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# President's Welcome

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What a thrill it is to welcome all of you back to the Air Race Classic!! We had virtual activities in 2020 and the inaugural ARC Air Derby in 2021, so the 2022 Air Race Classic marks the 45th running of our race and the first traditional race since 2019. 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. Air Race Classic Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials spend thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing the race. I am personally grateful for their generosity, talent, and commitment to all aspects of this event. The lady racers who participate embody some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our country.

The Air Race Classic wouldn't be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the hundreds of volunteers throughout the country. Our Start and Terminus host committees have been planning for multiple years to welcome the ARC teams at this year's Start in Lakeland, Florida and the Terminus in Terre Haute, Indiana. Since the Start, Terminus and race route changes every year, new volunteers are recruited at each of the en route stops, as well as the Start and Terminus, for each race. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers,

aircraft inspectors; anything that needs done to make that stop a success. They may be former racers, aviation enthusiasts who follow their hometown racer or team, and pilots willing to travel to the stops to be a part of the competitive camaraderie that is the Air Race Classic. En route stops allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and planned overnight stops for the race teams. Along with our volunteers, scores of loyal fans across the country are eagerly anticipating the arrival of ARC racers in their hometowns. We are extraordinarily grateful to each of them for their enthusiasm and support; the perpetuity of this one of a kind race is due to the dedication and efforts of everyone involved! We thank you for your participation in the Air Race Classic; the premier transcontinental speed competition for women pilots!



**Air Race Classic, Inc. President,  
Lara Gaerte**

## Special thanks to all our ARC volunteers for making our race a success.

**KLAL** Lakeland, FL  
**KMGR** Moultrie, GA

**KMSL** Muscle Shoals, GA  
**KHBG** Hattiesburg, MS  
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# Air Race Classic

## 2022 GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>FRI JUNE 17</b>	Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials, Start Check-In, Hospitality Early Bird Reception by Brown's Seaplane Base	0900-1900 EDT 1700-1900 EDT
<b>SAT JUNE 18</b>	Start Check-In, Hospitality Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials (Closes at 1600 EDT) Racers Arrival – <b>DEADLINE</b> Youth Aviation Event, Airplane Inspections "Meet the Racers" Welcome Reception BBQ	0700-1500 EDT 0800-1600 EDT 1200 EDT 1300-1600 EDT 1730-2030 EDT
<b>SUN JUNE 19</b>	Start Check-in – <b>CLOSE</b> Collegiate Racers Meeting – <b>MANDATORY</b> All Contestants Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Racer Group Photo Social Hour & Take-off Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b>	0800 EDT 0800-0900 EDT 0900-1200 EDT 1330-1500 EDT 1530-1600 EDT 1730-2130 EDT
<b>MON JUNE 20</b>	Racer Flyby Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Race Start/Terminus Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Weather Briefing by NOAA – <b>RECOMMENDED</b> First Time Racers Clinic – <b>MANDATORY</b> Race Officials Meeting	0800-0930 EDT 930-1100 EDT 1100-1200 EDT 1300-1400 EDT 1430-1530 EDT
<b>TUES JUNE 21</b>	Take-off Breakfast All Contestants Final Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Start Take-off	0600-0630 EDT 0630-0700 EDT 0800 EDT
<b>FRI JUNE 24</b>	<b>TERMINUS</b> Terre Haute Regional Airport/Hulman Field (Terre Haute, IN) Terminus Check-in, Hospitality Racers Finish – <b>DEADLINE</b> Meltdown Party	0800-1700 EDT 1700 EDT 1800-2100 EDT
<b>SAT JUNE 25</b>	Terminus Check-in, Hospitality Airplane Inspections Score Sheet Signing, Meet with Judges Youth Aviation Event – Meet the Racers Collegiate Racers Debriefing – <b>RECOMMENDED</b>	0830-1800 EDT 0800-1500 EDT 0800-1600 EDT 1300-1500 EDT 1530-1615 EDT
<b>SUN JUNE 26</b>	All Contestants Debriefing Breakfast All Contestants Debriefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> ARC Board Meeting Hiring Fair First Time Racers Debriefing – <b>RECOMMENDED</b> Social Hours & ARC Awards Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b>	0700-0845 EDT 0900-1030 EDT 1030-1230 EDT 1300-1500 EDT 1530-1615 EDT 1800-2130 EDT





# ARC Airplane Qualifications, Handicaps, and Scoring

The Air Race Classic (ARC) is an annual VFR all-women cross-country event flown in official ARC daylight hours. Airplanes with at least 100 horsepower (HP) and not more than 600 HP may be flown in one of two classes: Competition or Non-Competition.

Competition Class includes Stock and modified Stock, normally aspirated, piston-powered airplanes, rated for continuous operation at maximum engine speed. Non-Competition Class includes airplanes not qualifying in Competition Class per ARC rules and those teams, not racing, but flying the event solely for education, experience, and the camaraderie of the race. Both classes follow the same rules and enjoy similar flying adventures over the 2,400+ statute-mile course.

Handicaps are the basis for the ARC competitive race. They are a method to allow all ARC entry-qualified make and model airplanes to compete against one another in the same race. Prior to the race, each airplane is flown to determine the handicap for that particular airplane based on its current, demonstrated best speed. During the race, designated flybys incorporate special FAA-approved flight procedures that allow all teams to be timed at the start and finish of each ARC race leg. Winners are determined after the airplanes arrive at and cross the final finish line. Official scores are calculated for each race leg by taking an airplane's ground speed, subtracting any applicable penalties, and then subtracting the airplane's handicap.

Once the first plane launches from the Start, the teams have four days to fly all race legs and to arrive and cross the Terminus finish line. You can follow the race and see each team's progress at [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org) and select Follow ARC Racers to the finish line.

