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Air Race Classic Mission

The Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to:

* Encouraging and educating current and future women pilots
* Increasing public awareness of general aviation
* Demonstrating women’s roles in aviation
* Preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation.
2012 General Information

Airplane Inspections open at Start (All airplanes)  
Friday  
June 15  
0600 MST

Start Registration & Hospitality Room open  
Friday  
June 15  
0900 MST

Arrival Deadline  
Saturday  
June 16  
1200 MST

Airplane N# and/or Color Change Deadline  
Saturday  
June 16  
1200 MST

Racers & Aviation Youth Activities  
Saturday  
June 16  
0800–1000 MST

Airplane Inspections close  
Saturday  
June 16  
1400 MST

Hangar Party  
Saturday  
June 16  
1730 MST

Start Registration closes  
Sunday  
June 17  
1000 MST

All Contestants Briefing MANDATORY  
Sunday  
June 17  
1000 MST

Take-Off Banquet MANDATORY  
Sunday  
June 17  
1830 MST

Racer Flyby Briefing MANDATORY  
Monday  
June 18  
0800 MST

Safety Seminar &  
Outlook Weather Briefing MANDATORY  
Monday  
June 18  
1000 MST

First-Time Racers Clinic MANDATORY  
Monday  
June 18  
1300 MST

Take-Off Breakfast  
Tuesday  
June 19  
0600 MST

All Contestants Final Briefing MANDATORY  
Tuesday  
June 19  
0630 MST

Start Take-Off  
Tuesday  
June 19  
0800 MST

Finish Deadline  
Friday  
June 22  
1700 EDT

Meltdown Party  
Friday  
June 22  
1800 EDT

First-Time Racers Debriefing  
Saturday  
June 23  
0800 EDT

Score Sheet Signing MANDATORY  
Saturday  
June 23  
0900–1500 EDT

Airplane Inspections at Terminus  
(Selected Airplanes only)  
Saturday  
June 23  
0900 EDT

All Contestants Breakfast & Debriefing MANDATORY  
Sunday  
June 24  
0800 EDT

ARC Awards Banquet MANDATORY  
Sunday  
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1800 EDT

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2012 Race Route Mileage for Designated Airports

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Welcome Air Race Classic Participants!

The Rio Colorado Chapter 99s are so excited and proud to be your hosts for the 36th annual Air Race Classic Start in Lake Havasu City, Arizona! Lake Havasu City is part of the west coast of Arizona, situated right on the beautiful Colorado River. A desert oasis, the city is probably most well known as the home of the world famous London Bridge. This year’s race is going to be fantastic! The Rio Colorado Chapter has plans for lots of fun in the sun, from water sports, like boating, jet skiing, and paddleboarding, to a visit at a Ghost Town, and even some gambling at a casino close by—you may decide to get your Seaplane rating. We look forward to seeing all the race teams this June at the Start for the Air Race Classic 2012 in sunny Lake Havasu City!

The Rio Colorado Chapter 99s
Lake Havasu City, AZ

Tookie Hensley & Donna Harris, Stop Chairs
Steve Johnston, Airport Manager

The Rio Colorado Chapter 99’s would like to welcome all the Air Race Classic Participants to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We are very excited and proud to showcase our beautiful city as the 2012 start airport.

The Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport was originally located south of its current home on what the locals call the “island” connected by the historic London Bridge back in 1944. The airport was relocated north of the city and opened in its current location June 1, 1991.

Home to over 200 based aircraft, three full service FBO’s, two maintenance facilities, and a radio shop; this modern airport is a great asset to the aviation community.

In the early 1960’s, Robert McCulloch acquired the 30 square miles of land that makes up the city of Lake Havasu. McCulloch was attracted to this location because he thought it was ideal to test his marine outboard engines on the lake and he wanted to move his chainsaw manufacturing plant to the desert. To entice future residents to move here, McCulloch bought the famous London Bridge and moved it to the desert.

To help develop the city, he also acquired two Lockheed Constellations so that he could offer free flights to prospective land buyers from the colder climates in the East and Midwest.

Lake Havasu City has grown to 55,000 and has it all – great weather, beautiful desert landscape, a gorgeous lake to enjoy, and a world famous attraction: the London Bridge!

Your Start hosts wish all the participants great success in the 36th annual Air Race Classic and look forward to seeing everyone!

A special thanks to Ben Hicks for his contribution to the program cover and to Rebecca Carder at the Hampton Inn for the wonderful accommodations.
On behalf of the Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and its 500 plus strong member businesses and organizations, welcome to Gallup for the Air Race Classic. In addition to our warm, friendly hospitality we are sure you will find our high desert community has plenty to offer when it comes to shopping, and things to see and do.

Established in 1881, Gallup has a very colorful, cultural, and historic past. Gallup was founded as a railhead for the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and the city was named after David Gallup, a paymaster for the railroad. Gallup is sometimes called the “Indian Capital of the World”, for its location in the heart of Native American lands. We are a trading hub for the Navajo, Zuni, Hopi, Laguna, and Acoma tribes.

An estimated 75% of the world’s Native American arts, crafts and silver jewelry are traded in Gallup. The craftsmanship and beauty of Native American art is unequaled and while shopping you will find prices very affordable in Gallup. The beautiful “Squash Blossom” necklace was just named the state’s necklace, and the vast majority of these necklaces are made in our area.

Gallup was just named the official “Adventure Capital” of New Mexico. From Hot Air Balloon rides to hiking and biking trails in the Cibola National Forest, the High desert Trail System, and trails at Red Rock Park, make sure to experience some of our great outdoor adventures.

Gallup is the gateway to the Trail of the Ancients State Scenic Byway on highway 53. Along this scenic drive you can take in National Monuments, the Ice Caves, and Bandera Volcano.

Again we welcome you to Gallup for the Air Race Classic. The Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce is located on 1st and Historic Highway 66 downtown, and has plenty of information on all there is to do and see during your stay. Good luck in the race and again we say thank you for stopping in Gallup.
Hereford, TX

Jeff Jones, Stop Chair
Ronny Sanders, Airport Manager

The Hereford Airport started construction in 1958 and was completed in 1959. The Operations/terminal was going to be the base for crop dusters belonging to American Dusting and be open to the public as well. The original strip was dirt and we had two rows of hangars where at least six Stearman planes were to be stationed. B & O Spraying (later to be called Whiteface Aviation) was then added to the spray business that already existed. In 1967, it was decided that the airfield needed to have a maintenance shop close at hand; so Dwain Pittenger opened Deaf Smith Aero. He did maintenance on the spray planes as well as privately owned planes that needed work. In 1999, that business changed to Deaf Smith Aviation operated by Jeff Jones (the Stop Chair).

In the early 1970's the terminal office was built at the current location where it gained public notoriety because of the 8 foot by 10 foot map on the wall that was made from sectionals and had the state lines outlined. Some remodeling has been done to the "FBO", but, it still remains two squares set end to end. A house was also added so that service could be obtained on very short notice. Three and one half years ago, we added a self-serve post and made fuel purchases even easier.

In approximately 2001, the city owned airport went from private operation to being operated by the City of Hereford.

In October 2009, we did a runway project with the help of a Federal grant where the runway was lengthened to 6100 feet, widened to 100 feet, and made of concrete. A new weather service was also added, AWOS. A new beacon was added in 2010.

We now have three different aerial spray companies on the premises, have an average of 31 private planes stationed here at any given time, and Cannon Air Force Base uses this facility as a base for training. The planes that stop here are as varied as the people. They range from very small home-built planes to Gulfstream V, and everything you can imagine in between. Just a word of caution, the spray planes do not have and are not required to have radios in their planes, so watch for them.

Hereford Municipal Airport offers true southern hospitality, an AvGas truck, a Jet A truck, Wi-Fi, available inexpensive catering services and three courtesy cars to satisfy your needs.

Good luck to all the racers of Air Race Classic and have a safe flight!
Goodland, KS

Alice Collett, Stop Chair
John Collett, Airport Manager

John and Marilyn Collett founded Butterfly Aviation, Inc. October, 1972. Butterfly began as an FBO with a maintenance shop and aircraft fueling. At the time, the shop dealt mostly with Ag sprayers. John’s interest in Cessna 195s came as a young pilot when he worked for a small FBO and flew with his boss who owned Cessna 195s. John and his son, Scott, rebuilt a wrecked 195 in 1974 for personal use, which they, along with Scott’s son, Jonathan, still enjoy today.

Today, Butterfly Aviation (KGLD) is a full-service FBO located on Renner Field in Goodland, Kansas. John and Marilyn Collett, along with the rest of the Butterfly Gang, offer a variety of services to aviators, including fuel/line service, flight instruction, maintenance, courtesy cars, hangar, and a restaurant on the field. The maintenance shop works on many different kinds of small aircraft, as well as sprayers and 195s. The shop employees six full-time and one part-time mechanic, including 3 A&Ps and 1 certified A-L. Butterfly Café is located in the terminal building, having grown from a small snack bar into a hometown café where many locals and pilots enjoy breakfast and lunch. So...

Don’t ‘flutter by, ...
...Stop at Butterfly!

The Staff of Butterfly Aviation, ready for racers to arrive at Goodland!
Columbus & David City, NE

Mark Cozad, Stop Chair and Airport Manager, KOLU

Columbus, Nebraska has a long and rich aviation history. The airport was established in 1940 when a group of ten businessmen incorporated the Columbus Airport Company and established an 80 acre facility at the current location. In 1950, voters approved the city bond issue to finance paving of the runway and other improvements. In 1957, an airport authority was established, which issued bonds to acquire land and extend the runway to 4,000 feet. The runway was extended another 1,000 feet in 1965, and by 2004, the runway was 6,800 feet in length. In January of 2008, administration of the Columbus Municipal Airport was transferred from the Columbus Airport Authority to the City of Columbus.

The 602 acre airport property provides a dual runway system, with runway 14-32 measuring 6,800 feet long and 100 feet wide. GPS instrument approaches are available to both runway ends, with the approach to Runway 14 providing 1/2 mile visibility minimums. There are approximately 40 based aircraft including three large turboprops. The airport experiences approximately 13,500 annual operations.

Several new businesses have recently constructed hangars and office space at the airport. Chief among these is the facility established by the Nebraska Public Power District. The airport has a full service fixed base operator (FBO), Avcraft, Inc., which leases four hangars at the airport and provides fueling, maintenance, and flight training.

Friendship and enthusiasm make David City a special place—and this is evident as the David City Municipal Airport welcomes the Air Race Classic flyby for the Columbus, Nebraska stop.

The David City Municipal Airport (93Y) is located 16.5 nautical miles southeast of the Columbus Municipal Airport, the fourth stop for this year’s race. It has two runways: 14-32, a 3,675’ x 60’ asphalt, lighted runway; and 1-19, a 2,100’ x 60’ turf runway. Agricultural spraying and military practice dominate the operations at David City Municipal. The airport has an apron with tiedowns, a windsock, a beacon that’s on dusk to dawn, and runway lights that are radio controlled on 122.9. Other facilities include four T-hangars, one shop hangar, an administration building, hard-surface taxiway, and parking area. Five private planes are hangared there. David City Street Superintendent, Jim McDonald, manages the airport along with a variety of other responsibilities.

David City was named for William Davids of Marion, Ohio, after his daughter, Mrs. Phoebe Davids Miles, donated land to build the county courthouse in 1873. The “s” in the name was dropped, and the town became David City, the only town in the world with this name. The county seat for Butler County, David City has over 2,500 residents, numerous businesses and industries, public and private school systems, a weekly newspaper and newsletter, and a variety of community organizations. With its public nine-hole golf course and a new family aquatic center, it has become one of the recreational destinations in eastern Nebraska.
The Watertown Regional Airport welcomes the 2012 Women’s Air Race Classic to our community. Founded in 1879 as a railroad terminus by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and named after Watertown, New York by John E. Kemp, our city is a rising star of the region, sporting many annual events, conferences, and trade groups. The beautiful shores of Lake Kempeska serve as the perfect backdrop to many of Terry Redlin’s famous paintings and a focal point to many of our communities’ attractions.

During World War II our airport was expanded to meet the needs of a satellite bomber base that was training new pilots prior to heading out for Europe. Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Curtis P-40 Tomahawks, and Republic P-47 Thunderbolts were flying the friendly skies each day getting ready to win the war. Throughout the war the airport was expanded, to include two 6,900 foot long runways, a large ramp surface - expansion continues today. This summer the airport is in the process of reconstructing our north/south runway from the ground up for the first time since World War II and we’re happy to have you here to celebrate.

