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President's Welcome

We had so much fun, we've done it again! Welcome back to the Air Race Classic Air Derby! For over 40 years, the Air Race Classic has hosted our traditional cross country race. With roots dating back to the 1929 Women's Air Derby, the current Air Race Classic is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on encouraging and educating women pilots and preserving and promoting the tradition of female aviation pioneers. Participants discover that the Air Race Classic is an exceptional experience that allows each woman to grow and develop, explore new interests, and be challenged to fully realize her aviation potential. The lady racers who participate embody some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our industry.

Participants in last year's inaugural Derby relayed that they enjoyed the challenge of racing their airplanes in our new non-traditional race. For pilots experienced with the traditional ARC race, the Derby required adapting to new racing strategies based on the different objectives and scoring rules. Derby pilots and team members also created their own routes in their local areas, each team had a unique route.

In the two years that the ARC has offered the Derby, we have welcomed over 125 new participants- pilots who have not flown in an ARC event before participating in the Derby. Our lady pilots ranged in age from 17 to 86 and Derby routes were flown this year in the United States and New Zealand. We are excited by everyone's enthusiasm and happy to present this new and different event for women pilots to join in the Air Race Classic. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the volunteers that have worked on the Derby, I welcome you and hope you enjoy what we have worked so hard to present- The 2022 ARC Air Derby!

Lara Gaerte | ARC President

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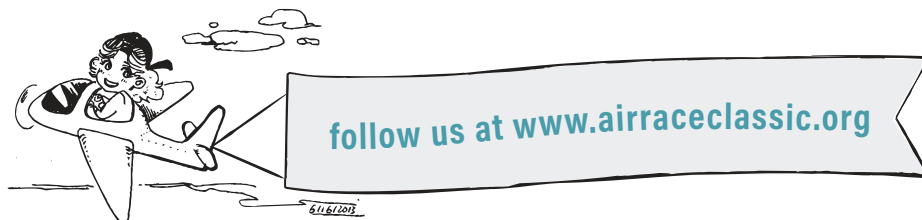
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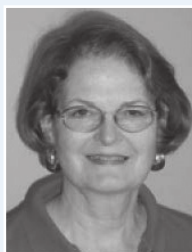
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The Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to: encouraging and educating current and future women pilots; increasing public awareness of general aviation; demonstrating women's roles in aviation; preserving and promoting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



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The Air Race Classic is an annual event that takes a year-round effort by hundreds of volunteers, who spend countless hours making sure all the pieces fall into place. That effort begins with the all-volunteer Air Race Classic Board of Directors, whose members oversee the organization and its events. They also provide guidance to ensure the future of the race. Assistant Directors widen the scope and range of expertise, providing experience that more fully supports the ARC's mission and goals. All Directors and Assistant Directors of this 501(c)(3) corporation shoulder the responsibility and reap the reward of sponsoring the race because they believe in its value to both general aviation and women in aviation.

Supporting the race is an ever-expanding network of volunteers who work with the Board and Assistant Directors across these divisions, generously dedicating numerous hours throughout the year to ensure a safe, competitive, educational, and festive event. The ARC volunteer network is what makes this event happen year in and year out. Thank you to the men and women involved in our volunteer network!

The Air Race Classic organization continuously strives to upgrade its operations to meet aviation challenges of today's changing world. We have implemented new tools for race timing and scoring and offer live tracking of race teams en route.

Working on this event is almost as exciting as flying it. The ARC's energy and enthusiasm are contagious. If you would like to be part of the behind-the-scenes' activity that supports this race, please join us by contacting info@airraceclassic.org.

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MEET THE PILOTS

100 | Coyotes

Royce Clifford & Melissa Sliffe Beechcraft Sierra C24R

Royce Clifford (Encinitas, CA) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 2,250 hours flown.

A retired Navy flight surgeon, Royce was the third female senior medical officer aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier George Washington (CVN-73) from 2007-9. She has flown in F-18s, F-16s, F-15s, F-5s and in an EA-6B Prowler for cat shots, and her last military flight was in a C-130 over Saudi Arabia in 2013. One day shortly after I received my private pilot, I was at KSMO, talking to the guy at the front desk. I said, "Gee, I sure would like to race in the Powder Puff Derby," not knowing it was called something different. The lady next to me said, "I'll do it with you!" And I've never looked back." This is my first Derby! I've flown in the Air Race Classic, Lake Havasu 600 (won that one), Palms to Pines - hope to do it again. Our dog is "Aerial", a dachshund with an attitude, who flies and is content to sit still in the airplane - or too scared. I play at the piano and love "retirement". In her spare time, does her 'real' job which is research in noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus. Royce is a member of the Palomar Chapter of the 99s.

This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Melissa Sliffe** (Vista, CA). Melissa is an Air Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a



current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor and advanced ground instructor certificates, complex and high performance endorsements, a jet type rating, a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones, and 4,104 hours logged.

She is an independent flight instructor who has worked as a personal pilot for a land developer in Baja California, a corporate pilot, and, most recently, as an air boss/flight ops for an electric company, using a variety of helicopters in the construction of 500 kV transmission towers. She is flying the derby "because it's challenging and because I was invited. To encourage others toward airman excellence." Melissa is an aviculturist, raising game birds for responsible hunters wishing to train and maximize their bird dogs, preventing the loss of wild natural coveys. She also breeds, raises and trains German Shorthaired Pointers for hunting. Melissa is a member of the Palomar Chapter of the 99s.

101 | SCRATCHED

Virginie Rollin & Liliana Sandoval Perez Piper Warrior II PA-28-161

Virginie Rollin (Mountain House, CA) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot; single-engine land; with complex and tailwheel endorsements; advanced and instrument ground and single-engine flight instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; and 550 hours flown.

Virginie is an engineer and scientist by training and a pilot for fun. She also enjoys teaching, which she did at the college level for 9 years. She now enjoys teaching as a CFI and loves sharing her passion for aviation. Virginie was not able to fly the traditional Air Race Classic this year and, with the restrictions of the past couple of years, she misses her aviation family. Both times she flew the Air Race Classic, with different airplanes, both planes had the same starter issue, which tended to manifest on a hot day with a hot engine. Banging on their starter with a hammer drew lots of curious looks, but, fear not, Virginie says "it was just reluctant to start our engine!" She considers the Air Derby "a great way to fly competitively and I get to share this with a new friend and new racer, which will make this experience even more special". Virginie has two wonderful young sons who love flying with her and her husband. Her youngest son has already decided he wants to learn how to fly all the airplanes in his alphabet book, including



the Wright Flyer! She loves that they enjoy her hobby and wishes they keep enjoying it when they become too cool to hang out with their parents! Virginie is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the 99s.

This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Liliana Sandoval Perez** (Tracy, CA). Liliana is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, and 128 hours logged.

Liliana works in accounting for a construction company and has worked in the aviation industry at a Part 141 and Part 61 flight school. She has also worked with international students and shares her love for aviation with many people. She is flying the Air Derby because "a friend wanted to participate and I wanted to join her". Liliana loves to fly, cook and learn about history. Sometimes, she goes out and flies somewhere to eat, considering the experience great and fulfilling. Liliana's favorite place to fly is in beach areas.

102 | Valley Valkyries

Karin Rodland & Andrea Johnson
Cessna Skyland 182Q

Karin Rodland (Canby, OR) is flying her second ARC Air Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot; single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 3,110 hours flown.