## Judges



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2008-2014

## Air Race Classic Mission

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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





## 2022 Leg Lengths

1	Lakeland, FL – KLAL	Moultrie, GA – KMGR	208 nm	239 sm
2	Moultrie, GA – KMGR	Muscle Shoals, AL – KMSL	292 nm	336 sm
3	Muscle Shoals, AL – KMSL	Hattiesburg, MS – KHBG	224 nm	258 sm
4	Hattiesburg, MS – KHBG	Pine Bluff, AR – KPBF	221 nm	254 sm
5	Pine Bluff, AR – KPBF	Ada, OK – KADH	238 nm	274 sm
6	Ada, OK – KADH	Lawrence, KS – KLWC	262 nm	302 sm
7	Lawrence, KS – KLWC	Mt. Vernon, IL – KMVN	302 nm	348 sm
8	Mt. Vernon, IL – KMVN	Tullahoma, TN – KTHA	217 nm	250 sm
9	Tullahoma, TN – KTHA	Terre Haute, IN – KHUF	249 nm	287 sm
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March 1, 2022

Greetings!

Lakeland Linder International Airport would like to welcome everyone to the 2022 Air Race Classic. As the starting point for this year's race we hope you enjoy your time here in "Swan City" and arrive a bit early to explore all that Central Florida has to offer including: Downtown Lakeland and the Frances Langford Promenade, Aerospace Discovery at the Florida Air Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's collection at Florida Southern College, the Polk Museum of Art, and our many theme parks located just a short drive away in Tampa and Orlando.

Situated in the heart of Florida, Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL) is most well-known for the annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo however we are home to an additional 65+ aerospace organizations and businesses. Some of our more prominent tenants include the world-famous NOAA Hurricane Hunters, Amazon Air, the Polk State College and Southeastern University aerospace programs, the Central Florida Aerospace Academy, Draken International, and the Lakeland Aero Club.

Should you need assistance during your time here in Lakeland please don't hesitate to reach out to race organizers including veteran racer JoAnne Alcorn who is serving as Chair for the 2022 Air Race Classic Start Committee. In addition, there is an outstanding team of Air Race Classic volunteers along with our own Airport staff and tenants who are available to assist you throughout the weekend's events.

We wish everyone the best of luck as you embark on this exciting and historic race across the Nation and hope everyone has a race start to remember!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Hallstrand".

Kris Hallstrand  
Airport Director (Interim)

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# MOULTRIE, GEORGIA

## Moultrie Municipal Airport :: KMGR

We are extremely excited about the Air Race Classic visiting our fine area. We are very proud of the community that we have built and we love to show it off. The cooperation of our city and county governments along with our airport authorities is second to none and, we believe, it shows.

Moultrie Airport was built before World War II; during the war it was used as an auxiliary training field for Spence Army Airfield a few miles to the northeast and was known as Spence AAF Auxiliary No. 3. It hosted the 455th School Squadron (Special) beginning on August 1, 1941 while still a civil airport. The airfield was released from military use on December 15, 1945 and returned to civil use.

The modern Moultrie Municipal Airport's main source of traffic and income is something that is well known among outdoor sportsmen, but relatively unexpected to others. The Bobwhite Quail hunting season occurs between October and March, with the bulk of it occurring between November and February. During the four-month bulk of the season, KMGR will experience over 70% of its annual jet/turbine traffic count and Jet A sales as quail hunters fly in from around the United States to experience the camaraderie of friends enjoying the thrill of wing shooting, the beautiful South Georgia pine flat woods, and the rich hospitality for which South Georgia is famous.

Racers will be welcomed with complimentary refreshments and, of course, Kay's world-famous chocolate chip cookies that are baked onsite daily. We will also have courtesy cars available in case anyone wants to take the short ride into our thriving downtown district and visit the unique shops on and around our historic, picturesque court house

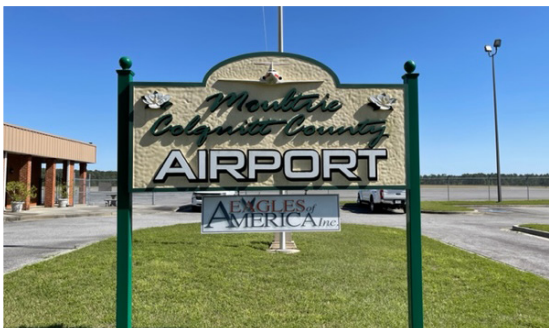
and surrounding town square. Otherwise, the Racers may choose to relax on our authentic southern front porch and sway themselves to a nap in our teak rockers.

Danny Parker will be providing world class line service with his team of dedicated Line Service Technicians. Hody Rutland will be backing him up with coordination and customer service. Kay Weathers, baker of the famous cookies, will be coordinating all customer services.

We have FAA certified/trained maintenance technicians, Kirby Hicks, Rob Burley, and Garry Argent, standing by in the off chance that any racers have a mechanical issue with their trusty steeds. We have been around airplanes and airports long enough to know that being stranded is not fun and we want to be ready to help minimize any such eventualities.

Supporting the Air Race Classic gives KMGR and Eagles of America, the FBO, an opportunity to showcase our capabilities to an event that is so important to the furtherance of aviation in our great country. In turn, the Air Race Classic highlights aviation's capabilities and opportunities to our community. It brings awareness to a whole group of people who do not usually come into contact with what aviation is and does. Additionally, Moultrie is one of our nation's small communities that has so much to offer, but often no one with which to share. As proud Moultrians, we love to show off our beautiful area and indulge our fastidious charm.

**Airport Authority Board Chairman Mike Boyd**  
**Stop Chair Dena Mathis**  
**Airport Manager Alan Mathis**





# MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

## Northwest Alabama Regional Airport :: KMSL

Northwest Alabama Regional Airport (KMSL) opened in February 1940 as the Muscle Shoals Auxiliary Field, but within two years the United States Army Air Force took control of the airfield to train military pilots for World War II. The airfield returned to civil control at the end of the war. The location of Northwest Alabama Regional Airport is in the center of the Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham triangle, making it convenient to one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is located just south of the Tennessee River in the northwest part of the state. The airport covers 640 acres at an elevation of 551 feet. It has two asphalt runways: 11/29 is 6,693 by 150 feet and 18/36 is 4000 by 100 feet.