During your stay here in Watertown, spend the night at one of our many hotels, eat at some of the best places in South Dakota, take in a show, and tour the Terry Redlin Art Center. The TourDakota will also be in town so you will see many fascinating bikes, cars, and automobiles from today and yesteryear. Feel free to visit with them and make a new friend.

The City of Watertown and the Watertown Regional Airport are glad you are here and want to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

Thank you for flying Watertown and we will see you soon.
Ashland, WI
John Sill, Stop Chair and Airport Manager

Ashland, WI’s J.F.K. Memorial Airport is the gateway to the Northwest. An all-weather airport facility serving northern Ashland and Bayfield Counties, it’s located two miles southwest of the city. J.F.K. can accommodate aircraft commonly used by private, business, charter and commuter aircraft.

The airport is situated just two miles from scenic Ashland, located on Chequamegon (pronounced “shawamagon”) Bay, just adjacent to a vast Lake Superior playground. One can easily find suitable lodging and a variety of cuisine to suit anyone’s needs. Whether it’s scenery, sailing, fishing, history or just plain relaxation, J.F.K. Memorial offers the flying public a wonderful escape to northernmost Wisconsin.

J.F.K. Memorial is distinct in that it has the only log cabin terminal in North America. An impressive structure built in 1989, the log cabin terminal replaced a cinder block building that dated back to the 1960s. Nicely situated, J.F.K. Memorial Airport is the perfect spot for east-west (and vice versa) flyers to refuel, rest up and continue – often to Canada or parts south.

A Curtiss biplane landed in Chequamegon Bay in 1910. An airstrip was built in a farmer’s field in 1918 and the official airport was built in 1928 on Highway 13, two miles south of town. The current location came in a move in 1958 with the prospect of commercial air service. It happened, but sporadically. Demand/need for air service declined and commercial traffic ceased in 1980.

Covering approximately 500 acres, there are two paved runways: 2/20, 5,200’X100’ and 13/31, 3,500’X75’. GPS and VOR approaches are available along with a Localizer to 2. We are pleased to be a part of the 2012 Air Race Classic and are excited to welcome all.
Sault Ste Marie, MI

Tami Beseau, Stop Chair
Kathy L. Noel, Airport Manager

The Chippewa County International Airport is a commercial service airport located 14 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and 15 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada, in Michigan’s beautiful Upper Peninsula. Delta Airlines provides daily round trip flights to Detroit Metro utilizing Canadair Regional Jets.

The massive airfield at Chippewa County Int’l is the former site of Kincheloe Air Force Base, a strategic air command base that closed in 1977, and which was originally built to protect the Soo Locks. The majority of the former military buildings are used by industrial/ manufacturing businesses; and some of the large military hangars have been refurbished and are utilized by charter aircraft.

Runway 16/34 (north/south) dimensions were 12,000' x 300' during military times, but today 7,201' x 200 feet is active. The primary runway is complemented by a 5,000' x 75’ asphalt crosswind runway 9/27.

The Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) manages the airfield, and provides all aviation related services. The EDC staff is friendly, competent and efficient.

If you decide to stay the night, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan is your choice destination. Sault Ste. Marie is home to the Soo Locks, which provides access thru the St. Mary’s River system to over 10,000 cargo freighters (up to 1,000 foot in length) on an annual basis. The locking system must add or remove up to 21 feet of water to accommodate the depth change between Lake Superior and Lakes Huron, two of the five great lakes. It is amazing to watch the locks raise and lower these large ships right before your eyes.

The abundance of fresh water in the area, provide diners delightful choices of freshly caught whitefish, perch, or walleye.

Two Native American tribes provide casino gaming entertainment. Both casinos have hotels, restaurants, entertainment, transportation, and provide “packages”, including room, meals, and free gaming for those chance takers.

The EDC staff is excited to be a stop for the 36th annual air race classic racers, and looks forward to seeing you in June.
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Batavia, OH

Vicki Hunt, Stop Chair
Chuck Gallagher, Airport Manager

Home to Sporty’s Pilot Shop, Clermont County Airport is located in southwestern Ohio near Batavia, the county seat, and not far from the bustling Greater Cincinnati area. Clermont, a French word meaning “clear mountains and hills,” is one of the most beautiful little airports in the country offering the best pilot amenities available anywhere.

Whether you prefer the natural beauty of wide-open spaces or the cultural advantages of a major metropolitan area, you will be at home in Clermont County. The county, which celebrated its bicentennial in 2000, is one of the oldest counties in the country. It consists of friendly neighborhoods, villages, and towns that are nestled between urban and rural landscapes. George Washington owned land here, and it is the birthplace of Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States.

The airport has a 3700-foot runway (4/22) with GPS and VOR approaches and a fully-functional weather center hosted by Sporty’s. Sporty’s also owns and manages Eastern Cincinnati Aviation (ECA), the airport’s only fixed base operator. ECA maintains and manages all airport operations on behalf of Clermont County, from T-hangars to affordable fuel service. Need avionics installation or repair? That’s also available on the airport through Sporty’s Cincinnati Avionics. And that’s not all! There’s training from Sporty’s Academy, an FAA-approved part 141 training center, pilot supplies, outdoor play areas for kids, and the on-airport Tri-State Warbird Museum.

Hal Shevers, as a young flight instructor in 1961 selling radios to his students, became founder and today serves as chairman of Sporty’s. It was his expertise that contributed to the founding of Sporty’s Academy in 1987 to produce videos and develop aviation courses and other instruction materials for pilots and their instructors. Always evolving with the times, Sporty’s now offers its entire library in multiple forms, including DVD, online streaming video and downloadable format. Most recently, Sporty’s has brought numerous mobile applications—apps—to market, from training apps to E6B flight computers. Even with these and other aviation products and services that Sporty’s has to offer, Hal often says, “First and foremost, Sporty’s is an educational institution.”

In all of Sporty’s educational materials, the emphasis is always on real-world flying and shaping safe and savvy pilots. It’s with this philosophy and great enthusiasm that Sporty’s and Clermont County Airport support and welcome Air Race Classic.
THE FLYING HIGH CLUB

Eight- to ten-year old girls enrolled in the Boys’ and Girls’ Club of America are participating in an afterschool aviation program organized by 2011 ARC Racer and CFI Charissa Dyer-Kendler at the Taft Elementary School in Cincinnati, Ohio. The girls have learned the pilot’s phonetic alphabet, parts of an airplane, the legs an airplane flies in an airport pattern, and the four forces in flight. They are flying model airplanes (shown below) to explore the effects of drag, weight, and changes in CG on airplane performance. By the time racers arrive at Clermont County Airport, these young ladies will have also explored airplane systems, airspace, and weather.

Above- Ciarra, Ashanti, Walliyah, Emily, Iris, Za’Khyra, Shanisha, Tamya, and Dasia

Left- Katie Dempsey, a freshman aviation student at Sporty’s Flight Academy, is helping Kiera, Tamya, Cora-Ann, Iris, and Za’Khyra prepare their airplanes for flight.

Right- Charissa Dyer-Kendler is delighted to introduce the Air Race Classic to Mariasia, Dasia, Za’Khyra, Iris, Tamya, Kyra, and Walliyah.
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2011 Race Teams
2011 Collegiate Teams
Airplane Qualifications, Race Handicaps and Scoring

The Air Race Classic (ARC) is an annual VFR all women cross-country event flown in official ARC daylight hours. Airplanes with at least 125 horsepower (HP) and not more than 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 for education and experience. Both classes follow the same rules and enjoy similar flying adventures over the 2,701 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 each other in the same race. Each airplane is flown to determine the handicap for that particular airplane based on its current, demonstrated best speed. 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 have crossed 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 Start flag drops, the teams have four days to arrive and cross the Terminus finish line. No preliminary results will be released, but you can follow the race and see each team’s progress nightly at www.airraceclassic.org when their locations are posted.
Air Race Classic 2012

Thank You to All The Air Race Classic Volunteers for Making the ARC 2012 Event a Success!

Sponsoring a transcontinental air race requires more than a few people who are 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, who oversee the organization and its events. They also provide guidance to ensure the future of the race. Assistant Directors widen the sphere of influence and provide additional expertise to support the Air Race Classic's mission and goals. All Directors and Assistant Directors of the 501(c)3 corporation are volunteers willing to shoulder the responsibility and reap the reward of sponsoring the annual race because they believe in its value to both general aviation and women in aviation.

Reorganization took place in recent years, to support the ARC mission and goals in today's changing world and to take advantage of technological changes. The current ARC Divisions include:

1. FINANCING – Advertising; Sponsors; Silent Auction; Grants; Endowment Fund; Sales; and Future Start and Terminus selections.
2. MARKETING – Website; Tradeshows & Conferences; Scholastic Outreach; National Press Releases; Racer Promotion; and Publications (electronic and paper).
3. SUPPORT – Documents and Databases; Education (public and racer); Briefings; Safety; and ARC History.
4. ROUTE – Route Selection; Start and Terminus Liaisons; FAA Coordination; En Route Stops & Timing, Scoring and Judging; and Race Central.
5. RACERS – Entry Administration; Mother Bird program; Credentials; Awards & Prizes; and Thank Yous.
6. AIRPLANE – Airplane Entry; Inspection; Handicaps; and New Technology.

A network of additional volunteers supports the race by working with the Board and Assistant Directors, within these divisions, and dedicating 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 can be almost as exciting as flying it, as the ARC energy and enthusiasm is 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.

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.
The Board of Directors in Action

Lake Havasu City, AZ to Batavia, OH
Welcome back, Tookie Hensley! Tookie is a veteran air racer with 20 races notched in her belt. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced and Ground-Instructor Instrument, with 14,000 hours. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s in Arizona.

When asked why she races, Tookie said, “To go new places and meet new people. I also like to introduce my friends and students to racing. Racing is the greatest experience ever.”

Tookie related a humorous incident. She was surprised to find another racer “checking the oil in my airplane! She was in a 172 also. When I asked why she was checking my oil, she said, ‘All these 172s look alike!’ “

Tookie has been flight instructor since 1985. She was an examiner as well and is now retired. She has owned a flight school since 1990. Her joys in life, according to her, are, “Grandkids, great-grandkids, boating and traveling. Racing!!!!”

Welcome Sherri Dwyer to her first Air Race Classic! Sherri is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL, ASES with 300 hours. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s chapter in Arizona.

Sherri flew her first air derby in March 2011 and is now hooked! She looks forward to flying the ARC and enjoying the camaraderie among the racers. She added, “I am originally from California and relocated to Lake Havasu, AZ in 1997. I began flying in 2005. I have many hobbies, but none that I am as passionate about as flying. I recently added a seaplane rating and my Instrument rating. I have an amazing husband who is also a pilot and my biggest supporter.”

Camelia Smith returns to ARC for the fifth time. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFII and Ground-Instructor Advanced, with 10,000 hours flown. She is a member of the Arkansas 99s.

Camelia said she joined the Air Race Classic for the adventure of new places, the unique experiences and the network of wonderful aviation friends. She added, “I still remember before my first ARC and after too many questions to my Mama Bird, she finally said ‘It's just a cross country!’ ”

Camelia and her husband, Bill, have always lived on a cattle farm, and flying became a big part of her life. It started as a hobby and a means to travel and then became an occupation. Camelia said, “I have done flight instruction, charter, corporate and even flown fire detection for the state and national Forest Services. Flying has been my ‘magic carpet’ to many wonderful places, but I had not expected the journey to be as much fun as the destination. I belong to many organizations that support and encourage flying.”

Flying in the ARC has helped her realize the importance of sharing her passion with youth groups and has led to speaking engagements at adult and youth organizations.

Welcome Nancy Keating to her first Air Race Classic! Nancy is a Private pilot ASEL with 150 hours. She is a member of the Arkansas 99s.

When asked why she joined the ARC, Nancy replied, “This will be my first race, so I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of this historic Air Race Classic. I am looking forward to the competition and meeting other women pilots who share the same passion for flying.”

Most of Nancy’s career has been spent owning and managing different businesses, including retail and manufacturing. She is currently partners in AB Martin Services, which sells products to the U.S. government.

Besides flying, Nancy enjoys fly fishing, snow skiing and hiking.
Welcome Danielle Erlichman to her first Air Race Classic! Danielle is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot with 400 hours. She is a student at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Daytona Beach.