Karin has two passions: biomedical research and flying. In her day job, she tries to figure out what is broken in cancer cells, so that the cancer can be killed while the patient is saved. Flying helps Karin do her day job better by reminding her to focus on the big picture, and how all the parts relate together. One of the things she really loves about flying is flight planning. Karin says, "The ARC Air Derby is a precision event, all about flight planning. I love the challenge of being precise and I love the opportunity to stretch my wings, and fly in areas I haven't flown before." Karin has melded her two passions as a Mission Command Pilot for Angle Flight West, providing air transportation for patients from rural Oregon and Washington to major medical centers in Portland and Seattle. She says this is a great way for her to use aviation to give back to the community. Karin is a member of the Columbia Cascade Chapter of the 99s.

This is also the second ARC Air Derby for **Andrea Johnson** (Sherwood, OR). Andrea is a Student Pilot with 66 hours logged. Andrea is a homemaker, mom and student pilot. Ever since her first ride in a small



airplane at the age of 10, she knew she wanted to be a pilot. Finally, at the age of 36, Andrea took her first flight lesson and has been hooked ever since! She will be the first pilot in her family and hopes to be a flight instructor one day. About the Air Derby, Andrea says, "I love a good, fun challenge and I love flying! What could be better than testing your precision on a planned flight with friends?" Aside from aviation and family, Andrea enjoys reading, writing, birdwatching, hiking, traveling, baking, and trying new things. She has an insatiable thirst for knowledge and adventure! She also enjoys doing a lot of volunteer work in her community and for her section of the 99s. Andrea is a member of the Columbia Cascade Chapter of the 99s and the Rose City Chapter of WAI.

103 | Okayest Pilots

Katrina Emery & Carolyn Hunker
Piper Saratoga PA-32R-301

Katrina Emery (McLean, VA) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 1,530 hours flown.

Katrina is currently a flight instructor at Aero Elite. Her first job was in corporate finance in Prague and Ohio, but she didn't enjoy sitting behind a desk. She took her first flight in 2012 and was hooked! She became a math teacher in Turkmenistan, before moving to Boston to work on her teaching skills, earning her flight instructor credentials in 2018. She had not seen a female pilot while growing up and, when she started flight training, she saw the lack of female representation in the profession. Katrina is flying the Air Derby "to encourage all women, especially my daughter, to pursue what they love, whether it be flight or another profession that seems unattainable." She has two children, both of whom "instructed" with her while she was pregnant with them! Her daughter recently finished treatment for a rare childhood cancer and is doing well, so this Air Derby is "a bit of a victory lap in her honor!" Katrina is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the 99s and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation.

This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Carolyn Hunker** (Woodbridge, VA). Carolyn is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; complex and high performance



endorsements; advanced ground and single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 1,350 hours logged.

Carolyn has been a flight instructor since May 2021 and a check instructor. She is a former flight attendant with American Airlines, and a gold seal, AOA distinguished flight instructor. Carolyn decided to fly in the Air Derby when someone in her 99s chapter sent out a request for a partner. She says, "I'm excited to be more involved in general aviation!" Carolyn and her husband have 3 dogs and 4 cats and regularly foster for Animal Friends of Virginia. She is currently working more than full time to get her flight hours before her regional airline training class in November, but she is excited to eventually have hobbies again when she is established in her career. Carolyn is a member of the Old Dominion Chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region Chapter of WAI.

104 | SCRATCHED

Margaret Wint & Barbara Goodwin Cessna Cardinal 177B

Welcome back, **Margaret Wint** (Grand Rapids, MI) to her second ARC Air Derby! She is a Private Pilot with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; with high performance endorsement; Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; and 1,092 hours flown.

Margaret has the fun of explaining to the general public about gliders and how they are safe. She is also a testing proctor for all the written exams that pilots and mechanics have to take. Margaret is participating in the Air Derby again “to meet other pilots and improve my flying experience”. She enjoys sewing, cross stitching and reading. Margaret loves to ride carousels and has gone out of her way to find them in small towns! She has a grandson who is 5 years old and loves airplanes. She hopes to be taking him flying in the next couple of months. Margaret is a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99s.

This is also the second ARC Air Derby for **Barbara Goodwin** (Kalamazoo, MI)! Barbara is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with basic ground and single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 3,200 hours logged.



Barbara is a retired middle school math and science teacher and was a flight instructor in Kalamazoo. She is the president of the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Aviatrix, a women's aviation group since 1937. She volunteers with the Air Race Classic doing handicapping flights. She is returning to the Air Derby for “fun, friends and skill-building. I learn many new cross-country skills to use in teaching flight students.” She also uses the derby “to share my experiences with other racers and to see more of this beautiful United States”. Barbara's other interests include gardening, traveling and reading. She likes to walk in 5K races and sing in the Kalamazoo Women's Choral. Barbara enjoys spending time with her grandchildren who range in age from 7 to 30 years old. She is currently writing a book about her 30 years of flying with her husband! Barbara

105 | Oklahoma Sky Sisters

Angela Drabek, Elaine Regier & Holly Blunk Cessna Skyhawk 172

Welcome, **Angela Drabek** (Moore, OK) to her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 577 hours flown. Angela is a small business owner, starting an advertising company in 1997, specializing in web development, design and marketing. She has always wanted to fly in the Air Race Classic, ever since she “first heard about it, knowing the rich history of the air race and following such incredible women aviators. I think it's a great opportunity to challenge myself, and join in the camaraderie of the other racers.” Angela is active in the aviation community, including the Oklahoma Pilots Association. She is currently working on her instrument rating and enjoys flying with friends, attending fly-ins, and everything aviation. Angela is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Welcome back, **Elaine Regier** (Yukon, OK) to her second ARC Air Derby! Elaine is a Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 486 hours logged. Elaine's entire career has been in education. She taught 6-7 year olds before becoming a school librarian. She has worked at the FAA Academy Library and now works in an academic library. While working in public schools, Elaine used aviation in her classroom on a regular basis. The ARC Air Derby, Elaine said, “is a fun way to improve my skills as a pilot as well as to gain flight time and enjoy the company of other pilots. Holly and I had so much fun flying the Derby in 2021! We learned so much about flight planning and flying!” Snow skiing is her first love, while flying is her second. When she graduated from college, Elaine's mom wrote a note that said, “Fly, little birdie!” not knowing that her daughter would take her seriously. Elaine also enjoys hiking and has been on several adven-



tures in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Elaine is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the 99s.

Holly Blunk (Yukon, OK) is also flying her second ARC Air Derby! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot; single-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; and 618 hours flown.

As a 15+ year educator, Holly is also a life-long learner of languages, cultures and aviation. She has taught middle school, high school, and college-level French, as well as an aviation course for high school students. She regularly co-teaches a private pilot ground school at her local airport. Prior to 2021, Holly had always aspired to fly the Air Race Classic. In 2021, she said, “I had the opportunity to participate in the historic ARC Air Derby. We had so much fun, we're back again this year! Proficiency flying is a wonderful way to challenge our skills and focus on safety and precision flying.” Holly loves to travel! She has visited more than 20 countries on 5 continents. Her parents met while working for a major airline, so Holly grew up flying around on commercial flights and meeting people from all over the world. Holly is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

106 | Dakota Darlings

Vickie Keller & Amanda Willson
Piper Dakota PA-28-236

Vickie Keller (Arvada, CO) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is Private Pilot; single-engine land; with complex, high performance and skydiver endorsements; and 300 hours flown.

Vickie is currently working for her husband's company as a salesperson and operations manager in large facility maintenance. By education, she is a Registered Nurse with all of her experience in Pediatric ICU. During her 15-year stint as a nurse, Vickie spent 8 years specializing in Cardiac ICU and as an ECMO Specialist. Although she hadn't heard of the ARC Air Derby before this year, a friend that Vickie met at her flight school asked if she would be interested in joining her. "It sounded like lots of fun, so I said YES!" Vickie started flying lessons for a second time after a 27-year break, at the age of 46. A life-long passion, she is a third generation pilot. Vickie recently bought a 1979 Piper Dakota and plans to use it pursuing all of her ratings with it. Her future goals in aviation include getting her flight instructor credentials and sharing the gift of flight!



