardening, traveling and hiking.

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Lin Caywood, Susan Beall, Carol Caywood

Lin Caywood (Frederick, MD) is flying the Air Race Classic for the sixth time. An instrument-rated Private pilot, she holds single-engine land and sea certificates and a high-performance endorsement and has 1,450 hours logged. Said Lin, "Racing is highly addictive. The competition makes you want to do your best. It is so rewarding to see such a great group of confident and accomplished women pilots gather each year to celebrate the camaraderie, the challenge and the history of this unique sporting event."

One memorable experience came in Scottsbluff, NE, during the 2014 race. "Let's just say that Team 15, Wunder Women, is the best source of entertainment anyone needs!" said Lin.

Lin has more than 25 years in real estate and mortgage banking and currently works for one of the largest mortgage investors in the U.S., specializing in management of defaulted residential real estate. She volunteers with the ARC and the 99s to share her love for flying and works with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) to give back while flying. Lin is a member of the Sugarloaf chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Susan Beall (Riva, MD) is back for her fourth ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 710 hours under her belt.

She said, "As long as I remember, I have wanted to fly. This is a passion for me, and I feel fortunate to participate in a historic event with its roots founded by the first 99s. The Air Race Classic is an amazing adventure." Continued on page 68



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CAMS

COLLEGIATE

Kaitlyn Allen, Lizzy Hauk, Melody Kaijala

Kaitlyn Allen (Salisbury, NC) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 186 hours logged. She is pursuing a position as a flight instructor at Liberty University and hopes to fly for an airline one day.

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

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

Welcome Lizzy Hauk (Lynchburg, VA) to her first Air Race Classic! She is a flight instructor at Liberty with a Commercial certificate, singleengine land and sea, instrument flight instructor and complex credentials, a current instrument rating and 700 hours flown. Lizzy is racing to improve her skills as an aviator and to have the opportunity to network.

Lizzy started Women Can Fly Day at the university in 2014 and has served as president of Liberty's chapter of Women in Aviation International. A native of Ohio, she is a loyal Cleveland fan. Lizzy enjoys traveling and playing sports — particularly soccer — as well as outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, and canoeing.

This is the third ARC for **Melody Kaijala** (Lynchburg, VA), a flight instructor at Liberty who is working on her Master's degree. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and tailwheel credentials and 450 hours in her logbook. Melody comes from an aviation family — her mom was a flight instructor, her grandmother was a Private pilot and her grandfather was a Commercial pilot and an FAA inspector. She is racing for the experience and the challenge.

Melody once had an air-traffic controller tell her, "Negative, Ghost Rider, the pattern is full" when she requested pattern work. She'd never seen "Top Gun," so she didn't get the joke and changed her request to full stop. Tower came back and <u>Continued on page 68</u>





Team Wunder Woman

Mooney Executive M20F

Mary Wunder, Juliet Lindrooth

Mary Wunder (Collegeville, PA) returns for her ninth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,100 hours flown. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and the Independence chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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! After coming in seventh last year, I want to win!" Mary said, "I had the best career. I was an air traffic controller. That was so much fun! I used to tell everyone: Where else can you tell people what to do and they have to listen to you?"

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

Juliet Lindrooth (Bryn Athyn, PA) is flying the Air Race Classic for the fourth time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land, multi-engine instrument flight instructor, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and aerobatic certifications; a jet type rating, and 14,800 hours in her logbook. Said Juliet, "I can fly all around the world and across this country multiple times per month. But racing allows me to see parts of the country that I wouldn't usually be able to see. I get to meet fantastic people at the small airports whom I normally wouldn't meet. In short, it's a blast!"Juliet has been flying since she was 15 and soloed on her 16th birthday. Currently, she is a 767 International Officer for American Airlines. Previously, she worked as a flight instructor and as a J32 Captain for a commuter airline.

In her spare time, Juliet restores vintage, pre-World War II airplanes and flies them for a museum on weekends. Her other passions are her four children, who are in their 20s, ski patrol, photography, web design, graphic arts, her husband, Steven, who is also a pilot, and her golden retriever, Bear. Juliet is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s and the Independence chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Liberty Belles II Piper Arrow III PA-28R-201



Katie Wagner, Analise Nelson, Alicia Isacson

Welcome Katie Wagner (Newton Grove, NC) to her first Air Race Classic! Katie is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, who has a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 270 hours logged. Flying is her biggest passion, and she is very excited for the opportunity to race this year.

Katie works as a dispatcher for Liberty University School of Aeronautics and is a junior majoring in aeronautical aviation with a specialization in commercial/corporate aviation. She enjoys hiking, knitting and spending time with friends, and is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Analise Nelson (Fayetteville, GA) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome! Analise holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 308 hours in her logbook. A full-time student at Liberty, she is very excited to fly the race for the incredible experiences she will get.

For several years, Analise has worked as a bartender and server at a golf course/country club. She is an aspiring professional poker player who enjoys telling corny jokes, running, dancing, laughing, cooking, learning new languages, playing plano, traveling and playing air drum in the car. Analise is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third ARC for Alicia Isacson (Branford, CY). An instrument-rated Commercial pilot with single- and multi-engine land credentials, a multi-engine instrument flight instructor certificate, a high-performance endorsement and 900 hours logged, she has been a flight instructor at Liberty University since September 2014. She graduated from Liberty last May with a Bachelor's degree in aeronautical aviation and is currently working on her Master's. She hopes to fly for the airlines once she has her hours.

Asked why she is flying the ARC again, she said, "The knowledge and experience I gained the last two years was incredible. I am looking forward to another amazing race."

Aviation has been a multi-state experience for Alicia. She started flying through the Civil Air Patrol in her home state of Connecticut, went to flight camp in Maine, where she did her first solo, got her Private certificate in Connecticut and is continuing her aviation education in Virginia.



Cessna Skylane RG R182

Marge Thayer, Setiva Devitt, Helen Beulen

This is veteran racer Marge Thayer's (Mesa, AZ) 21st Air Race Classic. Marge is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 3,900 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Arizona Sundance chapter of the 99s.

Asked why she races, Marge replied, "Oh, I love itl It is a great challenge." Recalling a humorous experience, Marge said, "Helen and I were flying a great leg in a race in which we had been doing very well. About 10 minutes into the leg, Helen looked out the window and said, 'Marge, you

will not believe this, but the gear is still down.' I didn't raise the gear; I just laughed because I was sure Helen was just joking. Helen said 'Marge, put the gear up now!' Needless to say, Helen was not joking, and our team did not win that year!"

Marge is a retired charter pilot. Her hobbies are driving her RV and "my four-legged kids...Wings (Wingy), Elevator (Vator), Flaps (Flapper) and Trim Tab (Trimmie). I love my RV and going on the road with my road bunnies."

This is Setiva Devitt's (Red Rock, AZ) first ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land and has 190 hours logged. Tiva earned her license two months after her 18th birthday and used to celebrate by completing birthday loops with her dad. They stopped on her 21st birthday after 21 loops. Now, she is fulfilling a lifelong dream of flying the ARC with her mom, Helen, and her adopted grandma, Marge.

Tiva is all about faith, family and flying. She is a registered nurse specializing in oncology who works in children's service. Her husband is an operational manager at Bombardier, her stepson is starting an airframe and powerplant mechanic program and her youngest



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loves "flying with Grammy."

Helen Beulen (Mesa, AZ) returns for her 11th ARC. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine land, instrument multi-engine flight instructor, and advanced/instrument ground instructor certifications; a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating, and 4,300 hours under her belt.

Asked why she keeps returning to ARC, Helen said, "There are so very many reasons! The joy of flying with my Marge. The way my mind and skills are sharpened. The lifelong friendships we have developed. Marge and I look forward to the Start of the race because it is a family reunion! My absolute favorite is meeting the people who help out along the way."

Helen is an airline pilot whose career also includes time as a corporate pilot and a special-education teacher. Her three grandsons are the love of her life. She is active in her church and loves to go on missions and help the needy whenever she can. Helen is a member of the Phoenix chapter of the 99s.

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DC3

Cessna Skylane 182T

Debi Dreyfuss, Linda Knowles, Lucy Mencia

Debi Dreyfuss (Grand Forks, ND) returns to the ARC for the seventh time. With 1,890 hours under her belt, Debi is a Commercial 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 says, "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 were 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 the 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.

Linda Knowles (Falls Church, VA) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot with single-engine land and sea licenses, 895 hours logged and instrument flight instructor, complex, high-performance, dispatcher, and airframe and powerplant mechanic certification. Linda is a member of the Washington DC chapters of the 99s and Women in Aviation International.

During a previous race, Linda and her partner drove by an arena where a kids' rodeo was taking place. Said Linda, "We had the most fun watching the kids having the greatest fun riding their

horses and performing the mandatory goat-roping contest, all while the goats protested profusely!"

Linda races because it's a great excuse to visit new places and meet great people, and for the camaraderie among like-minded pilots. She is retired from the Navy, where she was an aviation electronics technician and learned to fly in Navy flying clubs. Said Linda, "I love to fly. Love to find new places to have lunch. Love to see the countryside pass by underneath and take pictures of things I have never seen before."

This is Lucy Mencia's (Washington, DC) first ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, with 2,500 hours logged. She is racing to become a better pilot and more proficient in her plane, to share the camaraderie and to have fun. Said Lucy, "Nothing compares to the joy of being in the air! What wonderful sights. There is a wonderful feeling about being able to see mountains, rivers, valleys, places that only angels can see."