Danielle joined the ARC to represent Embry-Riddle and because she loves flying. She is a student as well as a flight instructor. When she is not aviating, Danielle loves traveling and even went on vacation to Thailand. She is a dancer, too: she took dancing lessons for 11 years.

Marisha Falk returns for her third ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, MEI, Ground-Instructor, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Tailwheel, and Aerobatics with 1900 hours.

When asked why she races, Marisha said, “I enjoy racing because it gives me the opportunity to test my piloting and CRM skills while representing Embry-Riddle.”

Marisha is the Flight Training Manager for ERAU. She drives the Embry-Riddle Jet Dragster for Larsen Motorsports. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, scuba diving, hunting and fishing.

Joyce Wilson returns for her third ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot with a tailwheel endorsement and 544 hours. She is a member of the Ambassador 99s in Texas.

When asked why she is flying the ARC, Joyce replied, “I raced the last two years to meet fellow pilots and to learn about racing. I’m racing again because it’s addictive! The fellowship, fun and friendships are priceless. It’s a great way to learn more about my airplane as well.”

Joyce is the executive director of the International Defensive Pistol Association, a firearms shooting sport with 18,000 members in the U.S. and 50 foreign countries.

In her free time, Joyce said, “Flying is my main hobby since, fortunately, I don’t have to make a living with it. I also enjoy hunting, which I have been able to do in the U.S., Africa, S. America, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand. I also work with my three quarterhorses at our Texas ranch. I love the outdoors, so I can also be found riding ATVs or brush-hogging with one of our tractors.”

Janet Yoder has flown the air race an amazing 28 times. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL with 4,000 hours. She is a member of the Kansas 99s.

Janet said she flies the ARC, “for the fun of it, to meet new and different people all over the country and to renew old friendships and make new friends.”

Janet has been a Certified RN Anesthetist since 1966. She has worked part time three days a week for Anesthesia Consulting Services since 1984. At this time, she is just trying to retire. Janet enjoys flying her Stearman and 1946 Piper Cub, as well as gardening, sewing and just playing. “Don and I have extended our turf runway at home (SN61) to 4,000 feet. I have been a trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum for several years,” she added.
Alison Chalker returns to ARC for her fifth time. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL with a tailwheel endorsement and 1050 hours. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s.

Alison said she flies the ARC because, "nothing beats the feeling of spending a week around cool women and fast airplanes, testing your flying skills and discovering the U.S.A." She recalled, "Racing in 2010 with Barbara Strachan as our third teammate made the race so much fun, and placing in the top 10 for the first time was the icing on the cake."

Alison is the vice president of regulatory affairs at a pharmaceutical company. She has worked in the industry for 21 years. Her local 99s chapter is a big part of her life. She sends a big hello to all her friends in Eastern PA!

Linda Evans returns for her third Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL with almost 800 hours. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s. When asked why she flies the ARC, she said, "It's an amazing adventure that takes me to places I would not go on my own, and it challenges my abilities as a pilot. It's a great chance to meet some incredible and inspiring women, make new friends and become part of history."

Linda shared a learning moment: "Prior to my first race, I had only rented. Upon removing the cowlings for the pre-race inspection, I exclaimed, 'Oh, that's what an engine looks like!' My partner nearly died of embarrassment!"

Linda works in the business technology organization at Pfizer (formerly Wyeth). She has been there for almost 18 years. She keeps busy with her six godchildren, who range in age from 7 to 25. Linda said, "Of the six, four have been flying with me. When not flying with my friends from the Eastern PA Chapter of the 99s or attending events with my godchildren, I enjoy playing golf and watching/attending sporting events. I especially like watching the professional sports teams from Philadelphia and even have season tickets to the Flyers and Phillies."

Minnetta Gardenier is back for her fifth ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 1,080 hours logged. She is a member of the Iowa 99s. She said, "I have flown the Air Race Classic 2008-2011. I return to this race each year for the great fun, friendship and flying that it provides. It's a blast to reconnect with past racers and to meet new racers. I also enjoy introducing pilots to the Air Race Classic." With this race, Minnetta is also raising money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Minnetta is the associate dean at University of Iowa Graduate College as well as associate professor of pharmacology. 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. My other interests include travel (preferably in my own plane), reading and gardening. I also much enjoy attending theater and performing arts events around the Iowa City area. Of course, you can't embrace living in Iowa City without being an Iowa Hawkeye fan."

Welcome Katherine “Kata” McCarville to her first Air Race Classic! Kata is a Private pilot, ASEL with 125 hours and a member of the Iowa 99s. She entered the race because, "It's cool. No one expects a 55-year-old lady to be racing airplanes!" She looks forward to the fun.

Kata trained as a geologist, starting out as a uranium miner, and then spent 20 years in the information technology field. After earning her doctoral degree in avian paleontology at age 48, she joined the faculty at Upper Iowa University, where she is the geology and geography department. She said, "The diverse parts of my life are so intertwined and integrated that I don't think of anything I do as a hobby. For instance, this summer I’ll be leading a geology raft trip through the Grand Canyon." Kata’s husband is a paleontologist who is the director of a sea turtle conservation program on a Georgia barrier island.
Welcome Catherine “Cathi” Sweatt to her first ARC! Cathi is a Private pilot ASEL with 200 hours logged. She joined the race for the thrill of flying it. She believes it is a wonderful way to meet other women with the same interests and be in a competitive environment.

Cathi and her husband own two businesses, Jim Davis Restoration and Always Sun Tanning Center. In her free time, Cathi said, “There are many things that I enjoy, flying and traveling being at the top of the list. Reading is a passion of mine, along with hiking and bowling.” They are also the proud keepers of two beautiful golden retrievers.

Melanie Abel returns for her second ARC. Melanie is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, Formation Flying and has logged 1,650 hours.

She recalled her first air race: “Due to weather, the race start was relocated to Alliance, NE. When my teammate and I arrived in Alliance, we found an empty ramp. Thinking we were at the wrong airport, we frantically double-checked the GPS as well as our Sectional! Somehow, we were the first to arrive at the new start.”

Melanie loves everything to do with aviation. She teaches full time in the Department of Aviation Technology at Indiana State University and works part-time as a flight instructor at Edgar County Airport. She and her husband own a Steen Skybolt. In addition, they recently purchased a BD-5 project that should be flying in the near future.

Welcome Tonya Hodson to her first Air Race Classic! Tonya is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, Tailwheel, Formation Flying, with 1,711 hours logged. She has known about the ARC for years and always wanted to try it. This year, she finally will!

Tonya is a full-time student in the Professional Pilot Program at Kansas State University. Previously, she flew pipeline patrol for Eagle Sky Patrol. Tonya enjoys formation flying in Stearman biplanes. She currently serves on the board of Stearman Flight Inc. and SAFECON 2012. She is the proud mother of two sons.
Welcome Juliana Vasquez to her first Air Race Classic! Juliana is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, with 190 hours in her logbook.

Juliana is a student at Alabama's Jacksonville University. She lives in Alabama with her husband, who is not a pilot. Quite the opposite: Her husband is a submariner! When on the ground, Juliana enjoys taking on small do-it-yourself home projects. Additionally, besides flying, she enjoys singing, dancing, painting and spending time with good friends.

Welcome Heather Mayer to her first Air Race Classic! Heather is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, with 211 hours flown.

Heather is also a student at Jacksonville University in Alabama. In addition to flying, she enjoys horseback riding, boating and almost anything that puts her in the great outdoors.

Terry Carbonell returns to ARC for the sixth time. She is a Commercial pilot-ASEL & ASES; CFI & CFII; Ground-Instructor- Basic, Advanced, and Instrument; and Tail-wheel and has flown 1,850 hours. She is a member of the Paradise Coast 99s in Florida.

Recalling a humorous time in past races, Terry shared, "After navigating 2,600 miles from OKC to Canada, a group of us got lost on the way to the hotel!"

Terry is a part-time attorney and flight instructor. She took up flying later in life at the request of her now-deceased husband, Mario. She said, "His dying wish became my passion. I particularly enjoy working with young people, showing them all that life, and aviation, have to offer. In 2010, I worked with the Mobile Boys & Girls Club with their new aviation program. It was a thrill to see such a positive change in the lives of these young ladies and to know that aviation will forever be a spark that ignites them in the future. I enjoy scuba diving and quilting and 'work full time' as the chief of staff to my cat, Stubby."

Ellen Herr returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 1,478 hours. She is a member of the Paradise Coast 99s in Florida.

Ellen is a retired physical therapist and has lived in sunny southwest Florida for 10 years. She is very active with the Paradise Coast 99s and currently serves as the scholarship committee chair. She is also on the board of the 120-member Fort Myers Flying Club. She owns a Cirrus SR22 and uses it to fly rescued dogs to new homes through Pilots-n-Paws. Her other hobbies include gardening, reading and traveling.
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Malinda "Lin" Caywood returns for the third time to ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL, ASES with 900 hours. She is a member of the Sugarloaf 99s in Maryland. Lin said, "Racing has been such a confidence- and skill-booster for me. I have learned more about my plane than I ever thought I would. Where else can you meet a bunch of smart yet crazy women who love to fly?" Asked to share a humorous racing experience, Lin would say only, "What happens in El Dorado stays in El Dorado." Lin has more than 20 years in real estate and mortgage banking. In her free time, she has recently taken up quilting as a hobby and became a "new mom" to two adorable Tonkinese kittens named Goose and Maverick.

The third time is the charm for Susan Beall, as she returns for her third race with ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL, ASES with 560 hours. She is a member of the Sugarloaf 99s in Maryland. 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." Susan keeps busy as the CEO of her business, WSL Consulting, but in her free time she loves flying as well as water skiing with family and training for cycling events.

Rio Colorado 99s would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the ARC. Safe flights to all the racers.
CLASSIC 13
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Caroline Baldwin returns for her eighth ARC. She has 850 hours under her belt and is a Private pilot ASEL with Skydiving. Asked why she does this, she said, "I race for the adventure and challenge, to learn more about flying and this wonderful country, and to enjoy the excitement and the camaraderie of the ARC community."

Caroline is retired from work as a consultant, researcher, librarian and teacher. She is now a community volunteer, especially busy with an award-winning community literacy program that she founded 10 years ago. Additionally, she is the secretary/treasurer of the Grant County Pilots Association, sings in a women's chorus directed by Valdeen Wooton, (a former ARC president and her 2004 race partner). Caroline plays French horn in a community band and makes a priority of playing tennis three times a week.

Lydia Baldwin is back for her third air race. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 150 hours and a member of the Colorado 99s. She said, "I race for the opportunity to learn about aviation, to challenge my skills, to visit new places and to be in the company of so many amazing women. This year I am excited to join my mother (Caroline Baldwin) and my niece (Cara Baldwin) as part of a three-generation family team. I was inspired to earn my pilot certificate, join the 99s and to fly in the Air Race Classic by my mother. Caroline helped me to realize what a thrill it is to fly and has always inspired me to be confident and positive and to enjoy life. In recent years, we have had wonderful experiences flying across the country and growing our wings."

Lydia has been an RN for 13 years, the last three as nurse manager in an Intensive Care Unit. She loves living in beautiful northern Colorado, and when not busy with her job in a community hospital, she enjoys biking, hiking and flying out of KFNL in Loveland.

CLASSIC 13 (cont)

Welcome Cara Baldwin to her first Air Race Classic! Cara is a student pilot racing with her aunt and grandmother, Lydia and Caroline. Cara just completed 10th grade at Morgantown High School in West Virginia. "Soccer, swim team and plenty of homework keep me busy, so I've not had much time for flight lessons. The race sounds like a lot of fun. It will help me get more experience in a small plane, so when I am able to train for my license, everything won't be new. Also, my grandmother and my aunt have told me about the ARC, and this is an amazing learning adventure." In her free time, Cara also likes to explore photography.

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

Medallions will be on sale during Terminus Events. Order today at silentauction@airraceclassic.org to pick up at the Terminus.
Linda Knowles returns for a second time to Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, ASES, CFI, CFII with 648 hours. She is a member of the Washington, DC, 99s.

Linda is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker. She said she is racing in the ARC again because it is a fun experience and she loves to fly.

Welcome back, Carolyn Bailey, for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, ASEL, with 350 hours. Asked why she is racing this year, Carol said, “For the thrill of the challenge, working within the confines of the environment and making it work.” She added, “We had a fan club around the race circuit last year! We found many great restaurants and things to do in Iowa City, sampled Texas hospitality in Hutchinson, became local celebrities on the front page in El Dorado and saw the world famous “Car-henge” in Alliance, NE. Not to mention a top 10 finish!”