This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Amanda Willson** (Broomfield, CO). Amanda is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 115 hours logged.

Amanda currently works for a private jet charter company out of Broomfield. She is a Maintenance Control Assistant where she monitors and schedules the replacement of all wheel assemblies on the entire Citation X fleet. Amanda also assists the Maintenance Control department with their daily tasks. Amanda is a member of the Colorado Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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107 | VidAir

Ava Vidovich & Patricia Vidovich
Pipistrel ALPHA Trainer

Ava is a Private Pilot, with a glider certificate and 777 hours flown.

She is a high school student with an ultimate goal to become a professional pilot. She has already started down this path by learning to fly in a glider. Ava says of the Air Derby, "What a thrill to be a part of an air race that has its roots with such historical figures as Amelia Earhart, Pancho Barnes, Louise Thaden, and all the other pioneering women of aviation!" Ava is a Taekwondo black belt, a member of the OFHS Concert and Marching Bands, and is on the Principal's advisory committee for a ski club. She is also part of the Great Lakes Theater Company-Camp Theater and the Olmsted Falls School District's Bulldog Theater, as well as NASA's Minority University Research Education Project aerospace academy. Ava is a member of the Lake Erie Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Tricia (Tracy, CA) is a Student Pilot with 15 hours logged.

She worked at the Zephyrhills drop zone for a summer job. She has a degree in recreation management and interned at an oceanfront resort. Tricia is the activities director at a retirement community, a professional travel agent and a past PTA president. She is flying in the Air Derby



Welcome to first-time Team of Ava Vidovich and Patricia "Tricia" Vidovich, both of Olmsted Township, OH!

because it "will be a great mother/daughter experience!" She is looking forward to some family bonding time with her daughter in the "event of a lifetime". Tricia enjoys community volunteering for the PTA; serving at Thanksgiving meals and pancake breakfasts; EAA Young Eagle flights; Autism walking fundraisers; and the local Kiwanis Club.

108 | Foxy Fliers

Shannon Osborne-Chan & Jennifer Donnelly Cessna Skylane 182Q

Shannon Osborne-Chan (New York City, NY) is returning for her second Air Derby! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, and 800 hours flown.

After retiring from a career in cable television, Shannon focuses on volunteering in the aviation industry and improving her flying skills. Shannon is flying the Air Derby because she “enjoys getting to know other female pilots in different geographic areas and likes to continue to stretch and challenge herself.” In her first race, her team was only able to fly the first two legs due to weather. She is looking forward to this year and picking her day to fly out of two weeks! Shannon loves to travel with her husband and discover new places. Shannon said, “Unlike most folks who go on vacation, we love to have no agenda. We tend to travel in places that let you walk a lot”. They figure out which neighborhood to explore each morning and go for it! Shannon is a Director with the Air Race Classic. She is also a member of the Greater New York Chapter of the 99s and Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section.

Jennifer Donnelly (Hackettstown, NJ) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 2,783 logged hours.



Jennifer is a Civil Engineer and worked in the construction industry for 40 years in the structural steel fabrication and erection business. She retired in 2017. Jennifer would like to fly the Air Derby “because I think it will be a fun experience that will sharpen my flying skills. I like the idea of participating in an all-female event.” Flying is Jennifer’s number one hobby. She started flying in the 1970s and, to this day, it thrills her! She loves to travel, which has expanded her view of humanity, continued her education beyond formal school, and has brought her much joy. She also loves reading, live theatre and Celtic music.



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109 | Blue Footed Booby

Amy Myzie, Lorraine Denby & Shelley Ewalt
Piper Arrow III PA-28R-201

Amy Myzie (Flemington, NJ) holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex endorsement, and 1,350 hours in her logbook.

Amy is a retired police lieutenant who served on a municipal force for more than 30 years. For much of that time, she was a detective, investigating everything imaginable, from petty crimes to homicides. She says it was a truly rewarding career. She participates in the Air Derby “to meet fellow women pilots from around the world and to test my flying skills.” Amy has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than 40 years, starting as a cadet. She teaches first aid, CPR and higher levels of EMS training, and is a Director with the ARC. Amy is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

Lorraine Denby (Berkeley Heights, NJ) is a Commercial pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating; instrument flight instructor credentials; complex and high-performance endorsements, and 3,755 hours flown.

Lorraine holds a PhD from the University of Michigan, is a Fellow of American Statistical Association and a winner of the Edison Patent Award. The bulk of her career was as a researcher for Bell Labs and she is currently a principal for Murray Hill Data Science. She holds 19 patents and has authored more than 50 papers. “Racing is just SO MUCH fun,” said Lorraine. “I like thinking about the strategy and the weather. It is a wonderful opportunity to further hone your skills. And, of course, the company is just fabulous.” Much of Lorraine’s free time is occupied by Civil Air Patrol, where she is the New Jersey Wing Emergency Services Training Officer.



Welcome back to this team of three New Jersey pilots!

She is now part of the Green Flag mission, helping to train ground troops by acting as a surrogate predator. Lorraine also enjoys skiing, hiking, sailing, and spending time with her grandchildren. She is a Director with the ARC. Lorraine is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

Shelley Ewalt (Princeton, NJ) holds an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; and has logged 1,060 hours.

Shelley is an aviation attorney, focused on businesses, regulatory compliance, leases, and airports. Before that, she was an industrial designer for businesses, “spending clients’ money on fancy interiors and paint schemes.” Shelley says the Air Derby will be “a blast, with being challenged with the technical flight requirements and getting to hang out with friends and make new pilot friends”. Last year, their team was so close to their calculations on every leg. Until they “totally messed up on the final leg. Oh, well!” Her main hobbies are working out at the gym and cooking, which, if you think about it, is just a nonstop battle of burning up calories, then putting them back in! Shelley is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

110 | Liberty Belles II

Savannah Hughes & Emma Hazel
Cessna Skyhawk 172SP

Savannah is a Commercial Pilot; single-engine land; with complex and tailwheel endorsements; a current instrument rating; and 194 hours flown.

In her second year at Liberty University, Savannah earned her private pilot certificate in West Virginia and plans to complete the rest of her training at Liberty. She is working on her flight instructor credentials and hoping to instruct at the university. Savannah wants to fly the Air Derby “because it puts to test my and my partner’s cross country skills. We both go to the same school, so it is time to put it to the test! It is also amazing to see how accurate and precise planes can be! I fly to inspire other female aviators to keep pursuing their dreams.” She fell in love with aviation at 16 without having any experience at all. She is on the collegiate club triathlon team and her favorite sport out of the three is swimming. Savannah is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

Emma is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; and 128 hours logged.

Emma has been working for just over a year as a flight instructor at Liberty University. Prior to graduation in May of this year, she instructed



Welcome first-time team of Savannah Hughes (Pax, WV) and Emma Hazel (White Lake, MI)!

part time, but now teaches full time. She has flown at the university since earning her Private Pilot certificate and has flown a Cessna 172 and a Piper Seminole. Emma says she is participating in the Air Derby “for a good experience to get students out into a familiar environment, but be doing unfamiliar tasks. This is also a good gateway for other females at the school who want to learn about the Air Race.” Emma was a competitive swimmer for 14 years. She has competed all across the country and internationally. Most recently, Emma finished up her career as an NCAA D1 swimmer representing Liberty University. She helped her team with four consecutive titles all four years that she competed.

111 | Liberty Belles I

Grace Johnson & Chloe Cady
Cessna Skyhawk 172SP

Grace “Gracie” Johnson (Purcellville, VA) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! Welcome! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 193 hours flown.