Lucy is the president of an architectural firm. She enjoys travel, languages and photography. She is a member of the Washington DC Chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.



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Fire & Ice Cessna Skylane 182T

Elaine Stook, Helen Helpling

Elaine Stook (Tulsa, OK) is back for her third Air Race Classic. Elaine is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a Private pilot helicopter certificate and 810 hours logged. She caught the racing bug flying the Okie Derby several years ago. Said Elaine, "Since then, two ARC races have proven to be great fun and an opportunity to challenge my skills in ways that I have never experienced in general recreational flying. It is such a gift!"

During a previous race, Elaine's copilot suggested that she stop

"dawdling" like an old woman or they would not be able to launch before a fast-moving weather system blew through. They squeaked out VFR under some really low scud, and she discovered a new personality trait: she does, indeed, tend to dawdle!

Elaine has been a physicians' assistant since graduating from the Yale Medical School program in 1977. Her career has taken her to Chicago, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, where she has lived for the last 26 years. Having "retired" a couple of times, she found that she missed the work very much, so she is working part time in geriatric medicine and loves the special group of folks who have taught her so much!

When she's not flying, Elaine enjoys working outside, planting and caring for her yard, playing an occasional round of golf, traveling stateside and in Europe and reading spy novels. She has also made several trips to Romania with her church and did a medical mission trip to Mexico. Elaine is a member of the South Central section of the 99s.

This is Helen Helpling's (Ocala, FL) second ARC. Helen is a Private pilot single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 675 hours in her logbook. Helen races "for the stories, for the view from the cockpit, for leaving the ground and coming home, for friends, and mostly, for the freedom."

Helen is a consultant currently helping a medical provider exiting bankruptcy to reestablish itself ethically and financially. She has played many roles, including CPA, finance director and, when the IT hat is on, data modeling specialist. Besides flying, Helen likes to run, bike, ski, enjoy the ocean and engage in any activities that involve friends and a destination.

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The Flying Carastros

Cessna Skyhawk 172P

Susan Carastro, Marie Carastro, Danielle Carastro

Susan Carastro (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 15th time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot license, single- and multiengine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex and tailwheel certifications and 2,058 hours in her logbook. Susan races to spend time with her mom and niece, 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 of all 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 **Marie Carastro's** (Montgomery, AL) 16th time flying the ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 1,285 hours flown. She 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. Marie has been a registered dietitian for 59 years. She worked with the Alabama Department of Public Health for 23 years and is now in private practice as a nutritional consultant on federal and state health provider standards.

Said Marie, "I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, and the race gives me great pleasure as I get to do this with my granddaughter, Danielle." Gardening and genealogy are among Marie's favorite hobbies and interests. She is a member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s.

Danielle Carastro (Ocean Springs, MS) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a student pilot with five hours in her logbook and is racing to keep up the family tradition with her aunt and grandmother.

American Maids

Cessna Skylane 182S

Cathy Darcy, Mary Gibb

Cathy Darcy (Wayzata, MN) is back for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex, high-performance, tailwheel and formation flying endorsements and 1,420 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 8-29s 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 every chance she gets and flew in her first competition in 2014. 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. 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!

This is the second ARC for Mary Gibb (Ambler, PA). A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 1,522 hours logged and complex and highperformance credentials, she is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s. Said Mary, "Flying the best race you can and learning from your teammate during the process provides great satisfaction — and no better way to do it than with a friend."

Mary's career is in technology sales, currently selling cybersecurity software to large corporations to protect important data from being stolen. She and her husband, David, share the love of flight, flying cross-country to see their children and grandchildren in Michigan and Minnesota. They are training their Wheaton terrier to fly with them and to use oxygen.

When she's not working or flying, Mary enjoys cooking and reading.



Vans Air Force I

Van's RV-7 Experimental Trial Stephanie Wells, Gretchen Jahn

Stephanie Wells (Arvada, CO) is flying the Air Race Classic for the second time. An Airline Transport Pilot with 14,500 hours in her logbook, she holds single- and multi-engine land, single-engine sea and commercial glider ratings; a multi-engine instrument flight instructor certificate; a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance, tailwheel, aerobatic and formation flying endorsements, and a jet type rating. Still, with all that experience, Stephanie said, the ARC presents a wonderful challenge — and is a great way to see the countryside.

She spent 18 years as an Air Force pilot and was a NASA pilot from 1986 to 2003, training astronauts and helping them stay current. After several years as an FAA inspector in general aviation operations, Stephanie retired to travel. Aviation remains a major part of her life: she and her son built an Aventura II amphibian together. When she's not flying, Stephanie enjoys hiking, camping and kayaking, as well as overseas travel and exotic trips. She is a member of the Colorado chapter of the 99s.

Veteran racer Gretchen Jahn (Broomfield, CO) is back for her 21st ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,800 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 runs a management consulting firm working with midsize companies. A former resident of New Zealand — Gretchen holds an NZ pilot's license — she and Stephanie are partners in an RV-7 for traveling cross-country fast with lower fuel costs. She is a member of numerous aviation groups, including the Colorado chapter of the 99s where she is Chapter Chair, and is a former ARC Director.







Wildfire

Cessna Skylane 182K Sherry Kandle, Monica Weyhe

Sherry Kandle (Boise, ID) is back for her third Air Race Classic. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 642 hours in her logbook, she flies the race for the adventure and friendship with other women pilots. Said Sherry, "The planning and preparation it takes to race is good training, and I have learned more than I ever expected to learn about my airplane. But mostly, I race for the fun of it!"

During a previous race, Sherry and Monica had to land at a deserted strip in bad weather. A new friend in a borrowed pickup truck brought them

coffee, donuts and full fuel cans at 5 a.m., but they had no siphon or ladder — so they had to refuel standing on the tailgate and lifting the heavy cans over their heads!

Sherry worked for 25 years as a software engineer and project manager, then had an aircraft maintenance business that allowed her to spend time at the airport and learn to fly. Now retired, Sherry enjoys hiking, backpacking and flying with her husband, Douglas, who is also a pilot and an airplane builder. She also wishes she could find time for tennis. Sherry is a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s.

This is the second ARC for **Monica Weyhe** (Central Point, OR). Monica holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, and has 680 hours in the air. She is flying for the adventure, the challenge and the chance to be part of women's aviation history. And, said Monica, it's a way to encourage girls to pursue their interests and have fun in the fields of science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. Monica's goal this year is to complete the race and finish in good time — in 2014, she and Sherry made it only as far as Nebraska, which is as far east as Monica has ever flown!

Monica had careers in public and library administration, human resources management, and retirement and benefits. She just completed her term as the Vice Governor of the Northwest Section of the 99s and was elected to a director position on the Jackson County Library District Board, serving as President this year. Monica is working on her Instrument rating in the Grumman Cheetah in which she and her husband, Joel, learned to fly in Alaska starting in 1984. They consider the plane part of the family. Monica also enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing, traveling and vacationing with her grandchildren.



Dakota FlyGirls Piper Dakota PA-28-236

Corbi Bulluck, Ramona Banks

Corbi Bulluck (Apex, NC) is back for her second 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, a jet type rating and 9,055 hours in her logbook. She was the first female pilot hired by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. She regularly flies the Governor and other top state officials, as well as doing aerial photography flights for engineering planning and assessment of environmental conditions.

Corbi is a former pilot for Atlantic Southeast Airlines and an instructor at FlightSafety International. When she's not flying, she enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing, sharing aviation with young people through the Young Eagles, Girl Scouts and other organizations, reading and going to the theater. She is a member of the Kitty Hawk chapter of the 99s and is International Director for the organization.

This is Ramona Banks' (Madison, AL) second Air Race Classic. An instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, she has 630 hours in her logbook and 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."

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 the aviation careers available to them. 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 31 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 is a member of the Alabama chapter of the 99s.



Three of a Kind Racing Cessna Skylane 182L

Frances Irwin, Pam Rudolph,

Shannon Hicks-Hankins

Frances Irwin (Lake Havasu City, AZ) returns for her third Air Race Classic. Frances is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 198 hours logged.

She races "for the personal challenge and camaraderie of other female pilots, skill development and fun."

En route to the 2013 race, her team stopped for fuel in Mountain Home, ID, and discovered it was self-serve only. Said Frances, "I had to confess to my teammates that I had never pumped my own gas before. Needless to say, I was enlightened."

Frances developed her interest in aviation through her employment with a leading distributor and manufacturer of aircraft parts. She and her husband, John, who is also a pilot, enjoy flying together. When not in the air, Frances enjoys skiing, camping, off-road riding, boating, paddleboarding and hiking with her dogs Buddy and Darla. She is a member of the Rio Colorado chapter of the 99s.

This is the fifth 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 2,040 hours flown. Asked why she races, Pam replied, "I love the challenge of planning and executing the perfect cross-country with Shannon and Frances, flying the airplane as fast as it will go and enjoying a week of camaraderie with the other women pilots."

A retired pharmacy technician, Pam flew the Palms to Pines race in 2009 and worked at a local FBO after retiring with her husband, Bill, to Arizona. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s chapter and is helping to plan the Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race, to be held in March. When she's not flying, Pam enjoys quilting, embroidering and off-roading in Baja. Continued on page 68



Amelia's Aviatrices Beechcraft Bonanza S35

Liz Poeppelman, Lisa Cannon

Welcome the first-time team of Liz Poeppelman (North Charleston, SC) and Lisa Cannon (Atlanta, GA) to the Air Race Classic!