Carol is an engineer by day. In her free time, she enjoys aerobatics, gardening, renovating homes and traveling. Flying runs in her family. Her mother trained in a 1940 J3 Piper Cub, her father flew in the Army Air Corps, uncles flew gliders in WW II and one had a Cessna 150 that he flew for his printing business. “He took me along as a child, and I was hooked!” she said.

A third-time racer, Debbie Dreyfuss returns to the ARC with 1,325 hours under her belt. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, ASES, AMEL, Tailwheel, and a member of the Washington DC 99s.

Debbie has wanted to fly since age 6, when her uncle took her for a ride in his 172. Now, she said, “I race for fun, camaraderie and the competition. Team DC3 placed sixth in 2011 and learned a lot, so there’s nothing stopping us from doing even better in 2012!”

Debbie recalled her last stopover in the 2011 race, in El Dorado, AR. There, she said, “We celebrated with several other teams that evening till late. The next morning, we were so busy shopping, the timers called to make sure we were planning on leaving. My husband is still wondering how we could buy and ship so much stuff from such a small town.”

Founder and owner of Designs Unlimited Architectural Graphics/Commercial Signage for 20 years, Debbie sold the business in 1998 then had a second career selling advertising until she retired in 2007. Debbie added, “I married my best friend, Norman, in 2009 and am living happily ever after. Though retired, I still do truck lettering for charity and personally fund the “Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different” award for the local 99s chapters. I travel the world, have a Texas taildragger, a newer 182 and a fractional interest in an Avanti Piaggio 180. Though he’s not a pilot, my husband, Norman, is a very supportive aviation enthusiast, flying right seat as my gadget guy. He knows who’s in charge in the air!”
Mary Wunder returns for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, ASEL, Tailwheel with 2,200 hours flown. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s.

When asked why she races, Mary said, “It started out as an item on my friend’s bucket list, but after the first race you become hooked and you don’t want to miss out on all the fun. Now I race because I want to experience winning.”

Mary said, “I had the best career. I was an air traffic controller. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I used to tell everyone, ‘Where else can you tell people what to do and they have to listen to you?’”

Currently, Mary is the chairman of the 99s Endowment Fund. “I think it is so important that the 99s be around for future generations. I want little girls to know that there is nothing that they cannot do. Women pilots have supported each other since 1929, and I hope to do my best to ensure that the 99s are here for another 100 years.” Mary’s other interest is homeopathy. “I found homeopathy because I adopted a Dalmatian and she had terrible allergies and was constantly in agony. In my quest to alleviate her pain, I had exhausted all avenues using traditional medicine. As someone who needed to maintain a medical certificate for both business and pleasure, it was important for me to be healthy and not be on any medication. It’s amazing how effective homeopathy is.”

Welcome Elaine Huf to her first Air Race Classic! Elaine is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, ASEL, ASES, Glider-Private, Skydiver, with 826 hours. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s.

When asked why she joined the ARC, Elaine said, “We don’t often get a chance to challenge ourselves – this race represents a wonderful history of women doing just that. Plus, it sounds like a lot of fun!” Elaine is a retired police officer from a large municipality in Bucks County, PA. She said it was a challenging and rewarding experience to serve and protect the public for 27 years, and the extensive training during this time helped in all aspects of her life, including her flying. As a teenager, Elaine was a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol and fell in love with airplanes. “After obtaining my pilot’s license, I flew search and rescue with the Civil Air Patrol in Rudolph – a 1947 Aerona 7BCM (L-16A), “I currently own Rudolph, and with the generous help of my husband, restored it several years ago, painting it hot pink,” she said. “My husband owns a 1944 twin Cessna Bobcat, and I added a 1941 Baby Stinson 10A (L-9B) to our fleet. We both fly from our private airstrip in upstate Pennsylvania and participate in the Genesee, NY, 1941 Historic Air Group air shows. I have flown both L-birds cross-country to the Antique Airfield annual Labor Day fly-in, in Blakesburg, Iowa. I also enjoy sewing, gardening and reading.”
Marge Thayer is a veteran racer with ARC, having flown “18 to 20” races previously. She is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, with 3,900 hours. She is a member of the Arizona Sundance 99s.

When asked why she races, Marge replied, “Oh, I love it! 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 charter pilot. Her hobbies are “my four-legged kids... Rudder, Spinner, Aileron (Alley), Wings (Wingy) and newest Elevator (Vator). I love my RV and going on the road with my Road Bunnies.”

Helen “Wheels” Beulen returns for her seventh ARC. She is an Air Transport pilot and has flown 4,300 hours. She holds ratings for ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII-Multi, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Glider-Private, Tailwheel. She is a member of the Arizona Sundance 99s.

When asked why she keeps returning to ARC, Helen said, “There are so very many reasons! One is the joy of flying with my Marge. Another is the way my mind and skills are sharpened. I also value 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. I have had the amazing opportunity to see our country and meet its finest people on this race!”

Helen is a corporate pilot with Coffman Companies, a flight instructor and a special education teacher. She has six children, three of whom are pilots, and her husband is a retired airline pilot. Her greatest joys are her family, including three grandchildren, and flying.

Terry Nitz returns for her third Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, AMEL, with 1,210 hours logged. She flies the race for the fun of it as well as the competition.

Terry is a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Her husband is also a nurse but not a pilot. In her free time, Terry loves snow skiing in the winter and enjoys traveling, especially to Europe. In the summer, you can find Terry in her herb garden or swimming. On rainy days, she likes to read a good book. “Above everything else, I love to fly,” she said. “Those weekend breakfasts or lunches 50 miles or more away are precious.”

Welcome Ms. Bobbi (Roberta) Boucher back for her second ARC. Bobbi is a Commercial pilot ASEL, ASES, AMEL, AMES, CFI, CFI-Multi, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Glider-Private, Tailwheel, with more than 6,000 hours logged.

Bobbi started flying sailplanes and first soloed in 1973. She spent six years in the Navy working on P-3s, which enabled her to get her Airframe and Powerplant ratings as well as her Flight Engineer rating. At the request of the World Wildlife Foundation, Bobbi went to Africa to build and fly a Beaver RX 550 ultralight aircraft. She has also done a firewall-forward Lancair 320 and has built a Super Lancair ES with an IO-550 up front. Bobbi has built and then flown her own RV-4 in five AirVenture Cup races, making her the most experienced female pilot and solo pilot in AirVenture Cup history.
Pauline Cummins Glasson
May 6, 1910 - March 30, 2012

Supreme matriarch of The Air Race Classic, Pauline was one of the founding ladies and for many years single-handedly organized the race (contacted the FAA for waivers, collected entry fees, notified all Stop Chairman with details, typed flyby procedures, etc.), supervised race meetings, and even flew the race two times—once before the race to confirm details, and then during the race as a competitor.

Friends and admirers add these comments...

"Pauline soloed in 1934 at the age of 22 in an Aeronca seaplane. She operated a flight school in Corpus Christi, TX, was the test pilot for the Little Toot sport biplane, did aerial photography, and flew pipeline looking for leaks. A life member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., she flew in twenty-four Powder Puff Derbies and over her career, accumulated 60,000 hours of flight time."

Judy & Mike Muzyczyn

"At the 1975 Powder Puff Derby, as a new pilot and chairman for the ham radio operators, I was very busy, yet Pauline realizing that I was a first time racer, helped me which was the start of a lifetime friendship..."

Tookie Hensley

"According to Pauline, she was actually born in 1909, but her father mixed up a brother’s birth date with hers when registering at the courthouse. Turned out to be an advantage for her brother as he could collect social security a year early!...A young man wanted to learn to fly but had no money. Pauline had him do odd jobs around the airport and in return taught him to fly. He later became a captain of a 747 for Continental Airlines. In appreciation he offered to take her to London with her joining him in the cockpit!...little known fact—Pauline was a competitive marksman—she had 45 automatic pistols"

Mary Helen Dunnam

"She flew the plane as she instructed her students in ground school. Returning from the terminus of an air race, the engine had a vapor lock over Jackson, MS. She contacted the tower and they asked if the air strip was in view which it was. She reacted to the emergency just as she taught and once on the ground announced that it was her 50th emergency landing! With Pauline at the controls there was no question but that we would make it. Probably one of her smoothest landings!"

Barbara Lewis

"I know that Pauline is in heaven now getting all the angels together to start an air race. She is happy and we all will miss her."

Esther Wright Safford

"Pauline and I worked to make handicaps as fair as possible before computers. I think we did a pretty decent job if you want to compare to today’s. No one worked harder to make ARC a success than Pauline. I am so grateful to have known her."

Dottie Anderson

"The first time I met Pauline, she and her team were all wearing towels, with shoes painted to match. It took me a couple of races and a variety of patterns, to learn that Pauline had made all these outfits, and her teammates happily wore them...I have so admired how she and her merry band of elves, with only a typewriter and copier, pulled off a transcontinental air race...and Pauline had the last word in everything...When she called any airport and said the air race was coming, the reply was “Yes, Pauline, we are thrilled to have you!” She knew everyone and everyone knew her...She was an amazing woman, loved, honored, and revered by all who flew with her.”

Marlyn Wilson

"Susan Coller and I were preparing a Mooney for racing in 1992 and called Pauline about something we were going to do—bordering on the edge of legal. Pauline said in no uncertain terms, “Now Susan and Nancy, you know perfectly well that is not allowed...so behave yourselves and come with a legal plane.”"

Nancy Toon
The pilot community is small, but strong, and I want to congratulate everyone taking part in the 2012 Air Race Classic for sharing their passion with fellow aviators. You represent a proud flying tradition, and you are creating excitement about general aviation for a new generation of pilots, both women and men.

Every time you land at a destination along your route, you are connecting others to the joy, fun, and sense of accomplishment that makes GA flying so rewarding.

I commend you for getting involved and I encourage you to share your experiences with everyone you know. Nurturing a network of friends to share your experiences with is a great way to help grow the pilot population and “Keep ’em Flying.”

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"Those monies will be prudently invested, and once the goal is met, the principal will be retained, and revenue earned shall be allocated to the Air Race Classic Board for distribution to help defray the costs of running this race," said Carolyn Van Newkirk, 2012 pilot for Team 20 and a member of the Air Race Classic Board. "It is our hope that the legacy will last indefinitely."

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Welcome Ecehan Cakmak to her first Air Race Classic! Ecehan is a Private pilot ASEL with more than 100 hours flown.

Ecehan worked as planning engineer for three years in Turkey before deciding she wanted to be a pilot for Turkish Airlines. She is currently a student at Florida Institute of Technology. “I was very excited to learn that I would get to represent my flight school, FIT, and future employer, Turkish Airlines, in this race,” she said. “I have heard a lot about this race, and to take part in a respectable and historic race like this is a great opportunity. I look forward to flying cross-country and seeing different states and airports. I believe I will develop my skills, my flying techniques and advance my piloting capability. It is a great experience. I am looking forward to this adventure.”

Victoria Dunbar returns for her fourth ARC. She is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFI, CFI-Multi, CFI-Multi, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, with 2,500 hours.

Asked why she races, Victoria said, “I enjoy the challenge and camaraderie. I don’t usually think about flying as a competitive sport, so it’s fun to experience flying from this perspective. And as a faculty member, it’s great for me to see my pilot learn so much about flying in such a short period of time.”

Victoria is an aeronautical science instructor at Florida Institute of Technology as well as a full-time student at FIT, working on her Ph.D. In what little free time she has, Victoria loves to go to the beach with her husband and two children.

Carolyn Van Newkirk returns for her 20th Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot, ASEL with 1,560 hours. She is a member of the Central Pennsylvania 99s.

Carolyn said, “I race for the challenge, to sharpen aviation skills, for the enjoyment, for opportunities to see the country and for the very special camaraderie of fellow racers.”

Carolyn spent 40-plus years in education, many as a principal of a private school. Currently, she is an adjunct instructor at the college level. Carolyn was appointed to the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority and is chairman of the Airport Development Committee. In 2011, she set a U.S. and world speed record. She is an ARC director, with duties that include collegiate recruitment, education outreach and Endowment Fund.

In her free time, Carolyn said, “I enjoy cake decorating and restoring our 100-year-old house. My hobbies are music, reading and writing. Through an Amelia Earhart Scholarship, I researched and wrote 'The History of Women's Air Races.' Through my 19 races in ARC, I have landed in all the 48 contiguous United States and Canada.”