Gracie is a student at Liberty University studying commercial corporate aviation. She is currently working on her commercial certificate and hopes to become a flight instructor after graduation. Although she hasn’t flown the Air Derby before, Gracie says “I competed in this year’s Air Race Classic and I’m excited to gain more experience flying for my school.” Besides aviation, Gracie loves to spend time outdoors, “especially since Virginia has some of the most beautiful sunsets on the Blue Ridge”. She is involved with her local church and an RA on her campus, but, most of all, she just likes spending time with her friends and family. Gracie is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

This is Chloe Cady’s (Sauk Rapids, MN) second Air Derby! She is a Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, instrument flight instructor credentials, and 371 hours flown.

Chloe’s final semester at Liberty University was spent learning to flight instruct and, while it was a semester of learning and growing,



Chloe loved teaching! She plans to continue instructing at the university full-time as an alumna. She has always loved flying, traveling and seeing new places. Chloe said she met so many amazing people in the 2019 Air Race Classic and learned so many things and can’t wait to do it again. In addition to flying, she also enjoys fellowship with friends and family, playing with dogs, being outdoors, sports, and making music. She is the first pilot in her family but hopes to inspire some of her relatives to pursue aviation, whether for fun or as a career. Chloe is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

112 | Freakin’ Awesome II

Lin Caywood, Carol Galbraith,
Carol Caywood & Jane Winer
Cessna Skylane 182

Welcome back, Malinda “Lin” Caywood (Frederick, MD) to her second ARC Air Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot with a current instrument rating; single-engine land and sea; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; single-engine instrument ground and flight instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; and 2,600 hours flown.

Lin is a former realtor with over 30 years in the mortgage banking. She is now self-employed as a mortgage banking consultant and as a Certified Flight Instructor. Lin also flies a single-engine plane Part 91 for a family. She is flying the Air Derby because it “is a unique opportunity to introduce some of the aspects of the Air Race Classic with another pilot that might not qualify for the traditional race or doesn’t have the time. This fun format is a great way to share my passion with others.” Lin spends a lot of her free time volunteering with the ARC as a Director and the Safety Officer. She volunteers with Patient Airlift Services and the 99s to give back while flying. Lin loves taking kids for Young Eagles/first flights and her grandson, Jude, is still her #1 copilot! Lin is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s.

This is the first ARC Air Derby for Carol Galbraith (Columbia, MD). Welcome! Carol is a Private Pilot with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; with a high performance endorsement; and 800 hours logged.

Carol is an attorney, professor and mountaineer. She is flying the ARC Air Derby for fun learning and “I want to WIN!” Carol loves to



hang out with her dogs, reading, exploring, natural history, hiking, skiing, swimming, kayaking, and cycling! Carol is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s.

Welcome, Carol Caywood (Frederick, MD) to her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Student Pilot, and 4 hours flown.

Carol is retired from raising five kids, once of which, Lin, she is flying with in the Air Derby because “this sounds like a new, fun experience!” She taught kindergarten for several years. She raced in the 2016 Air Race Classic in 2016 and loves to knit for charity, fly with her daughter and is an avid reader. Carol is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s and the Blue Ridge Chapter of WAI.

Jane Winer (Columbia, MD) is also flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Student Pilot with 1 hour flown. Jane is a retired professor of art and art history. She is flying the Air Derby because she “loves to be airborne!” She plays the clarinet, enjoys chamber music, dogs and bread! Jane is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s.



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113 | Bumbling Bumble Bees

Mary Bryant & Janice McWilliams
Piper Warrior III PA-28-181

Mary Bryant (St. Petersburg, FL) is back for her second ARC Air Derby! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; advanced and instrument ground instructor and single-engine instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; with 7,000 hours logged.

Mary started her career in corporate finance, but soon found that flying was much more fun and engaging. Since then, she's made a career in aviation in a variety of capacities from training and sales to program management. She's currently specializing in PA46 training. Mary is flying the Air Derby "because it's fun and challenging and requires a pilot to engage in all aspects of planning, flying and decision making." Last year, she was honored to fly the Air Derby with her 17-year old daughter, who is off at college this year. Mary is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s and a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI.

Janice McWilliams (St. Petersburg, FL) is flying the ARC Air Derby for the first time! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with 1,126 flight hours.



Janice has worked as a clinical pharmacist for the Veterans Administration for 37 years. She started at the Memphis, TN office, before moving to the Biloxi, MS and, now, Florida. Janice is flying the Air Derby "to improve my piloting skills and for the love of flying. I look forward to flying with a fellow 99 and learning from her." Janice soloed in a Cessna 150 in 1968 at the age of 17 and has been hooked since then. She met her husband, Billy, in pharmacy school. They bought a Mooney Mustang in 1992 and still fly it today! Janice is a member of the Florida Southcoast Chapter of the 99s.

114 | Cheetah Champs

Joan Weyhe & Claire Almquist
Grumman Cheetah AA-5A

Welcome back, **Joan ("Monica") Weyhe** (Medford, OR) to her second ARC Air Derby! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement, and 1,070 hours logged.

Monica had careers in public and library administration, human resources management, and retirement and benefits. She currently volunteers on the Documents Committee for the International 99s, on her AAUW Board as the Oregon Finance VP, on the Medford Board, and participates in the local flying club. Monica is flying the Air Derby "for the fun and adventure with awesome women, to learn to fly my own plane more precisely, to be a part of women's air racing history, and to encourage girls to have fun pursuing their interests in the aviation fields." During the 2021 Air Derby, Monica's team arrived on final at the STOP airport about 2 minutes earlier than their estimates. They decided to land short and taxi to the intersection at a snail's pace; but, that didn't fool the clock or the timers/officials! Monica earned her instrument rating at the age of 67 and is starting on her commercial rating in the Grumman Cheetah that she and her husband have been flying since 1984 in Southeast Alaska; they consider her one of the family. She also enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, and traveling with grandkids and others. Monica is a member of the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter of the 99s.

Claire Almquist (Talent, OR) is also flying her second Air Derby and is a Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; with 543 flight hours.



Claire began her career as an environmental geologist but soon shifted her focus to establish a business with her husband in real estate development and construction. She is currently a self-employed small business owner managing commercial and industrial rental properties. Says Claire, "I flew the Air Derby in 2021 and found it to be a fun exercise in precision flying and would like to improve our ranking this year, if possible. I am excited to participate in this Air Derby and proud to be a part of this historic organization." She loves to travel and explore and is fascinated with history. Claire loves to fly, kayak, camp, golf, fly fish, and hike. As a geologist, flying allows her such a great view of regional tectonics, landforms and landscapes. Claire is a member of the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter of the 99s.

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— *Jaqueline Cochran*

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115 | SCRATCHED

Gwynneth Cowherd & Dana Friend
Cirrus SR20

Gwynneth “Grace” Cowherd (Stillwater, OK) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot; single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 320 hours flown.

Grace is a flight instructor at Oklahoma State University and has four students working on their private pilot certificate. Grace is working on her instrument flight instructor credentials and hopes to have that done by the end of the month. She is also working on starting an aviation program at her old high school. Grace has wanted to fly in the Air Race Classic for several years, but has not been able to for various reasons. “I think this (Air Derby) is a fantastic opportunity to gain some experience and raise awareness about the race. I would love to pass the knowledge I gain on to my students and potential future racers.” She has been on OSU’s competition flight team since her freshman year and has competed at NIFA Nationals. Grace says her favorite part was when her team started line dancing on the ramp and other teams joined in! Grace is a senior with plans to graduate in December with a professional pilot major and Chinese minor. She is a member of many organizations including the OSU Flying Aggies. Grace is a member of the Arkansas Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

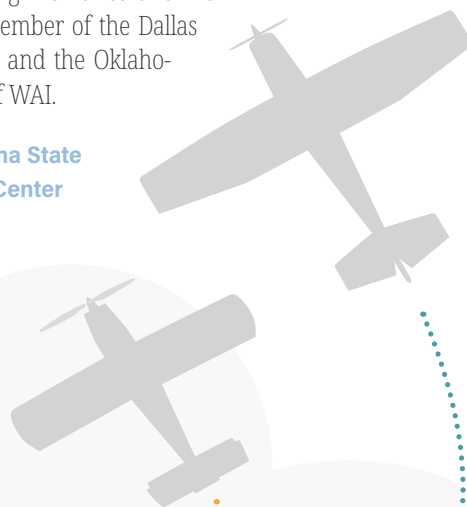
This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Dana Friend** (Lewisville, TX). Dana is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, and 320 hours logged.