Liz Poeppelman is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a current instrument rating and 484 hours in her logbook. After a stint in the Air Force, she became a copilot in a Citation 560; this year, she hopes to attain her ASEL commercial add-on and flight instructor certificate.

Said Liz, "Being a new mom, I need to find myself once again and remind myself that I am a fully capable pilot, mom and wife. I will only live this life once, so that's why I am going to race."

Liz and her husband, a professional pilot, own a 1965 S-35 Bonanza, "Nana," and a 1952 Cessna 170B, "Alfred." When she's not flying, she enjoys photography, hiking, camping, gardening, assisting with aircraft maintenance, reading, doing yoga and reiki, and learning to play the piano. Liz is a member of the Kitty Hawk chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Lisa Cannon is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land, multi-engine instrument instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, a jet type rating and 3,365 hours in the air. She has been a first officer at Delta Air Lines since 2014, flying the A319 and A320. Previously, she was in the Air Force, where she flew C-17's and served as a C-17 Instructor Airdrop Aircraft Commander and T-1 Instructor.

Asked why she races, Lisa replied, "to broaden my perspective and experience in general aviation flying. I also am excited to race with my good friend Liz. It's awesome to connect with other female pilots and increase awareness to others about how fun aviation can be! We need more girls in aviation!"

Lisa loves to travel for work and fun, as well as reading, going to movies, hanging out with friends, and exploring new places: cultural institutions, history, museums and theater. She is also involved in her church, teaching third graders, participating in Bible study and pursuing mission work.

Lisa is a member of the USA-Gone With the Wind chapter of Women in Aviation International.







Baldwin Family Flyers

Piper Cherokee A-28-180

Caroline Baldwin, Lydia Baldwin, Cara Baldwin

Veteran racer **Caroline Baldwin** (Silver City, NM) returns for her 12th ARC. She has 1,040 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 and granddaughter is very special, a time we treasure. I enjoy the ARC adventure and challenge, the excitement and camaraderie of the ARC community, and traveling this wonderful country."

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 consultant, researcher, 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 and that has donated more than 195,000 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 mah jongg and bridge. She is a member at-large of the 99s.

Lydia Baldwin (Fort Collins, CO) is back for her seventh ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 260 hours and a member of the Colorado chapter of the 99s. She flies the ARC "to enjoy an adventure with Caroline, Cara and 100 more summer aviatrix friends. I race to challenge myself to excel, to think about opportunities and potential for success. I race because those who did so before me raced with grace, skill and poise, and I admire their achievements."

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

Lydia has been an RN for 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.

Cara Baldwin (Morgantown, WV) is flying her fifth Air Race Classic. An instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, she has 224 hours under her belt. She races to enhance her knowledge of aviation and because the race "is a great way to meet females who are enthusiastic about flying. The main reason I race is because it is fun and I get to spend time with my lovely teammates who are also my family."

Cara is in her second year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona, majoring in aeronautical science. She is a member of the Spaceport chapter of the 99s.



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Cool Beans Cessna Skylane 182S Alison Chalker, Linda Evans

Alison Chalker (Moorestown, NJ) returns to ARC for the seventh time. She is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 1,265 hours flown. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

Alison is project management therapeutic area leader for neuroscience and established products for a pharmaceutical company and has spent 26 years in the industry.

Said Alison, "I feel very privileged to fly, and even among pilots, few get

to have an experience like this. This is an opportunity to spend quality time with some of my best friends, test my pilotage and explore the USA from a unique vantage point. Its an adventure every time!" Just before the 2012 race, she met the man who would become her fiancé – who got to know her better by reading her team blog! Alison and Ray were married just before the 2014 race.

This is the sixth Air Race Classic for Linda Evans (North Wales, PA). She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multiengine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,129 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

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

Linda works in the business technology organization at a large pharmaceutical company, where she has been employed for more than 20 years. She keeps busy with her six godchildren, who range in age from 11 to 29. Of the six, four have flown with Linda. When Linda is not flying, she enjoys playing golf and watching and attending sporting events.



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Alicia Sikes, Heather Hill

Alicia Sikes (Quakertown, PA) is flying the ARC for the third 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, highperformance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating, and a DC3 type rating, and 20,060 hours logged. She is a captain for American Airlines, flying 737s. Previously, she flew MD80s, Boeings, DC9s and many other types of aircraft 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 just completed her Master's degree in Digital Forensics at Champlain College and likes to play tennis and ice hockey. Alicia is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s.

This is the second ARC for Heather Hill (Devon, PA). She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 197 hours logged. She is flying the ARC for the experience, education and excitement.

Heather is a mother of four who spends much of her time volunteering at a soup kitchen, at a hospice and at her church, where she teaches religion classes for fifth-graders. A member of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the 99s, she was Airmarking Chair for 11 years and held the same position with the Mid Atlantic Section for five years. Heather is also a longtime Girl Scout troop leader and founder of a recycling program, the Community Green Initiative.

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Royce Clifford, Melissa Sliffe

Royce Clifford (Encinitas, CA) returns for her seventh ARC. An instrumentrated Private pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 1,350 hours under her belt, she recently retired as a Navy flight surgeon. Royce was the third female Senior Medical Officer aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier, the 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 second 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 3,300 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 is a member at-large of the 99s.



GG's Cessna Skylane 182Q

Cindy Coleman, Mary Latimer

Welcome **Cindy Coleman** (Frankston, TX) to her first Air Race Classic! Cindy is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 120 hours in her logbook. Said Cindy, "I am racing because I love flying. I love competition and I love learning! I am ready for the experience of a lifetime." On one of her first cross-countries, she had a goose strike. "I thought I had a hole in my plane by my knee," Cindy said. "I know the air traffic controller thought I was crazy. When she asked me if I needed an emergency landing, I replied, "Everything seems to be okay, except my stomach is in my throat.""

Cindy has worked in education for 30 years. Currently a third-grade teacher, she was a school principal in Arkansas before retiring and is ABD – all but dissertation – for her Doctorate in Education Leadership.

When she's not flying, Cindy likes to ride her pink Harley, cook for her husband — or for a houseful — travel, paddleboard, scuba dive, ski, watch the Oklahoma Sooners and take care of her English bulldog. But, her husband says, spending time teaching her kids at school is probably her favorite.

Mary Latimer (Vernon, TX) is back for her second ARC. Mary holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, multi-engine instrument flight instructor, advanced/instrument ground instructor, mechanic (IA), air-traffic control, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials, and 30,000 hours under her belt. She is racing to inspire more women to pursue their pilot certificates and consider careers in aviation.

Mary was named Southwest Region Flight Instructor of the Year in 2014. A flight instructor, designated pilot examiner and retired airtraffic controller, she is proud to be the founder of GIFT — Girls in Flight Training — Academy. In 2014, 33% of the pilot certificates she issued, 30 out of 90, went to women.

Her daughter and her daughter's daughter are also full-time instrument flight instructors. Mary is a member of the Wichita Falls chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.



Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III



Hannah Burright, Shelby King

Welcome Hannah Burright (Prescott, AZ) to her first ARCI Hannah is a student at Embry-Riddle Prescott, studying aeronautical science and finishing up training for her flight instructor certificate. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials, a complex endorsement and 205 hours logged.

Hannah is racing to represent her school and to meet other aviators who are as passionate about flying as she is. She loves anything outdoors: wakeboarding, hiking, rock climbing, snowboarding, off-roading, shooting,

and working out. Hannah also loves to travel, and watching football and NASCAR. She is a member of the ERAU-Prescott chapter of Women in Aviation International.

This is **Shelby King's** (Prescott, AZ) second Air Race Classic. Shelby is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating who started flight instructing at Embry-Riddle Prescott in August and is working on her Master's degree. She has 642 hours in her logbook and holds flight instructor, dispatcher, advanced/instrument ground instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and a jet type rating.

Said Shelby, "I am an outgoing individual who is open to new experiences and adventure. This race provides the perfect opportunity to learn from fellow aviators who are passionate about aviation and are willing to engage others in their interest."

Aside from flying, Shelby likes to spend time outdoors. She enjoys running and recently finished her first marathon. Shelby loves to travel and see new places and is fortunate to have traveled out of the country and to more than 30 states. She is a member of the Sedona Red Rockettes chapter of the 99s.



Cessna Skyhawk 172S Nav III



Hannah Rooney, Rachel Hutzell

Welcome the first-time team of Hannah Rooney (Prescott Valley, AZ) and Rachel Hutzell (Prescott Valley, AZ) to the ARCI

Hannah is a recent graduate of Embry-Riddle Prescott. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with advanced/ instrument ground instructor credentials and 307 hours in her logbook. Asked why she is racing this year, Hannah said, "The Air Race Classic is a unique learning opportunity outside the flight training environment. It is a wonderful chance to learn from other female pilots who have lots to offer, having come from different backgrounds."

Hannah is originally from Youngstown, Ohio, and loves Ohio State football. When she's not flying, she enjoys running and yoga. She also likes science fiction and fantasy novels.

A full-time student at Embry-Riddle Prescott, Rachel is a Commercial pilot with single- and multi-engine land certificates and 340 hours under her belt. She looks forward to becoming a flight instructor at the university and 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. But, 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.