Welcome back, JoAnne Alcorn! Jo returns for her fifth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial licensed pilot with 1,450 hours. She is rated for ASEL, ASES, AMEL, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument and Tailwheel. She is a member of the South Florida 99s.

When asked why she races, Jo explained, “I often fly long 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.” Relating a past experience, Jo said, “In 2011’s ARC, the Start location was changed due to weather to Alliance, NE. Fifty race teams stretched the capabilities of the town for motels. We ended up on a "corn farm" 28 miles north of town. We awoke to a group of fainting goats playing outside the cabin. We couldn’t resist joining in the fun. A great way to start a race day!”

Since retiring as an IT manager in 2001, Jo has worked with her husband in aircraft sales and services as president of Bachman Aviation, Winter Haven, FL. She is also a director in the Air Race Classic. Besides flying, Jo loves to do research on her family tree. Flying allows her to explore family homesteads and meet distant cousins. She loves to travel, read and cook. Pecan pie is her specialty.
Tamra Sheffman returns to the Air Race Classic for the seventh time. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL with 2,075 hours in her logbook.

Tamra is a member of the Florida Goldcoast 99s and is a past chapter chair. She lives in Miami Beach with her husband, Ron Mayer, with whom she enjoys traveling, dancing and skiing. As a co-owner of a Cessna 182, Tamra loves to fly for fun, food and proficiency. She is owner/broker of Royal Palm Realty in Miami Beach and is very active in Florida real estate. She serves on the advisory board of the Jewish Museum of Florida, where the Air Race Classic was presented as part of the Florida Jews in Sports Exhibit.

Welcome Myra Bugbee to her first Air Race Classic! Myra is a Private pilot ASEL with 400 hours flown. She is secretary of the Florida Goldcoast 99s.

Myra is flying the ARC because she loves learning and challenging herself. "One of my passions is traveling and meeting people. This race will definitely accomplish those goals," she said.

Myra is a retired elementary school principal. She hopes the ARC inspires young people to fly or at least look skyward with awe. Her favorite activities are flying and traveling. Myra said, "I originally earned my Private Pilot's license in 1979 and for various reasons did not fly for approximately 30 years. Now I love flying even more than I did the first time around." She is active in the Florida Aero Club as well as her local 99s chapter.

Welcome Buket Ozkan to her first ARC! Buket is a Private pilot ASEL with 104 hours. She is a student at Florida Institute of Technology, sponsored by Turkish Airlines, where she is a First Officer candidate. She aspires to obtain her ATP license.

Buket is proud to have the opportunity to be a member of one of the best airlines in the world. She has a passion for aviation and a fascination with flying. When asked about where her passion comes from, she replied with a quote from the book, “Nothing by Chance” by Richard Bach: “The airplane is just a bunch of sticks and wires and cloth, a tool for learning about the sky and about what kind of person I am, when I fly. An airplane stands for freedom, for joy, for the power to understand and to demonstrate that understanding. Those things aren’t destructible.”

Donna Wilt returns for her second ARC. She is an Air Transport pilot ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Ground-Instructor Advanced, and has 3,200 hours logged.

When asked why she races, Donna said, “I like the challenge of technical flying and, as Maverick said in the movie ‘Top Gun,’ 'I feel the need for speed!'”

Donna is an associate professor of aeronautics at Florida Institute of Technology. Last year, she and her husband built an Arion Lightning Light Sport Aircraft, which they plan to fly to Oshkosh in July, after the ARC.

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Marie and Susan Carastro are a mother-daughter team who are flying in their 10th Air Race Classic together.

Susan holds Commercial Single- and Multi-Engine Land certificates. She is also a Flight Instructor for Single-Engine Land aircraft. She has logged more than 1,325 hours. She is a member of the Gold Coast Chapter of the 99s.

A veterinary ophthalmologist, Susan is involved with all kinds of animals, from giraffes to sea mammals, including sea lions and dolphins. She said, "What a great job!"

She spends her free time horseback riding and jumping, scuba diving, playing racquetball and running.

Susan looks forward to the race and the time spent with Mom each summer. She also loves meeting new friends and visiting with old ones, as well as challenging her cross-country skills.

Marie holds a Private Certificate and a Tailwheel endorsement with more than 1,155 hours. She flew in the 1960 Powder Puff Derby. Marie races to spend one-on-one time with "the best daughter in the world."

Her husband, Bob, is also a pilot and works for the State of Alabama Department of Aeronautics. He is retired, having been an instructor pilot with the Air Force.

Marie has been a registered dietitian for more than 59 years. She has worked with the Alabama Department of Public Health for the past 23 years, being contracted by the federal government to review health care providers for compliance.

Marie and Bob also have a son who is a pilot and has flown 747-400s in Europe. Their two grandchildren are still too young to fly. The family is referred to as the Flying Carastros. Genealogy, gardening and grandchildren are favorite hobbies and interests for Marie.

She is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

Dianna Stanger returns for the second time to the Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL. HeliCommercial, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, Jet type rating, with 3,400 hours logged. She is a member of the Houston 99s. When asked why she joined ARC, she replied simply, "To win."

Professionally, Dianna is an avid rancher in South Texas, with Brangus cattle and cutting horses, as well as the local airport manager for PKV (Port Lavaca). She also has two Cessna Pilot Centers – one in PKV one in VCT (Victoria).

Dianna added that she is "an avid aviatress, with several different ships in my arsenal. Currently, I own and fly a 1942 Waco UPF-7, a SR22, a Eurocopter EC120B and a Hawker-Beech Premier Jet. In addition, I am avid in promoting aviation with contests and events at the local airport. Our Kids Day gets more than 350 kids at the airport in one day. We also have a national coloring contest. I was the first helicopter pilot for Angel Flight and continue to fly about 10 missions a year, as well as serving on its advisory board. It is so rewarding to give a flight to the patients who need the service the most. When time permits, I also stay competitive with Cutting horses. This passion has given way to the time I spend in the sky now."

Victoria Holt returns for her second ARC. She is an ATP pilot, ASEL, ASES, AMEL, Glider-Commercial, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, Formation Flying, Jet type rating, with 5,500 hours.

Victoria said she is racing this year because, "The ARC is a great adventure! I always compete with my mind set on a victory and a new life experience!"

She has been a career pilot for 20 years. When on the ground, she is a competition shotgun and pistol shooter. She likes to ride mountain bikes and road bikes and enjoys summertime water sports.
Ethel Bailey returns for her second ARC. She is a Commercial licensed pilot with 16,000 hours, rated for ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Tailwheel and Aerobatics. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s. She 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.”

She is a flight instructor and retired registered nurse. She enjoys snorkeling, reading and spending time with her cats.

Barbara Zeigler returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 205 hours. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania 99s.

Recalling a past experience, Barbara said, “In 2010, we flew into Waycross, GA, and were greeted with a warm welcome and BBQ. A little boy ran up to us and asked for our autograph. I laughed to myself and felt like a rock star for the first time in my life. Of course, as I retold the story many times after returning home, my friends and family put me in my place.”

Barbara is a procurement and contract specialist for a company that does work for the government. She has more than 18 years in the procurement field. In addition to flying, she enjoys reading, boating and traveling when she can.

Welcome Cynthia Lee to her first Air Race Classic! Cynthia is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 290 hours flown. She is a member of the Delaware 99s.

She has worked for DuPont for 35 years in a variety of operations and engineering management positions. She is currently an engineering manager. In her career with DuPont, she has moved 19 times and lived abroad for nine years.

Cynthia looks forward to meeting other women pilots. In addition to her passion for aviation, she is an avid landscape photographer and enjoys music and golf.

Welcome Nancy Rohr to her first Air Race Classic! Nancy is an Air Transport pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Jet type rating, with 4,000 hours logged. She is a member of the Delaware 99s.

Nancy said, “I started flying for fun and kept working on my ratings until I became a flight instructor. The local flight school hired me as a flight instructor, and eventually I was hired by the local charter flight department. In time, I was hired by a corporate flight department where I obtained three type ratings. I went to work with FlightSafety International 13 years ago as a type rating instructor.”

In her free time, Nancy loves to garden and read about solar technology.

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Love, Honi & David
Welcome Shannon Hicks to her first Air Race Classic! Shannon is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, ASES, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced with 5,600 hours. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s in Arizona.

Shannon looks forward to the challenge, camaraderie and fun that comes with air racing. She also appreciates that it enables her "to improve my skills as a pilot."

Shannon is part-owner of Hicks Cooling and Heating and handles administrative tasks. She has also been an active freelance flight instructor for the past 11 years. Shannon said, "I enjoy hiking, biking and most water sports. My No. 1 love is flying. I have been flying since I was 16 and have been fortunate enough to make it part of my career. After graduation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, I acquired my CFI and worked at my local airport in Lake Havasu City, AZ, training future pilots. I have also worked at a FedEx feeder, Empire Airlines, as a cargo pilot on the Caravan. I recently married the love of my life, Jon Hankins, who shares my passion for aviation."

Pam Rudolph is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 1,715 hours flown. She is a member of the Rio Colorado 99s in Arizona.

When asked why she joined the Air Race Classic, Pam replied, "For the adventure of seeing new places, honing my skills and because it's so much fun! I love air racing, but after racing a few times, it's obvious I'm not very good at it. Shannon always beats me. Imagine my delight when she asked me to co-pilot for her! Finally, a chance at being in the winner's circle."

Pam retired as a pharmacy technician from Kaiser Permanente in Southern California. She is very involved in her local 99s chapter. Another passion of hers is quilting, a hobby she started when she and her husband retired to Arizona.

Welcome Roxanne Beckman for her first Air Race Classic! Roxanne is an Air Transport pilot with 8,600 hours, AMEL, AMES, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, Formation Flying and Jet type rating. She is a member of the Tucson 99s.

Asked why she joined the ARC, Roxanne said, "I enjoy the competitive aspect and am always looking for anything aviation-related to try."

Roxanne is a captain on a Citation XL for NetJets Aviation. She has been flying since 1976 and has flown in air shows, owned an FBO and is a CHI-MEI. Roxanne added, "I have a fine arts business doing photography as well as custom framing and original mirrors. I travel extensively looking for new subject matter to photograph. www.deseriskyoriginals.com."

Welcome Fran Strubeck to her first ARC! Fran is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 1,252 hours logged. She is a member of the Imperial So Lo 99s in Arizona.

When asked why she is racing, Fran said, "I fly the ARC for the fun of flying, to see new areas of the United States that I have not flown over before and for the thrill of doing low passes. I greatly enjoy the shared camaraderie with other gutsy women pilots. I also love being part of the continuing history of the race."

Fran spent 23 years teaching K-8 and college classes, and seven years as a computer consultant. She is retired, and now, she said, "I like to travel to new places and am an ardent follower of NFL football. Keeping in touch with friends is a constant goal, along with being physically fit by doing yoga and working out on a regular basis."
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Arlene Wohlgemuth is back for her fourth ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, ASES, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Tailwheel, Aerobatics with 4,480 hours.

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 to Terminus, but instead of simply returning them, the charts were ‘auctioned’ back to us.”

Arlene has been a flight instructor for 20 years, first full-time and then part time. Then she went into politics as a state representative for 10 years. Now, Arlene is executive director of the largest state-based free-market think tank, Texas Public Policy Foundation. She said, “I live about 150 miles from where I work, so it gives me a great excuse to fly: to work every Monday morning and home every Thursday afternoon. I also have opportunity to fly elsewhere in connection with work and enjoy some personal flying, as well.”

Julia Matthews returns to the ARC for the fifth time. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, Tailwheel, with 2,150 hours flown. She is a member of the Brazos River 99s in Arizona.

Julia races for the love of flying, the camaraderie, adventure and challenge.

She is retired from a career in small business and currently enjoys part-time employment in the Aerospace Division of Texas State Technical College. In her spare time, Julia enjoys her home in the country, where she loves gardening. She also likes fishing, reading and, most of all, flying.

Judy Snow returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 680 hours and a member of the Eastern New England 99s.

Judy said she races “for the fun of flying, meeting other women in aviation, seeing old friends and for the challenge of long cross country flight through geographic regions I may not otherwise go.”

She is a self-employed quality systems consultant serving the FDA-regulated medical device, biotech and pharmaceutical industries. Her hobbies, other than flying, include hiking, motorcycle riding, boating, water sports and traveling.

Linda Moody returns for her third ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, ASEL, Tailwheel, with 508 hours. She is a member of the Eastern New England 99s.