The airport is in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Muscle Shoals has a population of just a little over 16,000. Muscle Shoals is known as "The Hit Recording Capital of the World." Muscle Shoals made history earned this title by recording some of the most famous artists, such as Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Gregg Allman, Percy Sledge, Lynyrd Skynyrd and many more. This history is captured in the 2013 documentary called, "Muscle Shoals." It all started in the late 1950s with FAME Studios, then by the Muscle Shoals Sound in the 1960s, and then other studios followed. Even today, the Shoals area makes hits and propels artists to fame. Some famous musical artists were born in the area: W.C Handy, the Father of the Blues, along with Sam Phillips and Buddy Killen, the Fathers of Rock and Roll. Many artists have made Muscle Shoals their home, including John Paul White of the group The Civil Wars, David Hood of the Swampers, Norbert Putman, Spooner Oldham, Gary Baker, Will McFarlane, Donna Jean Godchaux, and others. There are many venues around the area that feature good live music, and you never know when someone famous is going to sit in on a session.

Within minutes of the airport is Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, where you can see the estate where Helen Keller grew up, the actual well-pump where "the Miracle Worker," Anne Sullivan, opened a window of communication with blind and deaf Helen Keller, and many other artifacts.

The Shoals is excited to welcome the Air Race Classic racers and hope you take some time to hear the music!

**Stop Chair Ramona Banks**  
**Airport Manager Barry Griffith**



# HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

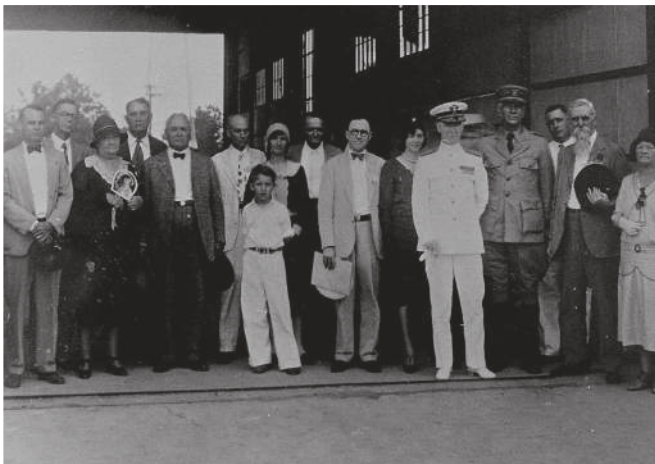
## Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport | KHBG

The Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport holds the distinction as being one of the oldest airports in the state of Mississippi. Opened in 1930, the airport has served as the primary airport for the greater Hattiesburg area for over ninety years! Prior to its official opening, the Hattiesburg Aerodrome, as it was called then, was a grass field with aircraft departing from a clear-cut pine forest roughly four miles south of downtown. As with many airports throughout the south, its permanent infrastructure is owed to the airport's involvement in World War II, as it was during this time that the bulk of facilities and runways were designed and built. During this period, the airport was under the control of the War Department and hosted the Army Air Corp's A20 Havocs, O-49 Vigilants, O-52 Owls, and B-25 Mitchells. After its short stint as an auxiliary military airfield, the airport was returned to civilian use in 1946. Thanks to the ramp and runways built for the war effort, the airport began to flourish in its new mandate.

The late 1940s saw commercial air service brought to the region for the first time. Over the next 25 years, periodic service was provided by Delta and Southern Airways.

Although commercial air service is no longer conducted at the municipal airport, the facility continues to serve a vital role in the economy of the metropolitan Hattiesburg area, having emerged as the region's premier general aviation airport. Helping to forge this distinction is the airport's ideal location. Nestled in the Hattiesburg Forrest County Industrial Park, the airport lies between the central business district and the nation's largest National Guard training facility, Camp Shelby. This helps to make it the perfect choice for business travelers and distinguished military visitors alike. The close proximity to the University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University and two junior colleges also help make the airport a natural fit for flight training. U.S. Highways 11, 49, 98, and Interstate 59 all converge near the airport, helping solidify the airport's moniker, "The Hub City". With an eye to the future, the airport looks forward to another ninety years!

**Stop Chair Shelia Willis**  
**Airport | FBO Manager Chip Gibson**





# PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

## Pine Bluff Regional Airport [Grider Field] :: KPBF

Welcome to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the largest city in southeast Arkansas and the tenth largest city in the state. We are excited to be part of the Air Race Classic and hope you enjoy your time in our beautiful city!

Pine Bluff sits astride Interstate 530 and U.S. Highway 65 on the banks of the Arkansas River. Located just 42 miles southeast of Little Rock, Pine Bluff offers more stunning year-round natural assets than any other city in southeast Arkansas. With over \$340 million in recent investments resulting in a brand-new aquatics center, public library, downtown streetscape project and current construction of a casino and luxury hotel, Pine Bluff is a city on the move.

Pine Bluff is also a city rich in history and culture. It's a place where courageous men and women of the past overcame the odds, achieved milestones in every imaginable field, and changed the world. One of those fascinating individuals is pioneering American aviator, Katherine Stinson. Stinson earned her pilot certificate in July 1912 while residing in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She set flying records for aerobatic maneuvers, distance and endurance.

The Pine Bluff Regional Airport started out as the Pine Bluff School of Aviation in 1941. It was a primary flight train-

ing base until the end of 1944 when it was closed. Over 10,000 pilots received training in Fairchild PT-19's. It was then deeded over to the City of Pine Bluff. The airfield is named posthumously for John McGavock Grider. He was killed in action in June 1918 during World War I.

Grider Field serves southeast Arkansas communities with an ILS equipped, 5,998-foot runway and taxiway. Our facility is 850 acres in total consisting of a large terminal building and restaurant that is accessible to pilots 24/7. We have an ASOS, private corporate hangars, general storage hangars and fixed-base operators offering avionics and maintenance shops, along with full and self-service Jet A and Avgas.

Grider Field annually hosts the Black Pilots of America, Operation Skyhook, as well as an Experimental Aircraft Association formation flying clinic. We are in the process of creating an aviation and military museum in our only remaining barrack building.