The Saluki Aces 2.0

Cessna Skyhawk 172R/G1000



Jess Reed, Rachel Piacentini

Jess Reed (Schaumburg, IL) is back for her second ARC. She is a flight instructor at SIU Carbondale with a Commercial certificate, singleengine land, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, a DC3 type rating and 325 hours flown. "Last year, I had the most fun I have ever had in an airplane before," said Jess. "The women I met last year were awesome and I know will be lifelong friends. The Air Race Classic is extremely empowering for women, and overall a great time."

Before getting her CFI, Jess worked as a weather observer and dispatcher at the university airport while she was a student. She played softball for 15 years and was a catcher and team captain. Jess is also a huge Chicago Blackhawks fan — last year, during the race, the team won the Stanley Cup, an event she hopes will repeat this year.

Welcome Rachel Piacentini (Steger, IL) to her first Air Race Classic! A full-time student at SIU Carbondale, Rachel is a Private pilot, single-engine land with 120 hours in her logbook. She is working on her instrument rating and has a part-time job as a dispatcher through SIU at her home airport.

Said Rachel, "The Air Race Classic illustrates the support that is out there for women aviators, and I am thrilled to be able to compete. I believe I can learn so much from the experience that I will always have with me."

Rachel is the first pilot in her family. She loves to explore new places, especially in southern Illinois, spending the day at the beach with friends, going to Blackhawks games and playing lacrosse. Rachel is a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Team Bessie Beechcraft Sundowner C23

Joyce Parker, Athina Holmes

Joyce Parker (Topeka, KS) is back for her second Air Race Classic. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, a high-performance endorsement and 439 hours in her logbook. Joyce served in the Air Force for 25 years, retiring with the rank of Sergeant. But, she said, her first ARC was the greatest aviation experience she'd ever had. Now, she wants to develop into the best pilot she can be and one day become a missionary pilot.

After retiring from the military, Joyce taught ROTC at a Topeka, KS high

school, then taught kindergarten at a private Christian school. Currently, she is a bookkeeper for a medical supply company, owns a reading tutoring business and is manager/camp host of an RV park.

When she's not flying, Joyce enjoys reading, running, playing the plano, singing in her church choir, teaching students of all ages how to read, playing with her Yorkies MaxRudder and Bailey, and living full-time and traveling in her RV. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third Air Race Classic for Athina Holmes (Boynton Beach, FL). Athina is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, advanced/instrument ground instructor certificates, a complex endorsement and 442 hours logged. She is racing for the challenge: "If I'm not learning, I'm not living to my full potential! I love the knowledge and skills learned from such an intense race. I also love the relationships built from meeting the most inspiring, talented and passionate women in aviation ever!"

Athina is a professor at Florida Memorial University, teaching aviation and safety course material. Said Athina, "I consider it an honor to enrich the lives of our youth. I am most excited when I see the spark in student's eyes as they set out to achieve Bachelor of Science degrees in Aviation." She loves many outdoor activities besides flying — biking, walking the beach and kayaking — and earned her Boater's Certificate over a year ago. Athina treasures fun-filled time with her family. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.





Cessna Skylane 182P

Susan Larson, 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 a helicopter flight instructor certificate, a tailwheel endorsement and 3,850 hours under her belt. Susan is a past president of the 99s and a member of the Rio Grande Norte chapter.

The mother of a daughter who is a pilot, Susan flies the ARC, "For the estrogen rush at each flyby, and to update my skill set, particularly my decision-making. Bonding with my co-pilot is an added bonus." She added,

"Since my first ARC in 1986, the many races have become just one Great Race in my dreams. And I'm still trying to win that Great Race."

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. The past 30 years have brought her much joy, an in-depth STEM (science, technology, science and math) education, 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 fourth time. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 700 hours in her logbook. Said Amy, "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. And the accomplished women's company is wonderful."

One memorable race experience involved ordering pizza delivered to their hotel and sharing it with their baby birds after a close encounter with a tornado. 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.



COMM, Cool, & Connected

Cessna Cardinal 177B

Minnetta Gardinier, BJ Carter

Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa City, IA) is back for her ninth ARC. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 1,515 hours logged. She is governor of the North Central Section and a member of the Iowa chapter of the 99s. Said Minnetta, "I've flown the ARC 2008-2015. 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 the University of Iowa, teaching pharmacology and neuroscience to medical, pharmacy and graduate students, and instructing graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the area of 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 ARC Director.

This is **BJ Carter's** (Payette, ID) fifth ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 716 hours in her logbook and a member of the Idaho chapter of the 99s. Said BJ, "My air racing experience — and, I might add, expertise — included being in charge of cheese and charts." But she missed last year's race and discovered she really missed the women involved in the racing experience. Added BJ, "The flying is, of course, awesome also. This year, I am challenging my flying skills, which is the underpinning of the ARC."

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.





TSTC Blue

Cessna Skyhawk 172SP



Shelby Hubbard, Bond Henderson, Jessica Ogden

Welcome Shelby Hubbard (Waco, TX) to her first Air Race Classic!

Shelby is a full-time student at TSTC, working on an Associate's of Applied Science in Aircraft Pilot Training. She holds a Private pilot certificate, singleengine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 211 hours in the air. Her reasons for racing: to broaden her experience in aviation and stretch her capabilities as a pilot.

Other than aviation, Shelby's interests include reading, writing and making music. "But honestly," she said, "most of what I do is study for the next rating."

Bond Henderson (Des Plaines, IL) is back for her second ARC. A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 365 hours flown, Bond is a full-time student at Baylor University finishing her flight instructor certification at TSTC. She hopes to instruct at TSTC while earning her add-on rotary wing ratings.

In 2013, the race start was in Bond's hometown of Pasco, WA, which piqued her interest in racing. She flew left seat in the 2014 race and is excited that her academic schedule allows her to participate this year.

Long-term, Bond plans to earn all her rotary wing add-on ratings and fly helicopters. In the meantime, she enjoys traveling and has visited nine countries outside the U.S. She also likes skydiving, kayaking, hiking, baseball and cooking.

This is Jessica Ogden's (Hico, TX) first time flying the ARC. Welcome, Jessical A student pilot with 42 hours in her logbook, Jessica had no aviation experience before enrolling at TSTC. But she is proud to say that she has grown tremendously in her aviation career, and she is flying the race to help her grow as a pilot and for the fun it offers.

Jessica loves being outdoors - kayaking, hiking, fishing, camping, and anything that she can do to be involved in nature.



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Joyce Wells



Riddle Racer Blue Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III



Sarah Wendt, Sojung An

Sarah Wendt (Ormond Beach, FL) is flying the ARC for the second time. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a multi-engine instrument instructor certificate, complex and high-performance endorsements and 2,120 hours logged. Sarah has been a flight instructor for 3 ½ years and is currently a full-time MEI at Embry-Riddle.

She is back this year because of the thrill she experienced in last year's race. Said Sarah, "What a whirlwind of a ride it is, and you get to share it with an amazing teammate and a group of fantastic competitors!"

Sarah is a musician, a movie buff, a forever student, a teacher, young at heart, an old soul, a baker, a fixer, a fiyer, a goal setter, a resolved athlete, an adventurer, a home-body, a friend, and a mentor. She is a member of the Daytona Beach Eagles chapter of the 99s and of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Sojung An (Port Orange, FL) to her first Air Race Classic! Sojung holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 264 hours in her logbook. She is finishing her Bachelor's degree, majoring in Aeronautical Science with a minor in Applied Meteorology.

Last year, Sojung was on Embry-Riddle Daytona's Air Race Weather Support Team. That experience reinforced her interest in racing, and now she will have her own amazing opportunity to apply her knowledge toward active decision-making and planning.

Sojung is originally from South Korea and first came to the U.S. as an exchange student in high school. Her hobbies include traveling the world and long boarding.



Riddle Racer Gold Cessna Skyhawk C172S NAV III



COLLEGIATE

Emmy Dillon, Abigail Pasmore

Emmy Dillon (Daytona Beach, FL) is back for her second ARC. Emmy is a student at Embry-Riddle majoring in Human Factors Psychology – studying the relationships and interactions between humans and machines. She hopes to apply that expertise to a career improving flight safety at a major aircraft manufacturer after graduation.

Emmy holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 317 hours in the

air. She is flying the ARC because, "I love flying and aviation, and I love testing my knowledge in a practical manner and refining my piloting skills. The race is a perfect combination!"

During last year's race, Emmy's team landed at the Terminus and discovered they had no left brake. Said Emmy, "Of course, taxiing to our spot was all left turns. Needless to say, we had an interesting time taxiing the airplane to its spot." Emmy is captain of Embry-Riddle's Eagles Flight Team, a member of the Old Dominion chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Abigail Pasmore (Port Orange, FL) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, and is a multi-engine instrument flight instructor with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 1,000 hours in her logbook. "I am always looking for a challenge and a way to improve upon my aviation knowledge and flying skills," said Abbie, "so the race is a perfect fit. Racing also gives you the opportunity to meet and develop lasting friendships with aviators from all avenues and backgrounds. What's not to love about that!"