Linda races to sharpen her flying skills and to see the country. She recalled, “A man in Kentucky had all of the racers sign his t-shirt with a permanent marker. All of the signatures came through to his skin, so he was worried about what his wife would say!”

Linda is an architect and has owned her own firm since 1991. At home, she has pet rabbits and will foster rabbits for a shelter. She is a docent at the Currier Museum of Art and a member of the Pepperell Conservation Commission.

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Alessandra (Sandy) St. John returns for her fourth Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 950 hours flown. Sandy is thankful to be able to race. She wants "to experience as many aspects of high-speed aerodynamic lift while converting as much money into avgas exhaust fumes as possible." Sandy does have a healthy respect for aviation, however. She recalled past experiences that "remind me that flying is no laughing matter."

Sandy is a proud graduate of Texas A&M and has been a microwave telecom engineer for 23 years. She said she is also currently a frustrated rock guitarist. In her free time, Sandy enjoys biblical studies and "working toward higher ratings for the greater understanding of a very expensive addiction."

Welcome Cynthia (Cindy) Ashmead to her first Air Race Classic! Cindy is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 350 hours. Asked why she joined the race, she said, "To win, of course. Besides winning, racing provides an opportunity to bring together many hours of training, planning, skill and teamwork. I look forward to performing to the best of my ability in something I love doing."

Cindy is a member of the Sacramento Valley 99s and a registered nurse. She and her husband (a non-pilot) have five children: two boys and three girls. Her free time is spent flying and enjoying her family.

The following teams have withdrawn from the 2012 Air Race Classic; we will miss you and we hope to see you at next year's race!

Team 10- Nancy Smith & Andrea Mullen
Team 16- Joyce Wells & Kathy Walton
Team 30- Charissa Dyer-Kendler & Ashley Fehrenbach
Team 33- Cindy Massey & Pamela Bishop

Make Jesus Christ the PIC in your airplane on every flight, and may God bless all the teams.

-Tom Burnside
Gene Nora Jessen returns for her eighth to Air Race Classic. Gene Nora is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, ASES, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFI-Multi, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Tailwheel, Formation Flying, with 4,400 hours logged. She has been a member of the 99s for 50 years and is active with the Idaho chapter. She is a past president of The 99s International.

Gene Nora has a fervent interest in aviation history, as evidenced in the publication of her two books, “The Powder Puff Derby of 1929” and “The Fabulous Flight of the Three Musketeers.” She has the distinction of being one of the so-called Mercury 13. She also flew as a sales demo pilot for Beech Aircraft, then married and moved to Idaho to operate her own flight school. Gene Nora and her husband, Bob, owned Boise Air Service until their retirement. When asked why she races, she said, “It’s an opportunity to stay sharp in the airplane and enjoy the company of a group of truly inspiring women.”

Patty Mitchell returns for her seventh Air Race Classic. “Patty Pilot” is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFI-Multi, CFI-Multi, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Ground-Instructor Instrument, Tailwheel, Aerobatics, Formation Flying, Jet type rating, with 18,789 hours flown. When asked why she joined the race, she said, “FUN FUN FUN – Can’t wait to be with flying friends every year. We love the challenge and the cross-country flying. When we get back to Idaho, we are SO very current.”

Patty is a retired 747 pilot, smokejumper pilot, search and rescue coordinator for Montana Aeronautics and commuter airline pilot. She owned an FBO and is a Gold Seal CFI, CFII and aviation speaker for 99s.

She, her husband and their dog cruise and live on a 48-foot motor yacht at least half the year. Patty enjoys flying in the mountains and getting women involved in aviation.

Brenda (BJ) Carters returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, ASEL with more than 600 hours flown. She is a member of the Idaho 99s.

BJ first entered the race to become a better pilot and is returning because she learned “it is a great way to see this country and meet dynamic women pilots.” She was a teacher of middle school students and is now retired. Currently, BJ works part time for the Boise Police Department as a community service specialist. As a community role model, she has few opportunities to set her own speed limits – but air racing is one!

Go 3 Musketeers:
Gene Nora, Patty, & Brenda!
Your Idaho Chapter members are cheering for you!
Chantel Steele is returning for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL with 280 hours. She said, "I race because it is an excellent opportunity. It gives you experience flying in different parts of the country that you might not otherwise be able to fly in. Another reason that I race is being able to tell other women that I was lucky enough to have this opportunity and inspire them to chase their dreams, even if it's not flying."

Chantel's hobbies include flying, photography, music and anything that will bring her outdoors. She loves camping, hiking, boating, four-wheeling and just going for walks with her dog.

Welcome Amanda Keck to her first Air Race Classic! Amanda is a student at Purdue University and holds a Private pilot license, ASEL. Like so many women before her, Amanda joined the race "to become a part of an experience of a lifetime."

When on the ground, Amanda enjoys karate and mixed martial arts fighting.

Leah Dunn is flying the Air Race Classic for the third time. She is a Private pilot, ASEL, ASES with 270 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the New Orleans 99s.

Leah is self-employed and a seeker of adventure. She is the managing partner of Dunn Properties and several small businesses. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Gulf Coast State College, the Development Board of Florida State University, Science and the Discovery Center Board and the Florida Medical Association Alliance. Her husband is not a pilot but is supportive of her flying. They have three sons and two grandchildren. In addition to aviation, Leah enjoys kayaking, traveling and spending time with her sons and grandsons. She played linebacker for the Oklahoma City Dolls women's professional football team and was most recently inducted into the University of Oklahoma Rugby Hall of Fame. She races for the camaraderie and adventure.

We welcome Joan Evert to her first time in the Air Race Classic. She is a CFI, CFII, AMEL and type rated in a jet. Joan has 2400 flight hours.

Joan is a self-employed CFI. Her husband is not a pilot. They have a daughter and 3 grandchildren. She loves to teach people how to fly and loves to play with her grandchildren. When asked about flying in the air race, she says "I thought about it, and thought about it again. I am eager to give it a try!"
Sue Jones returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot, ASEL, ASES with 680 hours flown. She is a member of the North Jersey 99s. Sue had no idea a “regular” person could get a pilot license until her interest in flying was sparked by a midlife crisis, a visit to the Air and Space Museum in Washington and a chance meeting with a highly accomplished aviatrix, Edna Gardner Whyte, near her home in Texas. Sue had the great pleasure of learning to fly from Edna, even flying the Great Southern Air Race with her in 1990. Sue gave up flying after six years, however, and let her wings collect dust for 17 years. After retiring, she returned to the joys of flying and bought an airplane identical to her first one, a Beech Sundowner. She looks forward to the excitement of flying the 2012 ARC.

Beverly “Bev” Weintraub is back for her third Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, ASEL, Ground-Instructor Advanced, with 390 hours logged. When asked why she races, Bev replied, “To see the country, hone my piloting skills, meet amazing women and have fun!”

Bev is a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer for New York Daily News. She is also vice chair and airmarking chair for the North Jersey 99s. She recalled, “A few years ago, we did a 120-foot-diameter compass rose at the naval engineering station in Lakehurst, NJ, that is visible on Google Earth, behind the blimp hangars.”

Flybys can have obstacles that aren’t on the charts!

Flybys posted for racer review at a start
Megan Henderson returns to the Air Race Classic for the second time. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, CFI, CFI with 415 hours flown. When asked why she flies the ARC, she said, "To meet new people and gain more experience flying. I also like seeing new parts of the country and being able to fly into new airports I have never been to before." She recalled an experience from her last race: "My co-pilot set her clothes in a sink which turned out to be motion-activated and ended up having to wear a wet shirt for our flight that day."

Megan is a junior at Kansas State University Salina. There she also works as a student ambassador, student tutor and flight instructor. In her free time, she likes to read, play basketball and spend time outdoors.

Welcome Summer Gajewski to her first Air Race Classic! Summer is a Private pilot ASEL, Glider-Private with 95 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Wichita 99s. When asked why she is flying this race, Summer said, "To improve my piloting skills, meet new peers and for the experience, love, and joy of flying and competing."

Summer is a sophomore in the Professional Pilot Program at Kansas State University. In her free time, you can find Summer skydiving with the K-State Parachute Club, glider soaring with Kansas Soaring Association or dancing. She also enjoys classical ballet, modern dance and jazz dance.

Don't forget to check www.airraceclassic.org during the race to see if your favorite team has its own personal web site to explore!

Elizabeth Frankowski returns for her second ARC. She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 1,060 hours. She is a member of the Houston 99s.

When asked why she will fly the ARC this year, she said, "I want to introduce my co-pilot to the ARC, improve on my performance from last year and test my flying and navigation skills."

Elizabeth was a stay-at-home mom, Girl Scout leader and volunteer for many years. She worked full time as an architect for 25 years. She is now retired and flies for fun. Her favorite activities are flying, visiting her three children and five grandchildren, flying Grace Flights missions, participating in 99 events and gardening.

Welcome back, Carol Brackley! Carol returns for her second ARC. She is a commercial pilot, ASEL and AMEL with 1,330 hours. She is a member of the Houston 99s.

Carol is flying the race for the challenge and the fun of it. She said, "I was a legal secretary for more than 30 years. I worked as executive assistant to the airport manager at West Houston Airport from 2006 until 2010, then retired. I have been a CFI since 2000, and I am currently instructing at The Flight School at Weiser Airport (EYQ). I became an FAA accident prevention counselor in 1987; sometime in the 1980s the title was changed to aviation safety counselor, and it is now called the FAA Team. I am a lead representative in the FAAATeam and continue to work with FAA safety programs. I was president of the Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors from 2002 through 2006, then became a director and am currently serving as secretary. I am a member of the 99s, currently holding the position of safety chair of the Houston chapter. Previous positions held include: Houston Chapter chair, vice chair, secretary and aerospace education chair."

Of her hobbies, Carol said, "No. 1 is flying and spending time with family. I also like classic cars. I have a 1957 T-Bird and enjoy taking it to car shows."

Kansas State University
Amy Bogardus returns for her third Air Race Classic. Amy is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 540 hours logged. She is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass 99s. Asked why she races, Amy said, “For the thrill of going to places I’ve never been before, to gain confidence and to meet/see again fellow racers.”

Amy is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. In her free time, she likes showing her redbone coonhounds and hunting with them. She is also learning to speak Dutch. Additionally, she looks forward to buying a farm this year so she can have her own airstrip.

Welcome Susan “Sue” Glisson to her first Air Race Classic! Sue is a Private pilot ASEL with 650 hours and a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass 99s. When asked why she is flying the ARC, Sue said, “Because I love flying and will enjoy the adventure!”

Susan is a retired schoolteacher. She and her husband, who is not a pilot, have two children and four grandchildren. Sue enjoys flying, motorcycle riding, traveling, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

Welcome Tracy Lovness to her first Air Race Classic! Tracy is an Instrument-rated Private pilot with 547 hours flown. She is participating in the race for the experience she has heard so much about and to challenge her flying skills.

Tracy is an accounts payable manager. Her husband, a business executive, is also a pilot and shares her interest in aviation. Together, they enjoy traveling and flying. Tracy also likes reading and spending time in her gardens.

Welcome Sandra “Sandi” Randall to her first Air Race Classic! Sandi is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, ASEL, ASES, CFI-Multi, CFII-Multi, Tailwheel, AMEL, CFI and CFII, with 9,445 hours in her logbook.

Sandi teaches primary and advanced flight training in everything from modern glass-panel Cirrus to her Cessna 150s and her Citabria on floats. For this petite, 45-year-old mother of three grown children, there’s no challenge too great and no door too large to open! She is certified in the Avro RJ85 and Cessna 340, and has experience in the King Air E90. Sandi was an International Aerobatic Club safety director for the first Doug Yost Competition in Rice Lake, Wis., and is experienced flying floatplanes in Canada and Alaska. She flew regional jets for Mesaba Airlines for a while, but she quickly realized that flight training was what she enjoyed the most and that she wanted to run her own flight school.
Welcome Mollie Milton to her first ARC! Molly is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 186 hours flown. She said, “This will be my first year participating in the Air Race Classic. I am looking forward to learning more about my airplane and gaining more skills as a pilot. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and networking.”

Mollie is a senior at Liberty University School of Aeronautics. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and learning about new cultures and people. “I also love to read and play the piano, but most of all I love flying and am very excited about the opportunity to race this summer!”

Welcome Esther Dii to her first Air Race Classic! Esther is a Private pilot ASEL with 139 hours logged. Esther is from Papua New Guinea and is excited to fly the race. She said she can’t wait to gain more experience and meet more awesome women pilots!