The City of Pine Bluff is honored to be chosen as a stop for this historic race. We look forward to your arrival!

**Stop Chair** Martha Molina  
**Airport Manager** Doug Hale





# ADA, OKLAHOMA

## Ada Regional Airport :: KADH

### Welcome racers to the Ada Regional Airport!

Ada, Oklahoma is located in the rolling hills of southern Oklahoma. Imbued with ingenuity, a pioneering spirit, and hospitality, we've been described as a place where the West meets the South! Incorporated in 1901, we now have a population of 17,000. Ada is large enough to offer many bigger city amenities, such as a four-year university and a thriving business climate, yet small enough to provide a safe and fun place to raise a family.

In mid-1941, several pilots urged city officials to petition the government to provide more adequate airport facilities as a part of the defense buildup. A certificate of necessity to national defense was approved by the U.S. Navy. The CAA allocated \$329,000 for the construction of a Class III airport, having two paved runways 4,200 feet long and 150 feet wide. An area north of the city was selected and

named Chauncey Field in honor of Army Air Force General Charles Chauncey of Ada. As a result of the initiative of local leaders during the time of military preparation, Ada secured one of the best airports serving a city of this size.

The Ada Regional Airport is located two miles north of downtown Ada. It is owned and operated by the City of Ada. The airport provides fueling services, storage hangars, and a fixed-base operator. It is the only jet-capable airport in Pontotoc County. Two major aeronautical industries - General Aviation Modifications, Inc. and Tornado Alley Turbo - are based here.

Thank you for choosing Ada as a destination during the 45th Air Race Classic!

**Stop Chairs** Bill Holland & Paula Kedy  
**Airport Managers** David Saint & Christopher Somers



# LAWRENCE, KANSAS

## Lawrence Regional Airport :: KLWC

The Lawrence Regional Airport (KLWC) was dedicated in 1929. It is known as the oldest, continuously operating GA airport in Kansas. KLWC opened with four grass runways that transitioned to cinders by 1936, the same year the Civil Aeronautics Authority opened a flight training program at KLWC. More than 400 young men were trained to advance to fighter pilot programs in support of World War II. Lawrence Regional Airport supports more than 2,000 business jet operations annually, serving the University of Kansas, large national corporations operating in the region, medium and small business enterprises, and other transient aircraft coming to visit Lawrence for business or pleasure. KLWC was an en route stop for the 2006 Air Race Classic and is proud to welcome this year's racers!

KLWC is a regional airport under FAA classification and the nature of the airport's operations reflect all types of aircraft, flight instruction and operations from across the United States and several international flights annually. The airport has a 5,700-foot long and 100-foot-wide asphalt runway (15/33), a 3,901-foot long by 75-foot-wide concrete crosswind runway (1/19), parallel taxiways, several instrument approaches, including a Class I Instrument Landing System, and is an outstanding all-weather airport for both recreational and business aircraft operators. KLWC averages more than 100 daily flight operations of single-engine, twin-

engine, business jets, and helicopters. Hetrick Air Services, the fixed-base operator, has been serving local and visiting aircraft since 1983 with a complete range of aviation services including fuel, repairs, flight instruction, aircraft rental, and charter services.

Lawrence, KS is a diverse community and the airport wants to demonstrate the impact of local aviation between the public and aviation enthusiasts. The airport has seen major expansion in facilities and operations since the last ARC en route stop. Joint promotion of the ARC by KLWC and the ARC organizers helps to reinforce the great things that are happening at KLWC and it is a memorable airport worthy of future aviation travelers. The Air Race Classic is an opportunity to demonstrate, locally and regionally, that KLWC is a perfect host to support the female flight teams and allow them to share their experiences with a new generation of potential aviators. The attendees of the airport's summer youth aviation camps are generally at least 50% female. Several of them have gone on to larger camps or into college aviation programs to develop their passion for flying. We are all looking forward to extending our hospitality to the 2022 Air Race Classic!

**Stop Chair Clancey Maloney**  
**Airport Manager Scott Wagner**





# MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS

## Mt. Vernon Outland Airport :: KMVN

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport serves the businesses and residents of six southern Illinois counties. The airport handles all facets of General Aviation including business development, business retention, cargo, air medical, flight training, and the U.S. Military.

A 6,500-foot length by 150-foot wide main runway, 3,100-foot length by 100-foot wide crosswind runway, parallel taxiways, numerous published instrument approaches (including an Instrument Landing System), 10 acres of high strength concrete ramp, and many other infrastructure amenities make the airport ideal for any aviation endeavor. A 14 CFR Part 139 Certificate brings a level of safety and security in the form of 100% perimeter fencing and ARFF Index A Status. Based and itinerant flyers enjoy a Terminal Aerodrome Forecast published four times daily by the National Weather Service.

Five automotive manufacturing suppliers along with Mt. Vernon's strategic location at the intersection of two major interstates produce numerous just-in-time cargo operations for the airport. Additionally, Continental Tire of the Americas, National Railway Equipment, Magnum Steel Works, and White Oak Mining provide exceptional employment opportunities. Regional distribution facilities for Walgreens and NAPA are located nearby. Jefferson County, Illinois is one of the few areas in the country where five Class 1 Railroads converge!

Excluding the St. Louis Metro East, SRT Aviation, the airport's fixed-base operator, is the only FAA Certified Repair Station on the southern end of the State. SRT Aviation offers a full line of FBO services including major airframe and powerplant repairs/overhauls, avionics installation, fuels sales, aircraft rentals, flight instruction, and aircraft de-icing. The Southern

Illinois Light Sport Training Academy trains pilots from across the country in a segment with limited training offerings.

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is home to one of the area's most popular dining establishments - Bonnie Café. Aviators are able to taxi directly to the restaurant, enter through the old Koziara Terminal airline gate, and join the many locals for a delicious home-cooked meal. Bonnie Café offers a daily lunch and dinner buffet, an impressive menu, all day breakfast, and great burgers. Join the Bonnie Aviators Club (BAC) and have your BAC card stamped each time you fly in. Your fifth meal is free!