As a student at Oklahoma State in the Professional Pilot program, Dana is working on becoming a certified flight instructor. She is also a third-year Air Force ROTC cadet. After completing her field training this past summer, her next step is submitting her application to the rated board. Of the Air Derby, Dana says, “It is similar to the navigation event



at the NIFA flight team competitions. This seems like an amazing opportunity with so much tradition and history behind it.” Dana enjoys reading, flying and sharing her aviation journey on her personal blog. While the university’s aviation program and the Air Force ROTC teach her many lessons in the classroom, Dana thinks the Air Derby is “an unparalleled experience that will teach me so many new things while making memories of a lifetime.” Dana is a member of the Dallas Chapter of the 99s and the Oklahoma State Chapter of WAI.

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116 | Kiwi Express

Donella Bond & Kiera Vickery Cessna Skylane 182R

Dee is an instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, single- and multi-engine sea; CFI, CFII and MEI credentials; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor ratings; complex, high-performance, aerobatic, formation flying, and tailwheel endorsements; and has logged 4,992 hours.

Dee retired as an accountant to follow an aviation career. She and her partner, Neil, own and operate a 4-star hotel, an airport and an aircraft manufacturing company. She represented New Zealand at 5 World Precision Flying Champs and won the Air Race Classic in 2017. Dee is participating in the Air Derby “for fun and friendship. It’s a great way to see the country in the company of a like-minded pilot. It provides a challenge to fly an exact course precisely.” She has ferried a Mooney from NZ to England, then a Twin Comanche from Australia to the USA. Dee participated in a self-fly safari through Botswana and Zimbabwe which she describes as “an awesome trip!” She flies a WWII PBK Catalina and owns various Cessna aircraft. Dee is a member of the New Zealand Chapter of the 99s, a Director of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Kiera is an instrument-rated Commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land; holds flight instructor credentials; basic and advanced ground instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; an aerobatic endorsement; and has logged 653 hours.

She is a B-Cat flight instructor at Massey University School of Aviation in New Zealand. She began flying when she completed their degree



Welcome back, two-time Air Derby Donella (“Dee”) Bond (Pukekohe, New Zealand) and Kiera Vickery (Palmerston North, New Zealand)!

program and earned her commercial, multi-engine instrument, and instructor ratings. She has only been instructing for 2 years and absolutely loves teaching others! Kiera is flying the Air Derby to inspire more female pilots to take up flying and “to give some more representation of our small country of New Zealand in this international competition.” Kiera grew up around aircraft, living alongside Waiheke Airstrip and later under the approach paths for 16L and R for Sydney Airport and was further inspired by a family friend. When she is not flying, Kiera enjoys sailing, hiking, cooking, and going to the beach. Kiera is a member of the New Zealand Chapter of the 99s.

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117 | Port Townsend Pilots

Maria Morrison & Lillian Morrison Cessna Skyhawk 172E

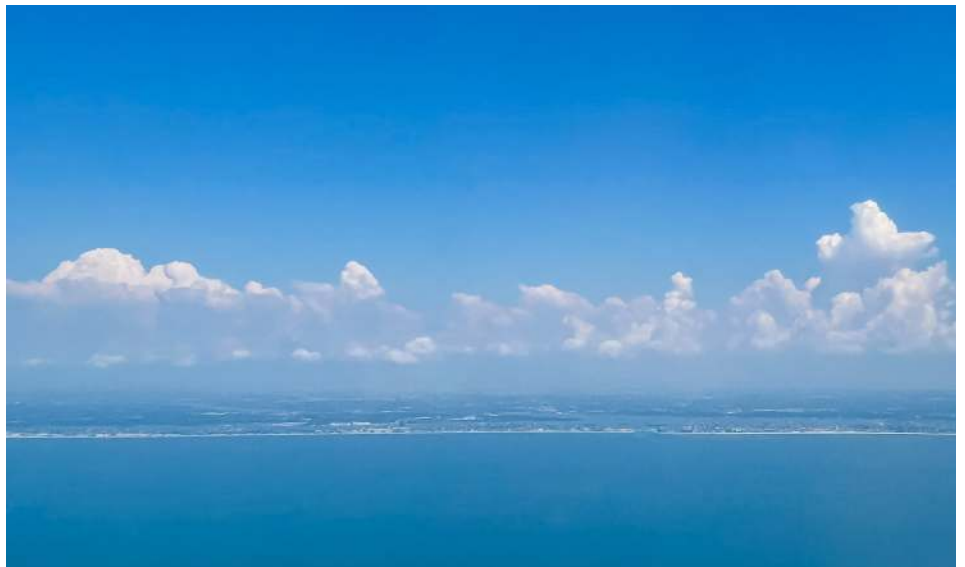
Maria “Mags” Morrison (Port Townsend, WA) is flying her first ARC Air Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot; single-engine land and sea; multi-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; basic, advanced and instrument ground flight instructor credentials; and 1,079 hours flown.

Mags recently graduated from Duke University and is heading to the University of Cambridge, after which she plans to attend Tel Aviv University for her Master’s programs before attending law school. Flying has been an integral part of her life and she founded an aviation club at Duke. Beyond being a great flying experience, Mags is flying the Air Derby because “this is my first opportunity to fly and compete with my sister. Spending time with her is a highlight of being home for the summer and I want to have one last big adventure with her before I head abroad for the next two years.” She also says she has never been in a flight competition before, but she and her sister have good laughs in the airplane and they are excited to make fun memories! Much of what Mags knows about aviation was learned at the Port Townsend Aero Museum, where she volunteered throughout middle and high school. With the rest of her free time, Mags loves to play fiddle music, ride her horse and perform several styles of dance.



This is also the first ARC Air Derby for **Lillian “Champ” Morrison** (Port Townsend, WA). Champ is a Student Pilot, single-engine land, and 68 hours logged.

Champ is a high school senior interested in robotics. On the weekends, she works at the Port Townsend Aero Museum, where she is the most senior volunteer. At school, she is the student body president and is currently working on college applications. Champ says about the Air Derby, “I’m always looking for new experiences in aviation and this is a great way to work on my cross-country skills. I’m looking forward to learning about the trip planning process and the element of competition will make it especially fun.” Outside of aviation, she is the president of her robotics team and is currently preparing for the competition season. Champ is planning to go to college to study engineering and is interested in the design process behind machines and computers.