Esther is a junior at Liberty University, double-majoring in Aeronautics and Unmanned Aerial Systems. In her free time, Esther enjoys – what else? – flying, which she said is her Number 1 passion.

Welcome Naomi Satterfield to her first Air Race Classic! Naomi is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 162 hours flown.

She is a full-time student at Liberty University, graduating May 2012 with a major in Missions Aviation. Her dream is to be a search and rescue helicopter pilot and a missionary. In her free time, Naomi loves being outdoors, especially rock climbing and trail running. She added, “I also really enjoy flying helicopters and going on adventures. Making people smile and taking the time to be a little silly is also a huge joy.”

Lindsey Gray is flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome! Lindsey is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CF1, CFII, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Advanced, with 670 hours logged. Lindsey is looking forward to the experience of traveling and representing Liberty University in the ARC. She said, “I can’t wait to put some past training to use during the race!”

Lindsey recently graduated from A&P school and is excited to gain maintenance experience and grow as an aviator. She is a pilot/mechanic for Freedom Aviation and provides flight instruction to Liberty University students. She is pursuing a career in mission aviation and anticipates the opportunity to serve overseas. She enjoys traveling, running and being outdoors.
Suzanne "Suze" Azar is returning for her seventh ARC. She is an instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, ASES, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFII-Multi, CFII-Multi, Ground-Instructor Basic, Ground-Instructor Advanced, Glider-Private, Tailwheel and Skydiver with 5,835 hours logged. She is a member of the El Paso 99s. Suzie races to make an extraordinary cross-country trip, to meet great women pilots and to share her passion for aviation.

She recalled from past races: "We come from the Southwest desert with plenty of sand and cactus, and not much green. Crossing upper Michigan, my co-pilot exclaimed she had never seen so many 'wild trees.' Another co-pilot described the Midwest as a bunch of golf courses sewn together."

Suzie really likes being a flight instructor. "It is always wonderful to find an adult that I might have influenced as a kid," she said. "The feedback is very rewarding."

Welcome Laura Pena-Pannel to her first Air Race Classic! Laura is a Private pilot ASEL with 125 hours under her belt. She decided to join the race to "see America from the air - and to learn from the experience."

Laura has been a registered nurse for 22 years, with a specialty in medical-surgical nursing. She learned to fly because her husband, a chemistry professor, was encouraging her to take cooking lessons instead!

Katja Jourdan is returning for her first Air Race Classic! Katja is a Private pilot ASEL with 125 hours logged. When asked why she joined the ARC, she said, "I've never raced before, but this year I'm racing for the experience. I want to witness the country from the cockpit and meet other great pilots!"

Katja works as line service personnel for River Aviation at the Kingston-Ulster Airport. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, teaching and, "of course, flying." She added, "After graduating, I would love to fly private jets. I aspire to one day open up my own flight school."

Renee Brilhante is flying the Air Race Classic for the first time. Welcome, Renee! She is an Instrument-rated Private pilot with 130 hours flown. Originally from Sequim, Wash., Renee is an Aviation Management and Flight Ops major at Jacksonville University in Florida and a tutor at the university's learning center. She is also midshipman in Jacksonville University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Unit.

Asked how she spends her free time, Renee said, "I love to fly! I just started competing in aerobatics. I also enjoy biking and walks, and I love to teach."
Welcome Marlene Wessel to her first ARC! Marlene is an Instrument-rated Private pilot with 160 hours logged.

Marlene is from Germany. When asked why she joined the Air Race Classic, she said she is excited to explore more parts of the country and to meet some amazing women in aviation, as well as to gain more experience as a pilot.

Marlene is a senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Aeronautical Sciences in the fall of 2012. She loves traveling the world, going snowboarding and going out with friends.

Kristine Anthony returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, CFI-Multi, CFII-Multi with 1,000 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Yavapai 99s.

Kristine anticipates another unforgettable cross-country flying experience with ARC. She said she looks forward to meeting more amazing women who are passionate about aviation and gaining experiences that will better her as a pilot.

Kristine is an instructor pilot at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She owes her passion for aviation to her father, who is also a pilot. When she’s not around the flight line, Kristine enjoys shopping, eating, snowboarding and planning her upcoming October wedding.

Linda Pecotte returns for her fifth ARC. She is a Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL, CFI and a member of the El Paso 99s. When asked why she races, Linda said, “I’m competitive, and I like the camaraderie.”

Linda recalled her first race: “I flew with Valdeen Wooton. At our first stop, a very nice man met our plane with cold bottles of water. I opened the door, and Valdeen’s peanuts fell out all over the tarmac as I rushed past the water guy to get to the bathroom!”

Linda has taught public school and at New Mexico State University. She has also flown for an FBO that did medical transports all over the country. Linda ran for state representative in her district, earning 43% of the vote as a Republican candidate in a largely Democratic district.

Welcome Monica Weyhe to her first ARC! Monica is a Private pilot, ASEL, with more than 600 hours logged. When asked why she joined the race, Monica said, “As a first-timer, I want to race for the learning experience, the challenge, the camaraderie, the fun of seeing different parts of the country and a chance to be a part of women’s aviation history!”

In her free time, Monica is involved in outdoor and academic interest groups; the Rogue Valley Chapter of Society of Human Resources Managers Board; Northwest Section 99s as treasurer, and the in Crater Lake Flyers Chapter. She learned to fly her race plane, a 1978 Cheetah, in the wilds of southeast Alaska, where she lived for 20 years. She loves hiking and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
Welcome Margaret Wint to her first Air Race Classic! Margaret is an Instrument-rated Private pilot, ASEL, and has flown more than 600 hours. She looks forward to the challenge that the race promises. She is a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter 99s.

As the office manager for Benz Aviation, Margaret ‘has the fun of explaining to the general public about gliders and how they are safe. I am also the testing proctor for all the written exams that pilots and mechanics have to take.’ In her free time, Margaret enjoys sewing and reading.

Welcome another first-time racer, Janice Welsh! Janice is a Commercial pilot, ASEL, CFI, Ground-Instructor Advanced and Ground-Instructor Instrument, with 633 hours flown. She is flying the race for the challenge of it. Janice is a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter 99s.

Janice's was a speech/language pathologist for 35 years and a public school therapist for 17 years. For the past 18 years, she has worked in nursing home, hospital, acute care and inpatient rehab environments. She is a Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant, owns a motorcycle and enjoys deer hunting, gardening and travel. Active in the North Central Section 99s, Janice is the AE Scholarship Chair and was an AE Scholarship winner in 1991, which enabled her to obtain her Commercial rating.

Rebecca “Reb” Duggan returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 524 hours flown. She is a member of the Michigan 99s and a FAAST team member. Reb is a strategist for the Army. In her free time, she enjoys, “golf, photography, biking, hiking, traveling and men. I have traveled to many foreign countries, with many more on my list to visit. It is the variety and beauty of the landscape, the culture and the people that makes traveling so enjoyable.”

Welcome Janet Patton to her first ARC! Janet is an Air Transport pilot, ASEL, Jet type rating with 10,000 hours flown. She is a member of the Michigan 99s. Asked why she is flying the race, Janet said, “For the experience of challenging myself to break through a limitation I have placed in my mind of what’s possible.”

Janet Patton is a first officer at American Airlines. Her experience includes more than 25 years in aviation. Janet added, “When I am not flying or with my children, I am developing my life coaching business and am currently pursuing specialized training in life coaching services. My life’s passion and work, besides my children and my flying, is to assist others to self-realization, growth and personal empowerment.”

Watch out for local traffic on your Flybys!
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Rosemary Sieracki returns for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 257 hours logged. Asked why she races, Rosemary said, “It is very exciting! I will never forget listening to racers taking off, then talking to each other as we went along to the next stop. And it’s so much fun to be with so many women pilots.”

Rosemary is treasurer of the Michigan Chapter 99s, as well as chapter scholarship administrator and co-chair of a chapter Pinch Hitter+ program. She is also very involved with volunteer work at church. She raised three children and has five grandchildren. She said, “I don’t know how I found the time to work and take care of a family all those years!”

Pamela Flesher returns for her second ARC. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 1,063 hours logged and a member of the Santa Clara Valley 99s. She races because it is a “great learning experience and wonderful company.” Trained as a physicist, Pamela taught at the university level for several years before going into the semiconductor industry as an engineer. She spent more than 20 years working in many aspects of that field, enjoying world travel and meeting incredibly interesting people. Her husband, Bud, is also a pilot and is retired from the Air Force.

Mercedes Eulitt returns for her second Air Race Classic. Mercedes in an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot, ASEL, AMEL, CFI and CFI-Multi with 1,510 hours logged. She is a member of the Antelope Valley 99s.

Mercedes was a flight test engineer for Lockheed Martin, working on F-117 Stealth Fighter; she now works in business development. If anyone wants to buy an F-16, talk to Mercedes! When asked what her hobbies are, she replied, “Flying and flying, and did I say I like to fly? I enjoy formation flying with the West Coast Ravens.” Mercedes enjoys her RV-6A and flying around the U.S., the Caribbean and Mexico with her friends in the Vans Air Force community.
Welcome Emily Applegate to her first Air Race Classic! Emily is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL with 424 hours logged. She is a member of the Colorado 99s. Asked why she is racing, she said, “Sounds like an amazing experience, and any excuse to fly is a good one.”

Emily just graduated from Metro State Denver. She is currently working on obtaining her Certificated Flight Instructor certificate. In addition to flying, Emily likes the outdoors and enjoys fishing and hunting with her husband, who is not a pilot.

Zia Safko is flying the ARC for the first time. Welcome! Zia is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL with 340 hours logged and a member of the Colorado 99s. Zia is racing, “For the opportunity to achieve something great, and for the amazing experience.”

Zia said she thinks any opportunity to be in an aircraft and go somewhere is wonderful. She loves to travel. “I want to see the world,” she said. “I’ve visited 25 different countries and plan on seeing much more.” She also enjoys reading and longboarding.

Thank you to all the volunteer timers along the route!!
Welcome Mary Ann Richards to her first ARC! Mary Ann is a Private pilot ASEL with 1,700 hours flown. She is a member of the Idaho 99s.

Mary Ann decided to enter the race because she appreciates the challenges of flying and all the opportunities a cross-country race can present. Her husband is also a pilot. Together, they are dairy farmers, and in their free time they enjoy traveling. Mary Ann works as a florist before retiring and loves spending time in her gardens. She has three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marjy Leggett returns for her second ARC after a 16-year break. She is a Private pilot ASEL with 771 hours in her logbook. She is a member of the Mid-Columbia Chapter 99s in Washington. Marjy is looking forward to the challenge, the camaraderie and excitement that she remembers from her first race.

"After teaching elementary school for 36 years, I now put all of my focus on aviation. I am an advocate for our local airport, often speaking to community groups about the value of general aviation and local airports. I am an FAA FAASTeam representative, EAA Young Eagle coordinator, secretary of the Washington State Pilots Association, WAI member, AOPA airport support volunteer, Angel Flight pilot and a member of the 99s board." In her free time, Marjy enjoys photography.

Welcome Rita Pocel to her first ARC! Rita is an instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 341 hours logged. She is a member of the Greater Kansas City 99s.

Rita entered the race because she wants to see exciting new places and it seemed like a fun thing to do. She was an anesthetist for 15 years with the Army Reserve and an LTC bartender. She loves "flying mindlessly, just enjoying the experience!" She also likes golf, skiing and scuba.

Deborah "Debbie" Clark is flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome! Debbie is an Instrument-rated Private pilot with 300 hours logged and a member of the Greater Kansas City 99s.

Debbie said racing is something she has dreamed about ever since she started flying: "I can tell my grandson with pride that you can do anything if you set your mind to it."

Debbie loves to travel, and she started flying for an unusual reason. She had bought a block of time at a local airport for her son to finish his Instrument rating, but when she found out that he was taking friends on flights instead of taking lessons, she decided to take the rest of his time and learned to solo herself. She is now working on her Commercial rating!

尾风 & 蓝天送玛丽安和马吉！
爱达荷章节自豪有两队参加赛跑。
加油！加油！加油！
Welcome Abigail "Abby" Anderson to her first ARC! Abby is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL, CFI and CFII with 600 hours logged. Abby has been a Certificated Flight Instructor at Western Michigan University since August 2010. In addition to flying, she loves horseback riding, pottery and water sports.