The airport is recognized on a national level for hosting aviation and non-aviation events, such as the Midwest LSA Expo, the EAA Airventure Cup Race (odd number years), KR National Gathering, and Illinois' only Run for the Wall stopover.

The airport invites the entire community to the annual Salute to Freedom celebration each July 4th. From April to October, Mt. Vernon Soccer Club families enjoy the beautiful airport grounds for soccer practices and games played on five separate fields.

Take a stroll through the Jefferson County Hall of Honor located inside the Koziara Terminal. View over 700 individual tributes to area veterans. The adjacent Colonel R.D. White Veterans Museum contains weaponry from all conflicts and one of the most authentic 1941 U.S. ARMY Indian Motorcycles in the country!

This will be the third time Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has hosted the Air Race Classic. The Ladies Powder Puff Derby included a stop at the airport in 1969.

**Stop Chair Sheila Jolly-Scrivner**  
**Airport Manager Chris Collins**





# TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

## Tullahoma Regional Airport :: KTHA

The Tullahoma Regional Airport plays a vital role in the economic growth of Tullahoma and the surrounding region, located less than a mile from restaurants, lodging and shopping. The airport opened in 1942 as an USAAF B-24 and B-25 bomber training base. Since 1947, the airport has served general aviation aircraft.

The city-owned airport contains 775 acres of land and has 150 based aircraft. The airport averages about 40,000 flight operations each year and features a new, modern and spacious terminal building. Full-serve, self-serve and an AVGAS truck will be available for the Air Race Classic. The airport is home to the "world class" Beechcraft Heritage complex that houses over 38 vintage, fully restored Beechcraft-built Staggerwing, Twin Beech, Bonanza and Baron aircraft and is open to the public. The museum hosts an annual convention in October of each year and attracts 150 plus aircraft and 500 people.

Located 10 miles to the east of the airport is Arnold Air Force Base, the world's largest and most diverse wind

tunnel test complex. Ten miles to the west of the airport is the Jack Daniels distillery. Airport traffic doubles every June during the Bonnaroo Music Festival in nearby Manchester as 80,000 rock stars, music promoters and fans descend on the area for the week. Celebrities such as Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Sting, Jimmy Buffet, and others stage at the airport for this event.

The airport has hosted an AOPA Fly-In in 2015 and 2019 with between 400 and 700 aircraft arriving and 6,000 to 9,000 people attending the 2-day event. The airport has also received numerous excellence awards from the Tennessee Division of Aeronautics.

Welcome Racers and enjoy your stop in Tullahoma!

**Stop Chair Erica Palowitch**  
**Airport Manager Jon Glass**  
**Airport Authority Chairman Paul Sirks**



# TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

## Terre Haute Regional Airport :: KHUF

The Terre Haute Regional Airport is excited to be the Terminus for the Air Race Classic! The airport has established a Terminus planning committee that consists of Kara McIntosh, Director of Operations at KHUF; Melanie Abel, local pilot and SWA First Officer; Nicole Brown, owner, FBO Hoosier Aviation; Cathi Sweatt, local private pilot; and Kelsey Veatch, KHUF Finance Manager. Two members of the committee, Abel and Sweatt, have also competed in the race. Several members of the host committee also attended the 2019 Terminus event to see host operations in person.

The Terre Haute Regional Airport, Hulman Field (KHUF), is situated in the Wabash Valley of Indiana – the heart of the Midwest. Often noted as the third busiest airport in the state, the airport is home to general aviation, military operations, and Indiana State University Flight Academy. The airport features a 24-hour control tower, a 9,000-ft runway, paired with a 7,200-ft crosswind runway. They are home to the Terre Haute Air Show, hosting the USAF Thunderbirds and the US Navy Blue Angels, among many civilian acts, as well as hosting many NIFA Regional and National Competitions.

The fixed-base operator, Hoosier Aviation, is ready to provide you with fuel, weather planning resources, tie-downs, hangar space, rental aircraft, and flight training. Hoosier Aviation is also home to a bustling flight school, offering private, instrument, commercial, CFI, CFII ratings, as well as tailwheel and complex endorsements. Hoosier Aviation is one of only five FBOs in the state of Indiana certified for Department of Defense contract fueling, attracting a large number of military aircraft to the airport.

A community located in West Central Indiana, just east of the Illinois border, sitting on the banks of the Wabash, Terre Haute is a perfect location for events. Terre Haute is designated as an official “Tree City USA,” with 1,000+ acres of golf courses, trails, parks, and outdoors recreation. Terre Haute is the college town for the outdoors-oriented; one local favorite is the National Road Heritage Trail, a several dozen mile trail with a portion in Terre Haute extending into other Indiana towns and counties.

Terre Haute and its surrounding communities are affectionately referred to as the Wabash Valley. In the heart of the Midwest, Terre Haute is conveniently located within driving distance of seven major cities in Indiana and surrounding states. Terre Haute is a community revitalized with new downtown development, growing tourism assets, nationally-recognized facilities, and four higher education institutions, including Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Terre Haute was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the 10 Best College Towns in the US (colleg gazette.com, Jan. 2020).

We are excited to welcome the Air Race Classic to Terre Haute! We look forward to seeing everyone at future ARC events!

**Terminus Chair Kara McIntosh**  
**Airport Manager Jeff Hauser**







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## Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the 2022 ARC a success!

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](mailto:info@airraceclassic.org).