Asked about a humorous previous race experience, Abbie said simply, "Lady Johns are not overrated!" Abbie graduated from Embry-Riddle with a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science and a minor in Business. Now, she is a flight instructor at the university. She also works closely with organizations that raise awareness of autism. During her down time, Abbie enjoys being around family and friends, her cat, Ruby, and two fluffy Pomeranians. She is a member of the ERAU-Daytona Beach chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Purdue University



Molly Van Scoy, Mary McCarty

Cirrus SR-20

Molly Van Scoy (Shavertown, PA) returns for her second Air Race Classic. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor, complex, high-performance and tailwheel credentials and 505 hours logged. She is currently a 3+2 master student at Purdue, graduating with a Bachelor's in Aviation Management in the fall of 2016 and a Master's in Aviation and Aerospace Management in the fall of 2017.

"When I was just a toddler," said Molly, "my mother set me off on what

were my first aviation adventures. Little did I know then, these adventures led me to my destiny. Flying is what I love to do. Racing among other women unites us and our similar passion for aviation."

Molly is active in numerous aviation organizations at the university and is a leader in the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation International, Professional Pilots and the Aviation Technology Student Council. At home, she enjoys hanging out with friends and "my awesome family." In the summer, she likes relaxing at the airport.

Welcome Mary McCarty (Wilmington, OH) to her first ARCI A Private pilot, single-engine land, with 177 hours logged, Mary is a professional flight major entering her junior year at Purdue. She was inspired to enter the field of 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. She also has interned at ABX Air at Wilmington Air Park.

Said Mary, "I race not only because of my love of flying and the opportunity to better my skills as a pilot, but also for the chance to meet and experience the race with countless other women who share the same passion for aviation." When she's not flying, Mary enjoys such outdoor activities as skiing, longboarding, hiking and camping. She is a member of the Purdue chapter of Women in Aviation International.



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Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson, Lauren Brown

Lauren Thompson (Sanford, FL) returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. She holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with flight instructor, advanced ground instructor, complex and highperformance credentials and 319 hours logged. Said Lauren, "I love competition and getting to meet new people. When I heard about the ARC as a sophomore in high school, I knew I would want to do it someday. l attended Purdue University and raced in the ARC in 2009 and 2010. Those were my best summers, and I met so many amazing women from all over!"

Lauren has some advice for racers: "Don't leave your wallet at a stop!" In 2010, she got a phone call from an FBO that she had left her wallet behind. They said they would send it with another team to give it to me at the next stop. They got there just in time, as Lauren's team was next up at the fuel pump.

After earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Purdue University, Lauren taught Aviation English at a university in China for a year. Now, she teaches private ground school classes for Chinese students at a flight school in Florida. Lauren is crazy about being left-handed and meeting fellow southpaws. She enjoys the outdoors, playing cards and baking. Boiler up!

Welcome Jessica Karlsson (Orlando, FL) to her first ARC! Jessica is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 178 hours in her logbook. She is an Aviation English instructor, teaching international students the importance of clear radio communications and what an important role this plays in aviation safety.

Said Jessica, "Last year my company sponsored a team, but I never thought I would have the opportunity. This year, my friend Lauren and I just decided to wing it and create our own opportunity to participate in the ARCI I am so excited about seeing so many female aviators all get together!"

Jessica has climbed some of the world's highest mountains, dived many oceans, rafted crazy canyons and seen more than 36 countries. "But," she said, "nothing compares to the feeling of flying a little Cessna on my own! The ARC is my next adventure!" Continued on page 68



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Jan Squillace, Anita Mixon

Jan Squillace (Cary, NC) returns for her second Air Race Classic. A Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 1,010 hours flown, Jan races for the challenge, and for the commitment and perseverance the ARC requires. Said Jan, "I look to all the racers in the early air races who did it all solo. I want to live up to their grit and determination to also be called an air racer."

Jan learned to fly for the challenge and because her many years in the computer software business made her yearn for the outdoors. Now

retired from the corporate world, she spends her time flying as a volunteer member of the FAAST team at the Greensboro, NC FSDO and as safety officer for the Wings of Carolina Flying Club at Sanford-Lee County Airport.

Said Jan, "Since I am a fan of epic cross-country flights, the Air Race Classic sounds like a fun adventure. Let's go FLYING!" Jan is a member of the Kitty Hawk chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Anita Mixon (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) is flying the ARC for the second time. A Private pilot, single-engine land, with complex, highperformance, tailwheel and aerobatics endorsements and 316 hours in the air, she was introduced to air racing in the 1990s and participated in the Great Southern Air Race several times. Anita started as a timer but soon realized she wanted to race — and met some people who remain close friends to this day.

Anita is a professor at Palm Beach State College after retiring from a career in banking. She also works part time as a flight school's office coordinator and volunteers for Pilots N Paws, flying her 1982 Cutlass RG, known as Katybird, aka Pirate Air. A longtime historical reenactor, she owns her own cannon and received Black Powder Certification from the State of Florida. Anita also enjoys firing her Glock 43 pistol and hopes to enter competitions when she becomes more proficient.

She is a member of the Florida Gold Coast chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.





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The Purple Hearts

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Teresa Camp, Cary Fletcher, Denise Robinson

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Teresa Camp** (Manchester, CT). An instrument-rated Private pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 349 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.

Teresa is racing to help her friend Denise Robinson achieve her goal of being a first-time racer and to improve her own piloting discipline.

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In 2010, she raced for Wings of Hope, her favorite charity. Said Teresa, "We almost flew Roy Clark's Tri-Pacer as a publicity stunt. 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 two 99s compass rose airmarking projects, in Greenville, IL, and Meriden, CT.

Welcome **Cary Fletcher** (Chesterfield, MO) to her first ARCI Cary holds a Private pilot license, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 450 hours logged. Said Cary, "Aviation history has always been of keen interest to me. I have had an interest in the Air Race Classic for several years but never thought the opportunity to participate would present itself. But I received a generous offer to join The Purple Hearts, and I am thrilled!" Cary works with children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, a calling she receives much more from than she gives. When she's not flying, she enjoys riding horses and scuba diving with her husband and children. They also love to go hiking in the mountains — and Cary gets great

joy spending time with her wonderful grandson.

This is the first ARC for Denise Robinson (Avon, CT). A student pilot with 214 hours logged, she recently



The Wright Women



Amy Dahlheimer, Jessica Adams

Piper Warrior 28-161

Welcome the first-time team of **Amy Dahlheimer** (Howard Lake, MN) and **Jessica Adams** (Buffalo Center, IA) to the Air Race Classic! A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 291 hours flown, Amy has wanted to be a pilot since she was two years old. Said Amy, "I love flying! I am so excited to participate in the ARC and promote women in aviation. It will be an amazing opportunity and experience."

Amy is a junior at Minnesota State University, Mankato, majoring in

professional flight. She works for the university's flight training contractor, North Star Aviation, as a dispatcher and as the university's aviation and law enforcement learning community coordinator. "I wanted to get my university involved in the ARC," said Amy. "I think that the mission of the ARC is awesome, and I wanted to be involved and promote and support the ARC!"

Amy is a member of the MSU Northern Lights chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Jessica holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a high-performance endorsement and 218 hours in her logbook. Said Jessica, "This will be my first Air Race Classic and the first team to ever participate from MSU. I am very excited to try something new and better my flying skills."

A student at Minnesota State University working toward a degree in aviation, Jessica grew up around airplanes — her family is in the crop-dusting business. She also has an interest in old cars and trucks, and she restored a 1956 Ford pickup with her dad. Other hobbies include snowmobiling and horseback riding. Jessica is a member of the MSU Northern Lights chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Cirrus SR-20



Elizabeth Bates, Shelby Satkowiak

Welcome Elizabeth Bates (Plymouth, MA) and Shelby Satkowiak (Mio, MI) to their first Air Race Classic!

Elizabeth is a flight instructor at Western Michigan University, where she is working on her degree in aviation flight science. She has a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 830 hours under her belt. After graduation, she hopes to fly for a regional carrier and become an airline pilot just like her dad.

The opportunity to fly across the country in a "real cross-country" is what drew Elizabeth to the ARC. Said Elizabeth, "Most of my flying experience does not extend beyond 100 miles from my home base, so I am excited to compete in this race and gain the extra experience."

Elizabeth enjoys traveling, in particular accompanying her father, a pilot for Delta Airlines, on his flights to Europe and other locales. She is a member of the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s and the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Shelby is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement and 195 hours in her logbook. She works as a student dispatcher at Western Michigan and is studying flight science and aviation administration. Her goal after she graduates is to become a bush pilot in Alaska.

"Most of my training has been around the Michigan area," said Shelby, "and I want to push myself outside of my comfort zone to be the best pilot I can be." She hopes the ARC can provide that experience — and it certainly will! When she's not flying or studying, Shelby spends her time playing volleyball, softball and basketball and enjoying the outdoors. She is a member of the university's chapter of Women in Aviation International.







Texas Tailwinds Yellow

Cessna Skyhawk C172S Amanda Scott, Leeanne Foster, Claire Cassel



Amanda Scott (Longview, TX) is studying aircraft maintenance with an electrical concentration at LeTourneau University. She started flying as a teenager because she has loved airplanes since she was a little girl, and earned her Private when she was 17 — the only pilot in her family. Now, she has 165 hours in her logbook, with a single-engine land certificate and a tailwheel endorsement.

Amanda is racing because it is an amazing opportunity for women, for the experience, and to represent her school. In her spare time, she enjoys playing disc golf, hiking, and bicycling.