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2022 Air Derby Winners

The Top Five

1 st Place	Team 116 Kiwi Express <i>Dee Bond, Kiera Vickery</i>
2 nd Place	Team 109 Blue Footed Booby <i>Amy Myzie, Lorraine Denby & Shelley Ewalt</i>
3 rd Place	Team 111 Liberty Belles I <i>Grace Johnson & Chloe Cady</i>
4 th Place	Team 113 Bumbling Bumble Bees <i>Mary Bryant & Janice McWilliams</i>
5 th Place	Team 114 Cheetah Champs <i>Joan Weyhe & Claire Almquist</i>

Leg Prize Winners

1 st Leg	1 st — Team 112 <i>Lin Caywood, Carol Galbraith, Carol Caywood, Jane Winer</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 110 <i>Savannah Hughes & Emma Hazel</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 100 <i>Royce Clifford & Melissa Sliffe</i>
2 nd Leg	1 st — Team 102 <i>Karin Rodland & Andrea Johnson</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 108 <i>Shannon Osborne-Chan & Jennifer Donnelly</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 112 <i>Lin Caywood, Carol Galbraith, Carol Caywood & Jane Winer</i>
3 rd Leg	1 st — Team 105 <i>Angela Drabek, Elaine Regier & Holly Blunk</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 117 <i>Maria Morrison & Lillian Morrison</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 110 <i>Savannah Hughes & Emma Hazel</i>
4 th Leg	1 st — Team 102 <i>Karin Rodland & Andrea Johnson</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 110 <i>Savannah Hughes & Emma Hazel</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 100 <i>Royce Clifford & Melissa Sliffe</i>
5 th Leg	1 st — Team 110 <i>Savannah Hughes & Emma Hazel</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 102 <i>Karin Rodland & Andrea Johnson</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 100 <i>Royce Clifford & Melissa Sliffe</i>

Safety Prize Recipient

Team 102 | *Karin Rodland & Andrea Johnson*



2021 Air Derby Winners

The Top Ten

1 st Place	Team 49 <i>Emma Hughes, Emily Hause & Regine Rose Acosta</i>
2 nd Place	Team 92 <i>Stephanie Wells & June Stewart</i>
3 rd Place	Team 82 <i>Gabrielle Thorp & Louise Vickerman</i>
4 th Place	Team 7 <i>Mary Bryant & Claire Bryant</i>
5 th Place	Team 2 <i>Lara Gaerte & Donna Harris</i>
6 th Place	Team 81 <i>Meadow Boden & Rachel Piacentini</i>
7 th Place	Team 14 <i>Amy Myzie, Lorraine Denby & Shelley Ewalt</i>
8 th Place	Team 1 <i>Deirdre Gurry & Kristen Betz</i>
9 th Place	Team 85 <i>Verneceelyn Allen & Abby Lee</i>
10 th Place	Team 102 <i>Chloe Cady & Kristi Serafin</i>

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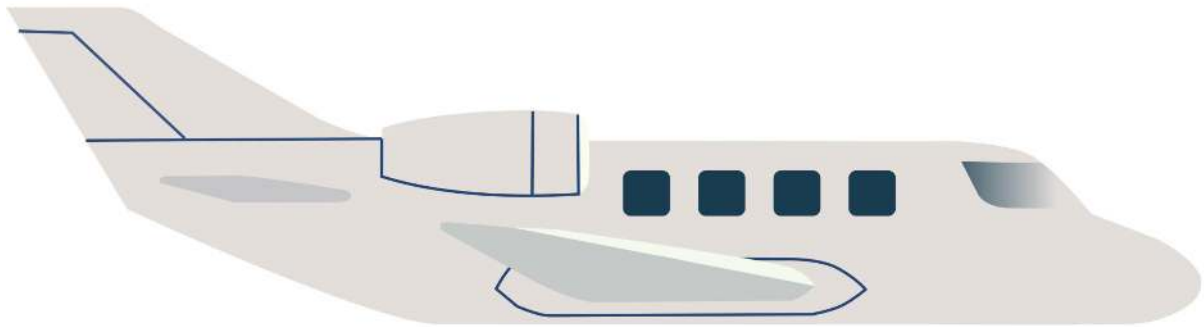
1 st Leg	1 st — Team 45 <i>Deborah Thompson & Patti Sandusky</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 22 <i>Kylie Giffin, Emmy Dillon, Becki Restrepo & Kait Doherty</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 84 <i>Elise Wheelock, Olga Custodio, & Tammie Jo Shults</i>
2 nd Leg	1 st — Team 51 <i>Zsoee Eisel, Brooke Harrower & Cami Johnson</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 28 <i>Linda Evans & Katie Dembowski</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 84 <i>Elise Wheelock, Olga Custodio & Tammie Jo Shults</i>
3 rd Leg	1 st — Team 56 <i>Mariah Brewer & Paige Kessler</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 53 <i>Mikayla Quesenberry, Anna Scott & Morgan Gillespie</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 50 <i>Claire Key, Em Hogenson & Sid Rich Richey</i>
4 th Leg	1 st — Team 28 <i>Linda Evans & Katie Dembowski</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 21 <i>Sadie Morgan, Meyeon Kim & Sarah Kuder</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 95 <i>Erika Jordan, Meredith Boardman & Savannah Rotmeijer</i>
5 th Leg	1 st — Team 65 <i>Morgan Carney, Madi Bright & Rachel Chaput</i> ♦ 2 nd — Team 28 <i>Linda Evans & Katie Dembowski</i> ♦ 3 rd — Team 33 <i>Claire Key, Em Hogenson & Sid Rich Richey</i>