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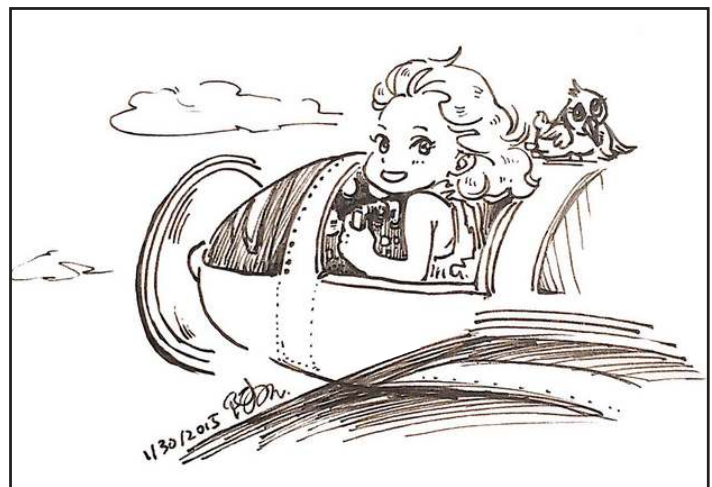
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# Meet the 2022 ARC Racers

## 1 | Michiana Redbirds

MARGARET WINT & SUSAN GLISSON  
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

**Margaret Wint** (Grand Rapids, MI) is flying her 5<sup>th</sup> Air Race Classic. She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones, and 1,050 hours flown.

Retired from Benz Aviation, Margaret “had 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. She races to meet other pilots and expand her flying experience. In her free time, Margaret enjoys sewing, cross-stitching and reading. She also loves to ride carousels and has gone out of her way to find them in small towns. Margaret has a young grandson who loves airplanes, and she hopes to take him up soon. Margaret is a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99s.

**Susan (“Sue”) Glisson** (Evansville, IN) is also flying her 5th Air Race Classic and is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 1,114 hours logged.

Sue is a retired schoolteacher, holding a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten and first grade students and enjoyed taking her students on field trips to



the airport. Sue races in the Air Race Classic because it “provides an opportunity to expand my flying skills and meet women pilots from many places with many experience levels. Seeing the U.S. from a small plane is an unforgettable experience!” Flying and aviation are Sue’s passions. She has served as social director, board member and newspaper editor for her local airport. She is a Young Eagles Coordinator for the local EAA chapter, membership chair of the KY Bluegrass 99s, and the North Central Section 99s Secretary. Sue is also a member of the Bluegrass Chapter of WAI.

## 2 | Sky Sisters

JOELENE SMITH & AMY HILLS  
BEECHCRAFT BONANZA A36

**Joelene** (Avon, IN) is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and has 733 hours in her logbook.

Joelene’s education and career have been in the agriculture field in R&D and production in order to support farmers by researching biotechnology, pesticides and seeds. She has wanted to participate in the ARC since she learned about the race. She is excited to meet and network with other female aviators. Joelene wants to “continue to improve my skills in aviation and I look forward to learning during the race and beyond”. Joelene volunteers with a nonprofit organization on a WWII PV-2 Harpoon. Her team especially likes her because she “fits into small spaces”! Joelene loves learning the mechanics behind her airplane by performing owner-assist annuals. She also likes to garden, run and swim.

**Amy** (Avon, IN) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, flight and advanced ground instructor ratings, and 435 hours logged.

Amy, a former software engineer with mathematics and computer science degrees, is currently a freelance graphics designer working toward her instrument flight instructor rating. She races



**Welcome first-time team of Joelene Smith and Amy Hills!**

for the history, “many of the female pioneers of aviation participated in this race”; the learning, “I can learn so much from more experienced pilots”; and for growth, “airports I wouldn’t typically fly into and safely pushing the boundaries of what I can do”. Amy is a first generation aviator walking a new path as a flight instructor, aircraft owner, and avid participant in the EAA Young Eagles program. She is also a mom of two girls and wife who enjoys camping, hiking or biking with her family. Amy is a member of the Indiana Chapter of the 99s.

### 3 | Third Time's the Charm

TERRY FIALA & GRETCHEN JAHN  
CESSNA SKYLINE 182T

Welcome, Terry Fiala (Highlands Ranch, CO) to her first Air Race Classic! She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, single-engine land and sea, with 862 hours logged.

Terry is a General Aviation Pilot, flying for fun and charity. Her weekday job allows her to manage a team of geospatial and aeronautical analysts at a Boeing subsidiary. Previously, she was in flight school management, was a classical musician and arts manager. She says, "Entering the ARC has long been a goal of mine. I'm very competitive, and the ARC is an opportunity to refine my skills while striving to be a better pilot." Terry is a competitive tennis player and owns a Cessna 182 with her husband, Jason, who is also a pilot. They take their two Australian Shepherds, Rudder and Turbo, with them on adventures in Colorado and further afield. Terry is a member of the Colorado Chapter of the 99s and the Mile High Chapter of WAI.

Gretchen Jahn (Broomfield, CO) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,200 hours logged.



Gretchen is a retired businesswoman and entrepreneur, focusing on manufacturing, aviation and management, and she founded a software company. Today, she spends her time with nonprofits. Gretchen flies the ARC "to see old friends and learn new things. The camaraderie is incredible. I love to meet and help new racers. There is always more to learn about the airplane, weather, aviation rules, team coordination, and personal capabilities." She spends her time with ARC archives and history, the ARC database, and 99s bylaws. Gretchen is an Assistant Director for the Air Race Classic, and a member of the Colorado Chapter of the 99s and the Mile High Chapter of WAI.



**'Each race you learn something new, and it definitely reinforces the reason why I love being a part of the aviation community.'** Susan Westervelt

### 4 | CLT Racers

STEPHANIE KORNEGAY & CHERILEIGH DAWSON  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182P

Steph (Charlotte, NC) holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with 728 hours in her logbook.

Steph is a professional golfer having played in the LPGA Tour before teaching golf in Europe and the U.S. She is the owner of KCO Management, a commercial real estate business which owns and operates hotels. Steph is racing to learn more, as well as enjoy the excitement of the race and meet new women pilots. She enjoys golf and still plays in tournaments when she is able. Steph enjoys painting and foreign languages. She states, "I am always up for an adventure and traveling!"

Cher (Port Orange, FL) is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, advanced ground instructor credentials; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; and 5,600 hours logged.

Cher grew up and instructed in Florida while attending the University of Central Florida. She was a corporate pilot before being hired at American Airlines, where she has been flying the 737 for 5 years. She recently returned to general aviation fun.



Welcome, first-time team, Stephanie ("Steph") Kornegay and Cherileigh ("Cher") Dawson!