Lee Foster (Longview, TX) is a flight instructor at LeTourneau who holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a jet type rating and 2,135 hours logged. She is honored to represent her university and wants to get more students involved — "this is something I can do with them that is just for us gals."

Lee earned her wings at Embry-Riddle Prescott and has held several jobs in aviation, but she always comes back to teaching. She and her husband spend much of their spare time mentoring college students, sharing their faith, family, and of — course — food. She also enjoys quilting, skiing, and traveling and is a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Claire Cassel (Longview, TX) is a freshman at LeTourneau, studying missions aviation and working on her tailwheel endorsement. She holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 69 hours in her logbook. Said Claire, "I race to be a part of the wonderful tradition that women before me have established. Also, to gain valuable experience and become a better pilot."

Claire plans to one day use her passion for aviation and pilot skills as a missionary pilot overseas.



Texas Tailwinds Blue

American Champion Citabria 7ECA



Gabriela Soto, Rebecca Davidson

This is the first ARC for Gaby Soto (Longview, TX). Welcome!

Gaby is a senior at LeTourneau University with a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 267 hours in her logbook. Her approach to aviation is one of persistence and defiance: "I'd never ridden in an airplane before and I wanted to go in one," Gaby said. "I figured I might as well be the one to fly it if I was going to be in it. I told my older

brothers that I was going to be a pilot and they said I could never do it. I'm now a commercial pilot and I graduate from college this spring."

She is flying the Air Race Classic because she feels it will help her grow as a pilot — and because it should be a lot of fun! Gaby's favorite pastimes are flying (obviously) and spending time with her siblings. She is working on her flight instructor certificates and looks forward to an enjoyable career in aviation.

Rebecca Davidson (Longview, TX) is flying the ARC for the second time. A flight instructor at LeTourneau, she teaches student pilots in a tailwheel aircraft and flies skydivers on the weekends. Becca holds a Commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a multi-engine flight instructor certificate, airframe and powerplant mechanic license, advanced ground instructor certificate, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 600 hours logged.

To Rebecca, the ARC represents the adventure of learning new things about flying. She also looks forward to forming great friendships with women who share her passion for aviation.

In her free time, Rebecca likes reading and playing with her dog, Chewie, a pound puppy who loves being outside and loves being petted. She also enjoys a bit of mechanics, from working on airplanes to restoring old cars.

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Above All Fly Girls

Cessna Skylane 182Q

Joan Steinberger, Terry Harris, Anna Ramirez

Veteran racer Joan Steinberger (Goleta, CA) is back for her 15th ARC. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a Private glider certificate, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 4,300 hours in the air. Joan is a retired aircraft mechanic who started working at a mechanic shop in Santa Barbara so she could be around pilots and airplanes. She started racing in the Powder Puff Derby in 1968 and has been hooked ever since!

Asked about a humorous previous race experience, Joan said, "Too

many to lie about! For example, I did take off on one leg and left my charts behind. I had many adventures which did not keep me from placing in several races. Ask me over a beer!"

When she's not flying, Joan enjoys being a potter, but her family and friends are the main joy of her life. Her son is also a pilot. Joan is a member of the Santa Barbara chapter of the 99s.

Welcome **Terry Harris** (Santa Barbara, CA) to her first ARCI Terry is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine land certificates, a current instrument rating, multi-engine instrument flight instructor, basic ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials and 7,500 hours flown. She has been a flight instructor in Santa Barbara for 30 years — she taught her husband and her son to fly in the same 152 she trained in — and now that she's an empty-nester, Terry does pilot services for aircraft owners, flying to all sorts of new destinations.

Terry had always wanted to fly the ARC, but time, money and kids got in the way. But this year, she asked her friend and mentor Joanie if she'd do one more race for her. And she said yes! Terry is an EMT and flies with the Santa Barbara Aermedicos, the Sheriff's Aero Squadron, the 99s, the EAA and the Baja Bush Pilots. She also loves travel, the ocean, mountains, friends and family. Said Terry, "Life is good!"

Anna Ramirez (Buellton, CA) is flying the ARC for the first time. She works as an Operations Manager at a flight school at the Santa Ynez Airport and holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 138 hours in her logbook. Anna is an English major

currently transferring from Santa Barbara City College to University of California, Santa Barbara, and hopes to be a novelist or an English professor.

Said Anna, "I have a passion for aviation and am extremely excited to be racing! Since only 6% of the pilot population is female, raising awareness and promoting visibility of females in aviation is a huge motivation for me to race." Other than flying, Anna enjoys hiking and fishing.

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Janet Gonzales, Julie "Jules" Jones, Kelli "Kk" Angelle

Janet Gonzales (Prairieville, LA) is back for her second ARC. She is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 378 hours in the air. She is the manager of the Louisiana Regional Airport and enjoys sharing the aviation world with all who might be interested, especially young girls. She is racing for the challenge, fellowship, journey, experience, fun and ... why not?

Said Janet, "I am an ordinary person with extraordinary blessings.

As a Southern female aviator, I enjoy sharing the gift of flight and hospitality with new and old friends alike." Among those who share Janet's passion for flight is her husband, Chris, who is also a pilot. Janet is a member of the New Orleans chapter of the 99s.

Jules Jones (Baton Rouge, LA) is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Jules holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance credentials and 1,027 hours flown. She is racing for the competition and to hang out with women who love doing what she loves to do.

Said Jules, "A ride in a friend's Piper Cherokee had me hooked at 50 feet off the ground and I knew it was something I just had to do! I am currently working on my multi-engine rating." She shares her love of flying with her brother and brother-in-law, who are also both pilots.

Jules studied music in college, but, "that degree was pretty useless, so I worked in dentistry for 17 years and am now retired." She and her husband fish about 30 weekends a year, and her music room keeps her busy in her spare time.

Welcome Kk Angelle (Prairieville, LA) to her first ARCI Kk is a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 80 hours under her belt. She is racing for the knowledge and experience, and because "I want to teach my children to follow their dreams and that Continued on page 68



Team Doppler Effect Cessna Skylark 175

Courtney Schlosser, Jennifer Pinkowski

Welcome **Courtney Schlosser** (Grand Forks, ND) to her first Air Race Classic! Courtney holds a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials and 333 hours logged. She majored in unmanned aircraft systems at UND, where she also gained some aerobatics experience, and has flown aircraft ranging from a Cessna 150 to a Citation XLS.

Said Courtney, "I have always been interested in racing and wasn't able ke our own!"

to join the collegiate team. So, my friend and I decided to make our own!"

When she's not flying, Courtney likes to go tubing in the summer and hang out with family and friends. Her favorite hobbies are ceramics and making glass etchings. She is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third Air Race Classic for Jen Pinkowski (Grand Forks, ND). A Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and singleengine sea, she has multi-engine instrument flight instructor, complex, tailwheel and aerobatics credentials and 522 hours logged. Jen is a flight instructor at UND, building her flight experience for her next adventure. She's certainly come to the right place!

Said Jen, "I had the opportunity to be on the University of North Dakota team twice and loved meeting other like-minded women in aviation. I have had a lot of fun in the race in the past and gained a lot of experience. I also like the history of the race and what it represents for women."

Her favorite ARC memories involve banter on the radio among the racers, especially when passing each other in the air. "There was one plane that passed us up last year, and we both took each other's pictures during the pass-up," said Jen. "We both agreed later that it was the slowest pass ever!"

Jen enjoys running, cycling and hiking, as well as attending aviation fly-ins and campouts. She is a member of the Ambassador chapter of the 99s and the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International.



Sky Vixens Cessna Skylane 182T

Tessa Roberts, Robin Laws

Welcome **Tess Roberts** (Wichita, KS) to her first ARCI Tess holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic certificate and 360 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, Tess 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.

Tess 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 Tess rescued as a fledgling eight years ago. Tess is a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Robin Laws** (Wichita, KS). An Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, Robin has a current instrument rating, a multi-engine instrument flight instructor certificate, advanced/instrument ground instructor credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,430 hours in the air. She earned her ATP last year and is working on her tailwheel endorsement. She races for the camaraderie, scenery and experiences, and takes back real-world examples for her students to make flight training unique.

During a previous race, Robin took off her outer-layer shirt and threw it in the back seat after a fuel stop. Though she had a tank top on underneath, said Robin, "the 'gentlemen' at the fuel stop thought we were flying naked! (Keep on dreaming, boys!)"

Robin is a full-time stay-at-home mom, a part-time flight instructor and the owner of a home jewelry business that supports her flying. She and her husband, Chris, who is also a pilot, have three kids: Theodore, 5, Alice, 3, and Walter, 2. Robin earned her Bachelor's degree at Kansas State University (Go Wildcats!) and her Graduate degree at Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!). She is a member of the Kansas chapter of the 99s and the Air Capital City chapter of Women in Aviation International.



The Ugly Duckling Piper Arrow 180 PA28R

Lorraine Denby, Amy Myzie

Welcome the first-time team of Lorraine Denby (Berkeley Heights, NJ) and Amy Myzie (Piscataway, NJ) to the ARC!

A Commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, Lorraine Denby has a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, and 2,600 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.

"For several years many moons ago I participated in the Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt," said Lorraine. "Loved the interaction with all the pilots, and it was a sad day when they canceled the event. I've been eyeing the Air Race Classic for years, and it looks like this is my chance to finally compete in it. Yeah!"

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 T-1 Officer and Counterdrug Officer. When she's not flying, Lorraine enjoys skiing, sailing and hiking — and she is a grandmother for the first time!