Nicole Mott is flying her first ARC. Welcome! Nicole is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, AMEL, Tailwheel with 225 hours in her logbook. Nicole entered the race because it takes normal, everyday flying to a whole new level and is unlike anything she has ever done before.

She is a student at Western Michigan University and works part time at Timber Ridge Ski Area as a ski instructor, at K Valley Orthopedics and at Angels Crossing Golf Club. She loves to snow ski, water ski, play soccer, travel, cook and meet new people.

Welcome Justine Harrison to her first Air Race Classic! Justine is a Private pilot ASEL with 225 hours flown. She is a member of the Las Vegas Valley 99s. Justine entered the race for the adventure and excitement of it. She is an attorney and serves as Nevada State chair of the Lawyer Pilot Bar Association. In addition to aviation, Justine loves to travel and explore good food and wines. Her hobbies include aviation, travel, food and wine.

Cristina Field is flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome! Cristina is an Instrument-rated Commercial pilot ASEL, ASES, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Aerobatics with 1,650 hours in her logbook. She entered the race for the fun and adventure it promises.

Cristina is a flight instructor at Monarch Sky. Her husband is also heavily involved in aviation as a military pilot. When she is Earthbound, Cristina enjoys painting, reading, sewing and camping.

Find out how you can be part of this great experience!

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Michele “Mickey” Boyko returns for a second time to the Air Race Classic. Mickey is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 285 hours logged. She said she loved racing last year and is looking forward to seeing the friends she made. Recalling a humorous situation, she said, “The numbers just wouldn’t stay on our plane. Thank goodness for duct tape!”

Mickey is an air safety instructor and investigates aviation mishaps. In her free time, her favorite activities are snowboarding with her daughter, mountain biking and hiking. She also enjoys taking folks for flights.

Welcome back, Laura Tweed, to your second Air Race Classic! Laura was motivated to fly the ARC last year at the encouragement of her race partner, Mickey Boyko. She holds a Commercial ASEL, AMEL, CFI, and Dispatch ratings. She looks forward to the cross-country adventure that will enhance their flying skills.

Laura is self-employed as a Realtor, specializing in aviation real estate. She is in charge of the new Wild Horse Airpark, which is being developed near Albuquerque, NM. Laura loves to spend her free time flying over the New Mexico desert and riding horses.

Jessica Lowery is an Instrument-rated Private pilot ASEL with 212 hours in her logbook. A student at Louisiana Tech University, Jessica is majoring in Professional Aviation with a minor in Aviation Management.

When she’s not flying, Jessica enjoys playing sports and reading her FAR/AIM. Go Dawgs, and Who Dat!

Jessica Vinson holds a Commercial certificate with an Instrument rating, ASEL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, Ground Instructor-Advanced, Tailwheel and 320 hours. She is a flight instructor at Louisiana Tech University and hopes one day to be a professional airline pilot.

Asked why she is racing, Jessica said, “I would love the opportunity to meet other women who are as enthusiastic about the wonder of flying as I am!” As for humorous racing experiences: “Can’t wait to have one!”

Besides aviation, Jessica has a passion for dance. “I have danced for 19 years including ballet, jazz, tap and dance team,” she said. “I performed on my university’s dance team my senior year of college. I also competed in the Louisiana Tech University Pageant and won third runner up and Miss Congeniality. I also love to cook and travel.” Jessica is a member of the Ambassador chapter of the 99s and the Louisiana Tech chapter of Women in Aviation, International.
35 Years of Racing

1977-2006 Race Routes
Silent Auction

A silent auction that culminates at the ARC Terminus Banquet has become a tradition with the Air Race Classic. The auction is a fund-raiser to support the future of the Air Race Classic. The auction is also an opportunity for an interesting purchase after the race. You can be part of this annual event whether you are a Racer, Volunteer, or cheer ARC from afar. Auction items are donated by corporations, groups, organizations and individuals. Aviation-related items are always very appropriate, but not a prerequisite. Choose this year from aviation items including training courses, gift baskets, fuel discounts, hats, shirts, books, memberships, airplane rides, children’s gifts, and jewelry. Additional items include massage certificates, music, household utensils, pewter, and crystal. The list continues to grow until the Silent Auction begins at the race Terminus.

Auction items will be on display at the Terminus of the race. Silent bidding terminates at the final banquet each year. View the detailed list of items and donors at www.airraceclassic.org. Items are added as they are received. Browse the list to plan your own silent bidding strategy. And, consider donating to the ARC Silent Auction. Your gift will make a difference and is tax-deductible. Contact silentauction@airraceclassic.org for additional information.

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Little Rock - 1983
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Los Angeles - 1987
Oakland - 1977; 1989
San Diego - 1981
San Francisco - 1979; 1987

Colorado
Boulder - 2002
Denver - 2009
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Grand Junction - 1978

Connecticut
Bridgeport - 1977

Delaware
Newark - 1985

District of Columbia
Washington - 1977; 1982

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Albany - 1985
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Idaho
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Des Moines - 1985

Kansas
Emporia - 1988
Lawrence - 1984

Kentucky
Louisville - 1989

Louisiana
Baton Rouge - 1983

Maine
Portland - 1981

Maryland
Baltimore - 1989

Massachusetts
Boson - 1985

Michigan
Southfield - 1993

Minnesota
Saint Paul - 1982

Mississippi
Mississippi State - 1987

Missouri
Kansas City - 1998

MONTANA
Missoula - 1997

Nebraska
Lincoln - 1980

New Hampshire
Manchester - 1994

New Jersey
Newark - 1977; 1982

New Mexico
Santo Domingo - 1988

New York
Albany - 1984

North Carolina
Charlotte - 1986

North Dakota
Grand Forks - 1987

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Cleveland - 1988

Oklahoma
Oklahoma City - 1997

Oregon
Portland - 1982

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Rhode Island
Providence - 1986

South Carolina
Charleston - 1983

South Dakota
Sioux Falls - 1981

Tennessee
Nashville - 1982

Texas
Amarillo - 1986

Utah
Logan - 1985

Virginia
Chesapeake - 2002

Washington
Seattle - 1988

West Virginia
Charleston - 1983

Wisconsin
Madison - 1983

Wyoming
Cheyenne - 1977; 1986

Air Race Classic 2012
Air Race Classic pays tribute to the women who preserved air racing for future generations.

This photo of the original ARC Board of Directors is from the collection of Velda King Mapelli. From left to right, (standing) Mary Pearson, Marion Jayne, Velda Mapelli, Helen McGee and Pauline Glasson; (seated) Esther Lowry Safford and Harriet Booth.

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New and Returning Awards for the 2012 Race

The Air Race Classic Winner’s Trophy

Generously donated by the Sugarloaf Chapter 99’s and the DC Chapter 99’s in 2011, the Air Race Classic Winner’s Trophy will be inscribed with the winning pilot and copilot’s names each year. The top of the trophy is a beautiful antique compote bowl with the winged griffins and Egyptian Goddess Sekhmet. It was cast by the ML Company in 1926. The inscription on the plaque at the bottom of the pedestal says:

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Collegiate Challenge Trophy

Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy

Awarded to the highest-scoring college or university team. The school and team will have the trophy for one year. Plaques will be given to the school and the team members for their permanent possession when the trophy is returned to the Air Race Classic.
Mother Daughter Award
The Air Race Classic is sponsoring the 2012 Mother/Daughter Award, honoring all mother/daughter racing teams. It will be awarded to the highest finishing team that includes a mother and daughter as pilot, copilot, or teammate in 2012 Air Race Classic.

Fastest Cessna Plaque
New for this year’s race, Cessna Aircraft is sponsoring the 2012 Fastest Cessna Award. The custom Cessna plaque will be awarded to the highest placing team flying a Cessna aircraft in the 2012 Air Race Classic.

Fastest Piper Trophy
Piper Aircraft, Inc. is pleased to continue the “Fastest Piper” trophy for the 2012 Air Race Classic! The custom Piper trophy will be awarded to the crew of the highest placing Piper aircraft in this year’s Air Race Classic.

2011’s Fastest Piper Pilots
Alice McCormack & Justyna Kincaid (Univ of Illinois)
2012 Awards

1ST PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $5,000
2ND PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $3,000
3RD PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $2,000
4TH PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $1,500
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6TH PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $700
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9TH PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $400
10TH PLACE - Air Race Classic Award for Pilot and Co-pilot and $350

LEG PRIZES
For each leg of the race, prizes are awarded to the four highest scoring teams (top ten winners not eligible.)
1st Place $50 and two medallions
2nd Place $40 and two medallions
3rd Place $30 and two medallions
4th Place $20 and two medallions

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Lowest-scoring team awarded $100
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 awards banquet and personally provided prizes for each college 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 college teams’ participation was easy. We established the Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy to be presented annually to the top-finishing college/university team.

The large traveling trophy, engraved with the winning team’s names, dwells in the vicors’ school trophy case for one year before moving to the next winners’ school. Once the trophy moves on, winning team members and their schools receive small permanent plaques as personal mementos. Cash prizes are generously provided by Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff. Any school with an established aviation program is eligible to send a team of female pilots.

The Air Race Classic also 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.

The Air Race Classic traces its lineage back to 1929, the year of the first Women’s Air Derby. As we mark the 83rd anniversary of women’s air racing, we celebrate the college students that benefit from the Air Race Classic experience and will carry on this glorious tradition.

Collegiate teams that have entered the Air Race Classic include:

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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott
Florida Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Jacksonville University
Kansas State University
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Lewis University
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Louisiana Tech University
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Ohio University
Purdue University
South Dakota State University
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
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Western Michigan University

Other Past Winners

2008 - Marisha Falk & Mandy Parsons-Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
2007 - Katie Sparrow & Marie Janus, Purdue University
2006 - Katherine Conrad & Katie Sparrow, Purdue University
2005 - Kristin Shoemaker & Katherine Ventresco, Ohio University
2004 - Sarah Tower & Erica Ebenhoeh, Western Michigan
2003 - Heidi Moore & Keri Wiznerowicz, Purdue University

Learn more at www.airraceclassic.org/collegiate
THIRTY-FIFTH AIR RACE CLASSIC WINNERS - 2011

1. Leah Hetzel & Sarah Morris

2. Alice McCormack & Justyna Kincaid

3. Joyce Wilson & Rebecca Hempel

4. Camelia Smith & Julia Matthews

5. Melanie Murdock & Erin Jackson

6. Deborah Dreyfuss, Linda Knowles & Carolyn Bailey

7. Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro

8. Safiye Ademoglu & Victoria Dunbar

9. Linda Evans, Alison Chalker & Barbara Strachan

10. Malinda Caywood & Susan Beall
THIRTY-FOURTH AIR RACE CLASSIC WINNERS - 2010

1. Terry Carbonell, Ellen Herr & Laura Ying Gao

2. Joyce Wilson & Laura Berry

3. Linda Street-Ely & Elizabeth Kummer

4. Lauren Steele & Allison Springer

5. Jo Alcorn & Michelle Bostick

6. Barbara Harris-Para & Laurie Zaleski

7. Dottie Anderson & Jean Sloan

8. Kay Brown & Jessica Campbell

9. Erin Jackson & Christine Zoerlein

10. Kristen McTee & Kim Turrell
THIRTY-THIRD AIR RACE CLASSIC WINNERS - 2009

1. Kelly Burris and Erin Recke
2. Jessica Campbell and Victoria Dunbar (Collegiate: Indiana State University)
3. Sandy St. John and Linda Pecotte
4. Joyce Wells and Thelma Cull
5. Louise Scudieri and Nicole Boettger
6. Jenna Albrecht and Kimberly Turrell (Collegiate: ERAU-Prescott, AZ)
7. Jessica Miller, Athina Holmes, and Rivka Irene Lev
8. Dee Bond and Gretchen Jahn
9. Dottie Anderson and Jean Sloan
10. Marisha Falk and Hannah Northern (Collegiate: ERAU-Daytona Beach, FL)
Past Winners of the Air Race Classic

2011 Leah Hettich & Sarah Morris (Jacksonville Univ); Alice McCormick & Justyna Kozack (Univ of Illinois); Joyce Wilson & Rebecca Hengst; Gabriella Smith & Julia Mathews; Melanie Murdock & Erin Jackson (Southern Illinois Univ Carbondale); Deborah Dreyfuss, Linda Knowles & Carolyn Bailey; Susan Carsteno & Marie Carstens; Safiya Ademoglu & Victoria Dunbar (Florida Institute of Technology); Linda Evans, Alison Collar & Barbara Strachan; Malinda Ray & Wayne Beall

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