Cher says of the Air Race Classic, "This will be a new experience for me. I'm racing for a new challenge as well as enjoying the camaraderie. I never thought about racing until my friend mentioned doing this in her 182. I look forward to an adventure of learning and laughing." She likes the great outdoors and the Carolina mountains. When not flying at American, she is riding motorcycles and trying to get better with her telescope. Cher is a member of the Sarasota Ladybugs Chapter of the 99s.



## 5 | LETU Racers

### SADIE MORGAN, MARENA DECKER & MACKENZIE FESSLER | LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Sadie (Longview, TX) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and has logged 290 hours.

Sadie is currently a senior, studying aviation management with a concentration in professional flight, and works for the university as a student dispatcher. She says, "I race because it is something that no one in my family has ever done before. I wanted to join the university's race team before I started college. I have recently been blessed with the opportunity to participate. I want to inspire other young girls to fly." Sadie grew up in a very small farming and ranching community in South Texas. She loves crafting, traveling, taking photos, baking, and volunteering her time to help others. Sadie is a member of the Texas Dogwood Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Marena (Longview, TX) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, an instrument rating, and complex and tailwheel endorsements, with 224 hours flown.

Marena is a student at LeTourneau University pursuing a degree in flight and aircraft maintenance and is hoping to find a career where she can use both her flight and maintenance experience. She is currently working toward her CFI and will begin instructing for the university this fall. Marena races because she enjoys challenging her skills as a pilot and being around a community that encourages her to continue to pursue aviation. Marena first



**Welcome, first-time team of Sadie Morgan, Marena Decker, and Mackenzie ("Kenzie") Fessler!**

got interested in aviation when her brother and dad got their pilot certificates while she was in high school, and she loves being able to share her passion for aviation with them both. Marena is a member-at-large of WAI.

Kenzie (Longview, TX) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 119 hours in her logbook.

Kenzie has worked the past few years at a small cookie business, but is focusing on her education now as a full-time college student. She has never been a part of something like the ARC and wants "to race because it would be a new challenge for me and an opportunity to grow in my skills, and fellowship with some awesome women along the way." Kenzie loves the outdoors and creating things. For fun, she loves to longboard with her friends, play the piano or guitar and sing, create art and read.

## 6 | Boilermaker Racers

### CHARITY WEKE & ALEXANDRA SMALL PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181 | PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Chatty (Lafayette, IN) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement, single-engine flight instructor credentials, a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones, and has 270 hours in her logbook.

Although Chatty has worked different jobs in the past few years, she hasn't found one that beats flying. She hopes to build a career at FedEx or in the Air Force. Chatty credits transferring to Purdue with more opportunities for her, including the Air Race Classic. Being raised in a different cultural background where women were supposed to stay home, she feels lucky that her mom encouraged her to have bigger dreams. She loves animals and volunteering at local animal shelters. Chatty is a member of the Indiana Chapter of the 99s and the Purdue Chapter of WAI.

Alex (Harleysville, PA) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, single-engine flight instructor credentials, and 250 hours logged.

An undergraduate student studying Professional Flight Technology and Cybersecurity, Alex works as a flight instructor and as Technical Assistant to the Chief Flight Instructor and Chief Dis-



**Welcome to the first-time team of Charity ("Chatty") Weke and Alexandra ("Alex") Small!**

patcher. She loves flying, but also technology, which prompted the different majors. Alex is excited to see where these will lead her, especially as aviation technology becomes more advanced. She is racing because "I want to be like all the amazing women who've come before me." When she was younger, Alex read about the first few women who took to the skies and she still feels the same sense of empowerment instilled within her. Alex is a member of the Purdue Chapter of WAI.

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## 7 | Missile Minions

CANDIE OLDHAM & SUSAN WESTERVELT |  
MOONEY 201 M20J

Candace (“Candie”) Oldham (East Falmouth, MA) and Susan (“Sue”) Westervelt (Nutley, NJ) are flying the ARC together for the seventh time.

Candie is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and high performance endorsements, and 2,553 hours in her logbook.

Candie is retired and has previously worked for a variety of companies, both aviation and non-aviation related. She is competing in the ARC again “for the challenge of this unique type of flying and for the opportunity to race with Susan — can’t believe our first race was 22 years ago!” When she’s not flying, Candie enjoys quilting, cycling, hiking, watching classic movies, doing puzzles, and playing games. She completed a quilt to be used as a fundraiser for the 2018 ARC and this winter went on her first Road Scholar tour to Central America. Candie is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of the 99s.

Sue holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high performance endorsements, and 1,600 hours logged.

As a practice administrator and registered nurse for a team of spinal surgeons, Sue enjoys working with the talented surgeons



and staff to help patients get back to enjoying their lives again. Said Sue, “I enjoy flying to new and different parts of the country, spending time with such talented and interesting women pilots, and in particular flying with Candie in her Mooney Missile. It is so much fun to do the flybys and meet the people in the communities at the stops.”

When she’s not flying, Sue likes traveling and spending time with family and friends. She is a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

## 8 | Flying Sycamores

EVELYN REED, NIA SPILLER & SYDNEY KREMER  
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY | DIAMOND DA40

**Evelyn (“Evie”) Reed (St. Louis, MO) is flying her first Air Race Classic!** She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with complex endorsement, instrument ground instructor credentials, and 340 hours in her logbook.

Evie recently graduated and wants to complete her R-ATP hours by being a CFI. Her goal is to fly for a regional airline and, eventually, as a Captain at United Airlines. Evie says she races to learn from and connect with other racers, receive valuable experience with flying above different terrain, and take advantage of a fantastic opportunity she wouldn’t otherwise have in training. She says, “I love being creative! My family is everything to me - especially my sister! She inspires me every day.” Evie is a member of the Indiana Chapter of the 99s and the Indiana State University Chapter of WAI.

**Nia Spiller (Louisville, KY) is flying her second Air Race Classic** and is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, certified flight instructor credentials, and 381 hours in her logbook.