Amy Myzie holds a Private pilot, single-engine land, with 570 hours in her logbook. Said Amy, "As a first-time racer, I am intrigued to test my flying skills for the first time and to meet more women aviators from around the world."

She is a retired Police Lieutenant who served on a municipal force for more than 30 years. For much of that time, she was a detective, investigating everything imaginable, from petty crimes to homicide.

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.



KENT STATE

Jaila Manga, Carissa Marion

Flying Flashes

Cessna Skyhawk

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Jaila Manga (Lower Burrell, PA) and Carissa Marion (Greensburg, PA) are flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome!

Jaila Manga is a Private pilot, single-engine land, studying in the aeronautics program at Kent State University. She started flying last year at the university and has 136 hours in her logbook. Now, Jaila is working on her instrument rating and looking forward to the experience of flying with and competing against the ARC racers.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Jaila enjoys both playing and watching sports. Her ultimate career goal is to become an airline pilot and travel the world.

Carissa Marion is a flight instructor at Kent State, where she teaches Private, Commercial and instrument students on Cessna and Piper aircraft. She began her flight training at the university in 2012 and graduated last year with a BA in Aeronautics. Now a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument flight instructor and complex credentials and 544 hours, Carissa also flies a King Air for a charter company. Her career goal is to become a professional pilot in business aviation.

This year, Kent State was selected as a recipient in the Cessna Top Hawk program. The ARC is a way for Carissa's team to showcase KSUs aviation program and the Top Hawk aircraft, as well as to promote females in aviation. The team will also be honoring Nikki Kukwa, a female flight student who passed away from leukemia.

Carissa plans to earn her seaplane rating, both as a hobby and as a learning experience. She is a member of the KSU-Flying Black Squirrels chapter of Women in Aviation International.



UNIVE Lewis Flyers Cessna C182RG R182



Jessica Hernandez, Sarah Cameron

Welcome Jessica Hernandez (Des Plaines, IL) and Sarah Cameron (Brownstown, MI) to their first Air Race Classic!

Jess Hernandez is a flight instructor at Lewis University with a Commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, complex and highperformance credentials and 640 hours logged. She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, with a Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management and an Associate's degree in Aviation Flight.

Said Jess, "I have wanted to race since my freshman year in college, when I learned about the race and saw female flight instructors get to race. I looked up to them and couldn't wait to race myself." And now, here she is!

When she's not flying, Jess likes hiking, bike riding, spending time with her family and enjoying the outdoors with her two dogs. She is a member of Chicago's Leading Edge chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Sarah Cameron holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 264 hours in her logbook. She is a junior in Lewis University's flight management program and plans to pursue a career in corporate aviation. Asked why she is racing, Sarah said, "I get to fly from Arizona to Floridal It will be great experience, and I will be able to see so much of the country."

Sarah started flying during her senior year of high school, but she has been in love with aviation ever since she was small. Her father works for the airlines, so she has been around planes and pilots her entire life. Sarah is also a longtime swimmer who competes for the university. Said Sarah, "When I'm not flying, I'm usually training." She is a member of Chicago's Leading Edge chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Blackbirds

Cessna Skylane RG R182

Lara Gaerte, Donna Harris, JoAnne Alcorn

ARC President Lara Gaerte (Fort Wayne, IL) is flying the race for the sixth time. She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor, advanced/ instrument ground instructor, complex, high-performance, tailwheel and skydiver credentials, and 8,093 hours logged. A mom, FBO owner/ manager, a master CFI, Waco ride pilot and occasional corporate pilot, Lara is racing this year to introduce a new pilot to 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 barf bags 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. In her spare time, she likes taking 20-minute vacations in her Piper Cub, cooking and gardening; she grows herbs with her flowers at the FBO. Lara is a member of the Three Rivers chapter 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome **Donna Harris** (Lake Havasu City, AZ) to her first ARC! Donna holds a Private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 187 hours flown. Asked why she is racing, Donna answered, "Peer pressure! To experience the thrill and excitement of air racing. To learn more about flying and test my personal minimums and boundaries." Though this is her first race, Donna is no stranger to the ARC; she has been a volunteer since 2012 and currently serves as ARC treasurer.

After working in accounting for 30 years, and volunteering as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, Donna went back to school to get her law degree. She has been teaching law online for seven years and volunteers as a victim advocate.

Donna and her husband like to sail as well as fly and spend several months each year on their boat. She also enjoys reading and studying the Bible, making cards, and learning about natural foods and alternative medicines. She is a member at-large of the 99s.

Jo Alcorn (Winter Haven, FL) returns for her eighth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea, with 1,790 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, a member at-large of Women in Aviation International, 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, Steve, who is also a pilot, in aircraft sales and services in their aviation company. Their newest business is 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.



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Lin Caywood, Susan Beall, Carol Caywood Susan keeps busy with her business and enjoys water skiing with family and training for cycling events when she's not flying. She and her husband, Andy, live on the water and love boating. Susan is a member of the Sugarloaf chapter of the 99s. Welcome Carol Caywood (Frederick, MD) to her first ARCI Carol is a student pilot with five hours logged who volunteered at the Terminus in Frederick, MD, in 2010 and enjoyed it so much that she decided to fly the race with her daughter Lin!

Carol is a retired elementary school teacher who knits for charity and helps in the office of Care Wear Volunteers.

She is a member of the Sugarloaf chapter of the 99s and a member at-large of Women in Aviation International. Carol enjoys traveling and trying new adventures — she especially enjoys her trips to EAA AirVenture, where she volunteers at the 99s booth to show everyone that its never too late to learn to fly!

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KaityIn Allen, Lizzy Hauk, Melody Kaijala said, "Didn't you want pattern work?" He approved her request and told her to watch the film.

Besides flying, her hobbies consist of spending time with my family and friends, touring, traveling, hiking and listening to music.

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Susan Carastro, Marie Carastro, Danielle Carastro Said Danielle, "I am presently a sophomore in high school. I have several thoughts regarding my future career, which may include aviation, so I am excited about continuing to expand my knowledge during the race."

When she's not flying, Danielle enjoys horseback riding, video games, soccer and anything to do with water and the beach.

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Frances Irwin, Pam Rudolph, Shannon Hicks-Hankins

Shannon Hicks-Hankins (Lake Havasu City, AZ) is back for her fourth 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 6,100 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." On the first night of the 2012 race, she and Pam Rudolph worried that they would oversleep or get up too early. "Trying to transition into all time being Zulu time got the best of us, and Pam was up at 3 a.m. trying to refigure the wakeup call. We laughed about how serious we were."

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 more than 25 years. For three years, she was a captain flying FedEx freight for Empire Airlines in a C208. Her husband, Jon, is also a pilot and an aircraft mechanic. When she's not flying Shannon enjoys travel, hiking, mountain biking and most water sports. She loves the outdoors and adventure.

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Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson, Lauren Brown Lauren Brown is flying the ARC for the first time. She holds a Commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 300 hours logged. A member of Women in Aviation International, Lauren is Executive Director of Training overseeing the operations of a simulator facility with a variety of fixedwing and rotary-wing FAA-approved trainers.

For Lauren, the ARC will be a new experience in aviation, providing a new way of looking at flight planning and goal setting. When she's not flying, Lauren enjoys boating and other water sports, traveling, exploring new places and watching her Great Dane and her kitten—who are endlessly entertaining! Lauren used to own horses and compete in hunter-jumper shows.

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Teresa Camp, Cary Fletcher, Denise Robinson returned to flying after a long hiatus and hopes to earn her Private certificate very soon. Asked why she wanted to fly the ARC, Denise replied that her motto is "Never waste an opportunity to learn, experience and enjoy life!"

Denise is a clinical nurse liaison working with patients in long-term care. By taking down and writing up each patient's complete clinical picture, she removes barriers to admissions, 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 Connecticut chapter of the 99s.

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Janet Gonzales, Julie "Jules" Jones, Kelli "Kk" Angelle

anything is possible." Kk works as a case manager in disaster recovery in New Orleans. She advocates for those affected by natural disasters and helped create a system to organize donations and services.

Said Kk, "My hobbies have shifted from coaching girls softball and Girl Scouts to chasing the \$100 hamburger. One of my passions is to honor the WASP and their contribution to women in aviation, taking the lead in the New Orleans 99s' efforts to have WASP exhibits included in the city's World War II museum."

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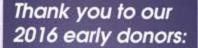
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Kentucky (cont.)