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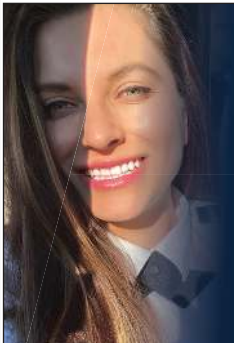
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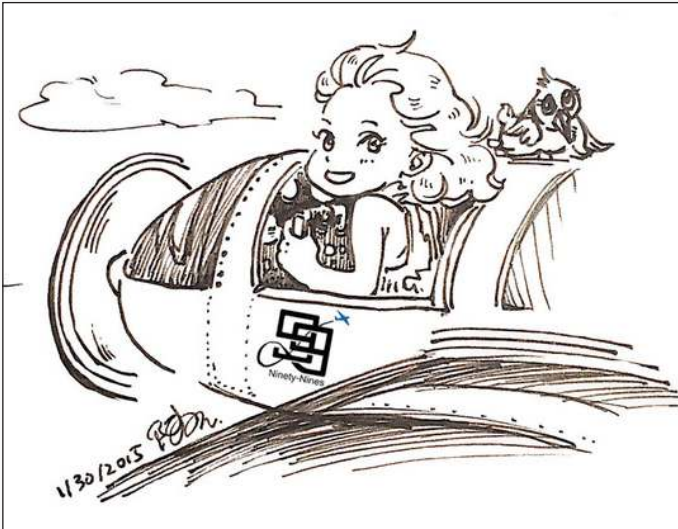
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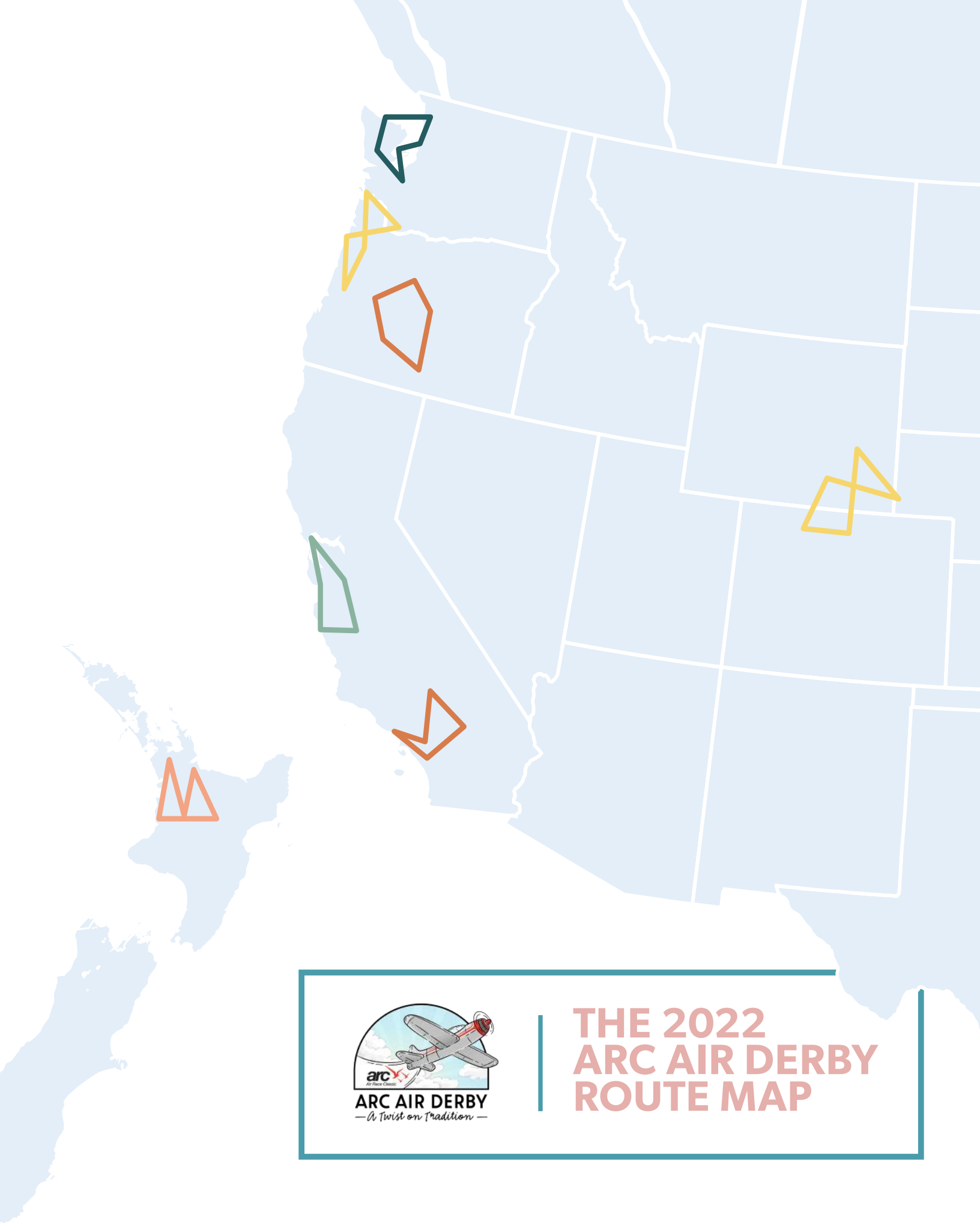
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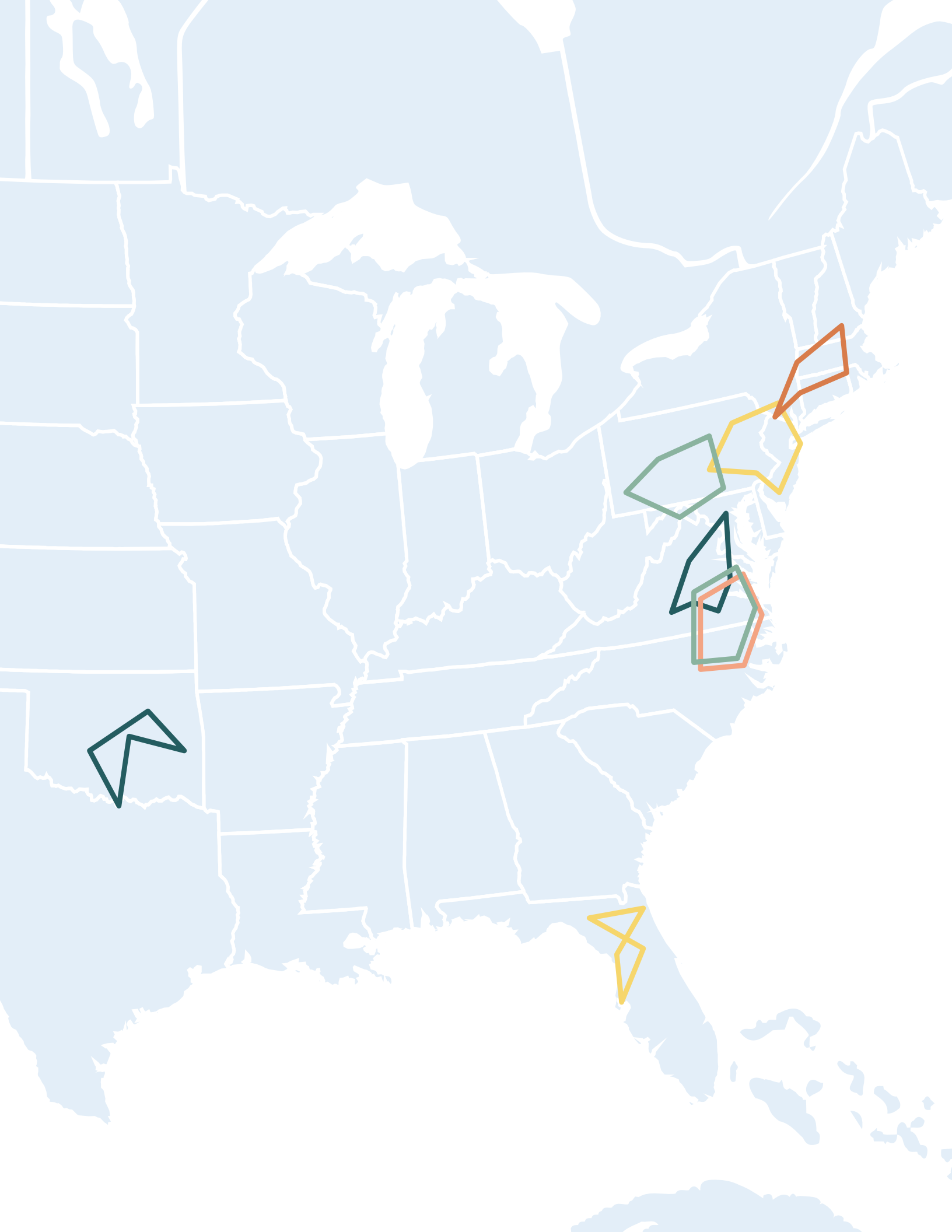
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THE 2022 ARC AIR DERBY ROUTE MAP



Air Race Classic History

Women's air racing all started in 1929 with the First Women's Air Derby. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH, site of the National Air Races. Racing continued through the '30's and was renewed again after WWII when the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), better known as the Powder Puff Derby, came into being. The AWTAR held its 30th, final and commemorative flight in 1977. When the AWTAR was discontinued, the Air Race Classic, Ltd., (ARC) stepped in to continue the tradition of transcontinental speed competition for women pilots and staged its premier race. The Air Race Classic was reincorporated in 2002 into the Air Race Classic, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



The early air races were the “on to” type, with noon and night control stops, and the contestants more or less stayed together. In that manner, weather and flying conditions were practically the same for each entrant and the race officials could release standings to the media after each day of racing.

The current race routes are approximately 2,400 statute miles in length, and the contestants are usually given four days, flying VFR in daylight hours, to reach the terminus. Each plane is assigned a handicap speed – and the goal is to have the actual ground speed be as far over the handicap speed as possible. The pilots are thus given the leeway to play the elements, holding out for better weather, winds, etc. The objective is to fly the “perfect” cross-country. In this type of race, the official standings cannot be released until the final entrant has crossed the finish line. Actually, the last arrival can be the winner.