Alabama

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

Arizona

Bullhead City - 1991 Casa Grande - 1983 Holbrook - 1992 Kingman - 1987 Lake Havasu City - 2012 Mesa - 2006 Page - 1985 Prescott - 1996 Tucson - 2000 Williams - 2001 Winslow - 1990

Arkansas Conway - 1996 El Dorado - 2011 Fayetteville - 1990, 2013 Fort Smith - 1980 Hot Springs - 1978, 2001, 2002, 2011 Jonesboro - 1987

Menia - 1992 Mountain Home - 1991 Russellville - 2009 Texarkana - 1985 Walnut Ridge - 2005

California

Agua Dulce (flyby) - 1987 Alturas - 1989 Calexico (flyby) - 1983 Concord - 2014 Dorris (flyby) - 2014 El Cajon - 1983 Rancho Murieta (flyby) - 1987 Redding - 1985 Rio Bravo - 1987 Sacramento - 1989 Salinas - 1988 San Diego - 2001 Santa Monica - 1979 Santa Rosa - 1977, 1986 Stockton - 1979 Temecula Valley - 1990 Thermal - 1992 Canada Saint John - 2007 Toronto - 1999

Colorado

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

Florida

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



Georgia Albany - 1985 Athens - 1996 Gainesville - 1984 Jekyll Island - 1981 Rome - 1998 Waycross - 2010 Idaho Boise - 1977, 1986, 1997 Coeur Alene - 1982, 1995 Idaho Falls - 1988 Mayfield (flyby) - 2013 Mountain Home - 2013 Twin Falls - 1984 Illinois Cahokia - 1994 Danville - 1995 Decatur - 1993, 2008 Freeport - 1999 Galesburg - 1981 Jacksonville - 2009 Kankakee - 1988 Lawrenceville - 2015 Marion - 1980 Mattoon - 2000 Mount Vernon - 1990 Murphysboro - 2010 Peru - 2003 Indiana Bloomington - 1992 Columbus - 1987 Elkhart - 1997, 2010 Evansville - 1977, 1986 Frankfort (flyby) - 2005 Jeffersonville - 2015 Lafayette - 1989, 2005 Seymour ~ 1994, 1999 lowa Atlantic - 2009 Burlington - 1991 Cedar Rapids - 1977, 1986 Denison - 2007 Dubuque - 1994 Fort Dodge - 1995 lowa City - 2011, 2014 Marshalltown - 1989 Mason City - 1988, 2008 Waterloo - 1980 Kansas Belleville - 1990 Dodge City - 1984 Garden City - 1981, 2000 Goodland - 2012 Great Bend - 2011 Hays - 1992 Hutchinson - 1983

Owensboro - 1996 Paducah - 1984 Louisiana

Hvannis - 2000 Mansfield - 2008

Benton Harbor - 2012 Flint - 1999 Grand Rapids - 1983 Kalamazoo - 2015 Menominee - 2003, 2006

Eveleth - 2004 Fergus Falls - 1994 Minneapolis - 1979 Winona-2005

Independence - 1994 Lawrence - 2006 Liberal - 2009 New Century - 2000 Olathe - 1978 Pittsburg - 1993 Pratt - 2001, 2003 Salina - 1980 Winfield - 1987 Wichita - 2004

Kentucky Bowling Green - 2007 Frankfort - 2008 Lexington - 1981 Louisville - 1983

Bastrop - 2006 Shreveport - 2005 Maine Bangor - 2007 Maryland Frederick - 2010 Massachusetts Plymouth (flyby) - 2000 Michigan Sault Ste. Marie - 1997, 2012 Minnesota Albert Lea - 2003, 2006 Detroit Lakes - 1991 Duluth - 1997 Mississippi Greenville - 1994

Grenada - 2009 Gulfport - 1978 Meridian - 1985

Missouri

Cameron - 2010 Cape Girardeau - 1998 Columbia - 1983 Hannibal - 2004 Jefferson City - 1982, 2007 Joplin - 1984 Kaiser Lake - 1999 Kirksville - 1992, 2015 St. Joseph - 1998 Montana Bozeman - 2008 Cut Bank - 1982 Great Falls - 1979

Havre - 1995

Miles City - 1982, 2008 Nebraska Ainsworth - 1989 Alliance - 2011 Beatrice - 2005 Columbus - 2012 Grand Island - 1977, 1986, 2003 Holdrege - 2013 Kearney - 1988 Lincoln - 1982 McCook - 2007

Norfolk - 1994 North Platte - 1978, 2004 Ogallala - 1998 Scottsbluff - 1984 Sidney - 1981 Nevada

Elko - 1985 Jackpot - 1989 Las Vegas - 1978 Laughlin - 1991

Nevada (cont.) Reno - 1995 Winnemucca - 1988

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

New York Binghamton - 1993 Elmira - 2007 Ithaca - 2000 Perry-Warsaw (flyby) - 1999 Saratoga Springs - 2008

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

North Dakota Bismarck - 1979 Jamestown - 1997, 2011

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

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

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

Pennsylvania Altoona - 2003 Connellsville - 2015 Franklin - 2011 Philadelphia - 1989 York - 1990, 2014 (fly-by)

Rhode Island North Kingstown - 1993 South Carolina Columbia - 1980

Greenville - 1987 Winnsboro - 2002 South Dakota

Aberdeen - 1995, 2008 Brookings - 2011, 2013

South Dakota (cont.) 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 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 Ozona - 2006 San Angelo - 1999 Sweetwater - 2009 Tyler - 1993 Wichita Falls - 1996 Utah Logan - 2013 Ogden - 1977, 1986

Provo - 1991 Vernal (flyby) - 1991 Vermont

Burlington - 2007 Virginia Danville - 2003 Chesapeake-Portsmouth - 2002 Fredericksburg - 2015

Washington Pasco - 1984, 2013 Walla Walla - 1979

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

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

Wyoming

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

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New and Returning Awards for the 2016 Race

The Air Race Classic Winner's Trophy

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



Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy

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

Fastest Piper Trophy

Piper Aircraft, Inc. is pleased to continue the Fastest Piper trophy for the 2016 Air Race Classic! The custom Piper trophy is awarded to the crew of the highest placing Piper aircraft in this year's Air Race Classic.

Esther Lowry Safford Rookie Racer Award

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



99s Terminus Leg Trophy

The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots, recently presented a new Perpetual Trophy to the ARC. It is awarded to the race team with the highest score on the 9th or Terminus leg. The winning team must be members of The Ninety-Nines. A smaller trophy is presented to the race team as a keepsake.

The 99s' history with air racing dates back to the 1929 National Air Races when Amelia Earhart and several other competitors met under the grandstand at the finish line in Cleveland. They vowed to form an organization for women aviators, and that group became the Ninety-Nines. Today's Air Race Classic grew out of that first Women's Air Derby.

This award is designed to inspire racers to continue to fly that perfect cross country on the final terminus leg of the race even though the race has been long and hard.





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- 4th Place \$1,500 5th Place - \$950 6th Place - \$700
- 7th Place \$600
- 8th Place \$500
- 9th Place \$400 10th Place - \$350

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

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The lowest-scoring team will win the perennial "Turtle" award - \$100.



Top Ten Winners 2015

1st Place – Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong, Southern Illinois University

- 2nd Place Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira, and Christina Druskins, University of North Dakota
- 3rd Place Malinda Caywood and Robin Hadfield
- 4th Place Claire Schindler and Erica Diels, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott
- 5th Place Pam Rudolph and Tookie Hensley
- 6th Place Sarah Wendt and Abigail Pasmore, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach
- 7th Place Mary Wunder and Juliet Lindrooth
- 8th Place Catherine Sweatt, Melanie Abel and Katelyn Walters
- 9th Place Candace Oldham and Susan Westervelt
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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 team. The newly designed 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:

Daniel Webster College Dowling College Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ – Daytona Beach Campus & Prescott Campus Florida Institute of Technology Indiana State University Jacksonville University Kansas State University Kent State University LeTourneau University Lewis University Liberty University Louisiana Tech University McGill University Miami Dade College Metropolitan State College of Denver Middle Tennessee University Ohio University Purdue University Quincy University South Dakota State University Southern Illinois Univ Carbondale Texas State Technical College University of Central Missouri University of Illinois Université de Moncton University of Nebraska University of North Dakota University of Oklahoma Vaughn College Western Michigan University

... More Winners from the Past Ten Years

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

Collegiate Challenge Trophy 2015

- 1st Place Southern Illinois University, Classic Racer 32, Stephanie Armstrong and Jessica Reed
- 2nd Place University of North Dakota, Classic Racer 39, Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira and Christina Druskins
- 3rd Place Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott, Classic Racer 8, Claire Schindler and Erica Diels
- 4th Place Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona, Classic Racer 10, Sarah Wendt and Abigail Pasmore

Learn more at www.airraceclassic.org/collegiate

Looking Back On Ten Years of Top Ten Air Race Classic Winners (2006 - 2015)

2015 Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong, Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Namihira, 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, & Erin Cude; Valdeta Mehanja & Nancy Snyder (ERAU - Daytona); Melody Dowlearn & Alicia Isacson (Liberty Univ); Emily Applegate & Zia Safko; Megan Grupp & Jessica Dyer (Liberty Univ); Gayle Schutte & Tanya Gatlin; Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr; Camelia Smith & Julia Matthews; Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine; Kristin Garcia & Marlene Wessel (ERAU - Prescott)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2006 Gretchen Jahn & Carol Foy; Denise Waters & Ruth Maestre; Katherine Conrad & Katie Sparrow (Purdue Univ); Courtney Hedlund & Leslie Treppa (Western Michigan Univ); Mary Build & Jenny Jorgensen; June McCormack & Tookie Hensley; Jan Seiwert Bell & Lara Zook Gaerte; Trish Minard & Karen Monteith; Dottie Anderson & Jean Sloan; Elaine Roehrig & Marolyn Wilson

Look back on all 39 years of Air Race Classic Top Ten winners (1977-2015) www.airraceclassic.org/winners_past.asp

39th AIR RACE CLASSIC WINNERS - 2015



Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong, Southern Illinois University



Malinda Caywood and Robin Hadfield



Pam Rudolph and Tookie Hensley



Mary Wunder and Juliet Lindrooth



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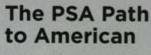
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