Scoring techniques evolved over the years, and in 1952 the AWTAR began using the handicap system of scoring. The Air Race Classic has continued to use this type of scoring throughout its history. The '29-30's races flew shorter legs and made more stops than the current races. Now the legs are 280 to 320 statute miles, and seven or eight control stops are designated for either landing or fly-by. The race has been in 44 states, stopping in over 300 cities, and Canada. The races are open to all women with fixed wing aircraft from 145 to 570 horsepower. In earlier days, the fastest airplane with no specified handicap was in a good position to win, if it held together over the long haul and there was no big navigational error committed. Now the handicapping sys-

tem is used – each plane flying against its own speed. Supposedly, any entry has an equal chance of victory, depending on the accuracy of the handicapping. All participants are true winners in their own right, flying the best possible race.

At a time when some people are inclined to down-play and have only negative views of general aviation, it is encouraging each summer when dozens of women pilots casually get into their airplanes and safely race each other over trans-continental routings. There is a spirit of camaraderie in spite of the keen competition, and the Air Race Classic proves a boon to aviation in general. At the same time, it gives the fliers the opportunity to hone their flying techniques. Many other people are drawn into the annual events through sponsorship, ground/air assistance, timing, officiating and as spectators.

Award wise, the Air Race Classic started in 1977 with an \$8,550 purse for the top-ten crews, with additional leg prizes for those finishing outside the selected group of ten. The awards have been increased over the years, so that the current top-ten purse is \$20,500.

Over 40 years later, the Air Race Classic remains a venue for competitive flying. Louise Thaden is quoted as saying, “... added skills are developed, self confidence is increased and enduring friendships are made”. And Blanche Noyes added, “Flying is ageless.”

In 2021, with the constraints of the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional Air Race Classic was unable to be held, so the Board created a new way to fulfill the mission that allowed women pilots around the world to fly together, the ARC Air Derby. Like the traditional race, the ARC Air Derby is a VFR flight flown during daylight hours by a Team of at least two women pilots. But the similarities end there. The ARC Air Derby is flown on a single day within a date range published by the ARC. Each Team designs their own route, usually in their local area, that meets the specifications in the ARC Air Derby Rules. The Team then estimates the time it will take them to fly each leg as well as the entire route, and then strives to fly it as close to their estimated time as possible following the ARC Air Derby Rules.

We are proud and honored to celebrate more than 90 years of women's air racing!

**History courtesy of
Glenn H. Buffington and Carolyn J. Van Newkirk, Ed.D.**

The Silent Auction

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

Auction items are donated by corporations, groups and individuals. Aviation-related items are always appropriate, but not required. Past purchases have included aviation technology, DVDs and training courses, aviation prints, hats, shirts, books, gift cards, jewelry, collectibles, and so much more! This year, we will host another online auction in November.

Do you have something to donate? Your gift is tax deductible and will make a difference. For more information, contact finance@airraceclassic.org.

Preserving Women's Air Racing for future generations.

Celebrating 45 years of women's air racing, the Air Race Classic is looking forward to a continued bright and successful future. To ensure this legacy, the Board of Directors has established an Endowment Fund with a goal of raising \$500,000.

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

With your help, we can continue to be a part of aviation history, helping women pilots face new challenges, accomplish goals and share the experience. If you would like to

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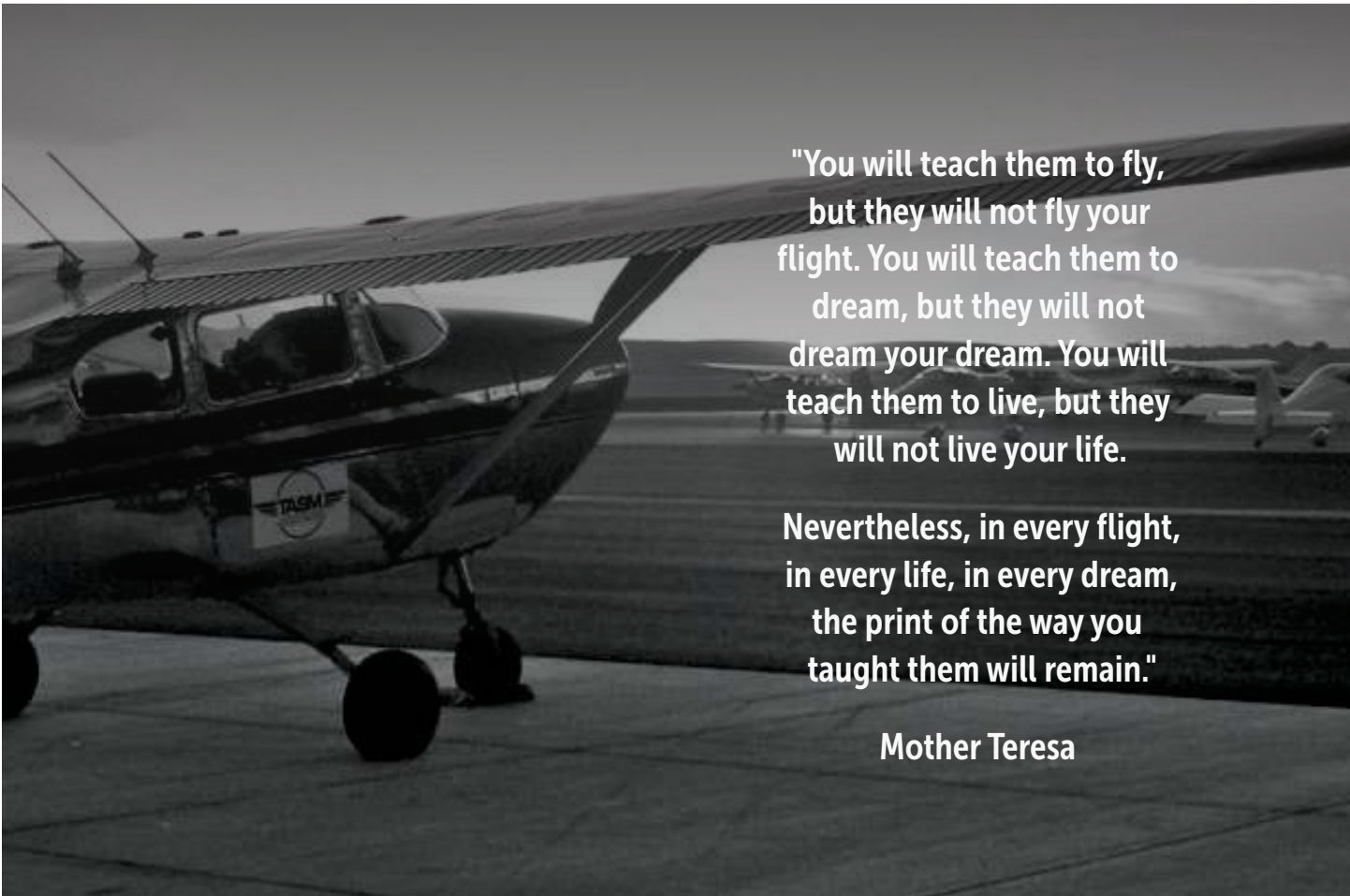
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2	MANKATO MN [KMKT]	OTTUMWA IA [KOTM]	197nm	227sm
3	OTTUMWA IA [KOTM]	KEARNEY NE [KEAR]	299nm	344sm
4	KEARNEY NE [KEAR]	PONCA CITY OK [KPNC]	256nm	295sm
5	PONCA CITY OK [KPNC]	SULPHUR SPRINGS TX [KSLR]	226nm	260sm
6	SULPHUR SPRINGS TX [KSLR]	JONESBORO AR [KJBR]	294nm	338sm
7	JONESBORO AR [KJBR]	PELL CITY AL [KPLR]	257nm	396sm
8	PELL CITY AL [KPLR]	CROSS CITY FL [KCTY]	285nm	228sm
9	CROSS CITY FL [KCTY]	HOMESTEAD FL [X51]	282nm	225sm
			2,358nm	2,727sm