Nia is a graduate from Indiana State, with a double major in Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Management. “I race because I love creating new experiences and memories regarding aviation,” says Nia. One Christmas, Nia’s parents



got her an introduction to aerobatics flight, and she has been hooked ever since. Outside of aviation, dancing and cooking are her main hobbies, having a calming and stress-relieving effect. Nia is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter of the 99s and the Indiana State University Chapter of WAI.

**Sydney Kremer (Bourbonnias, IL) is also flying her first Air Race Classic!** She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement and 240 hours logged.

Sydney is an ambassador for Republic Airways and plans to flight instruct at Indiana State. She is almost done with her Commercial certificate! One of Sydney’s main interests is traveling. “I love seeing the world and experiencing other cultures. A career in aviation offers me this along with many other benefits.”

## 9 | Cardinal Cruisers

MINNETTA GARDINIER & JENEAUNE VISSER  
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

**Minnetta Gardinier** (Iowa City, IA) is back for her thirteenth ARC. She holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with an instrument rating and 2,454 hours logged.

Minnetta is an Associate Professor Emerita of Pharmacology and retired Associate Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Iowa. During her time at the university, she taught and directed a laboratory for multiple sclerosis research. Says Minnetta, "Each race is a new adventure, and introduces me to new flying experiences and new friends in aviation. I return each year for the great fun, friendship and flying that it offers." Flying is her No. 1 hobby, and she volunteers with EAA and the Iowa FAAS-Team. She also enjoys travel (preferably in her own plane), reading, gardening, and attending theater, performing arts and sporting events. Minnetta is a member of the Iowa Chapter of the 99s.

**Jeneanne Visser** (Grimes, IA) is flying her third ARC! She has an instrument-rated Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 582 hours logged.



Jeneanne has been in mortgage operations for 26 years and is currently an AVP in Credit/Underwriting. She says she races "for the challenge, the experience, the fun, and the opportunity to share my passion for aviation." She enjoys learning from fellow racers and says the friends she's made are the biggest benefit. When not flying a Cessna 172 or Piper Archer, she flies a 1941 Stinson 10A for fun. She also rides a Harley Davidson and loves photography. Jeneanne is an Assistant Director for the Air Race Classic and a member of the Iowa Chapter of the 99s.

**"In last year's Air Derby, the cicadas were out in full force the day we raced. They chased us around the ramp and one flew into the backseat of the plane! I mustered up the courage to scoop it out with the checklists. Terrifying at the moment, but hilarious looking back!" Evie Reed**



## 10 | Tennessee Flight Training

BUNNIE AMBROSE & ALEXA BAUMGARTNER  
AEROSPATIALE TAMPICO TB9

Bunnie (Nashville, TN) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single-engine land, a current instrument rating, flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials, a complex endorsement, and has 417 flight hours.

Bunnie is a full-time Medical Laboratory Technologist and part-time flight instructor. One day, she plans to be a full-time pilot! Bunnie says about the Air Race Classic, "Ever since I've heard of this race, I have wanted to do it. The combination of comradery and competition with my fellow lady aviators as well as the navigation planning seems like an adventure of a lifetime!" In addition to flying, Bunnie enjoys snow skiing, hiking, mountain biking, and traveling, and has completed an Ironman triathlon. Bunnie is a board member of the Nashville Chapter of the 99s and a member of the Music City Chapter of WAI.

Alexa (Nashville, TN) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a high performance endorsement, flight instructor credentials, and 401 hours logged.

Alexa is currently a certified flight instructor and is working toward her instrument flight instructor credentials, as well as her



**Welcome, first-time team of Bunnie Ambrose and Alexa Baumgartner!**

multi-engine rating. As a former flight attendant at Delta Airlines, she was granted a leave of absence to pursue becoming a pilot with Delta. Alexa says she is racing "to show a presence of females in the aviation community." She is also racing to represent her flight school as well as the Nashville 99s. Besides flying, Alexa enjoys hiking, running and being outdoors. She enjoys giving back and volunteering at the Mount Juliet Humane Society. Alexa is a member of the Nashville Chapter of the 99s and the Music City Chapter of WAI.

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## 12 | Freakin Awesome

MALINDA CAYWOOD & MARY WUNDER  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

**Malinda ("Lin") Caywood** (Frederick, MD) is flying the Air Race Classic for the ninth time. An instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, she has single-engine land and sea certificates; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; single-engine and instrument flight and ground instructor credentials; and 2,450 hours logged.

After more than 30 years of real estate and mortgage banking experience, Lin retired and is now self-employed as a certified flight instructor, with occasional mortgage banking consulting. Her reason for racing? "The ability to spend time with a group of highly motivated, highly accomplished women pilots is a big motivator," Lin said. Lin is a Director and Safety Officer for the ARC, volunteers with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) and the 99s to give back while flying. She is currently helping her fiance restore a Cessna 150. Lin is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s and the Blue Ridge Chapter of WAI.

**Mary Wunder** (Collegeville, PA) returns for her twelfth Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; a current instrument rating; and 2,920 hours flown.

Before she retired as an air traffic controller, Mary says, "I had the best job ever. Where else can you tell people what to do and



they have to listen to you?" Mary races "because it's so much fun. I learned to fly in the '70s, and racing gives me the opportunity to try new things and an excuse to get to different parts of the country. Plus, time spent flying with your girlfriends – priceless!" She is a permanent trustee of the 99s Endowment Fund, teaches homeopathy, and calls Bingo when she is in Florida; her nickname is "Fast Mary"! Mary is a Director with the Air Race Classic. She is also a member of WAI and the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s.

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## 13 | Blue Footed Booby

LORRAINE DENBY & AMY MYZIE  
PIPER ARROW PA-28R-180

**Lorraine Denby** (Berkeley Heights, NJ) is back for her fourth Air Race Classic and is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, complex and high performance endorsements, and 3,741 hours flown.

A data scientist, Lorraine is a fellow of the American Statistical Association, a winner of the Edison Patent Award and holds a PhD. She holds 19 patents and has authored more than 50 publications. "Racing is just SO MUCH fun," says 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." Lorraine is the New Jersey Wing Emergency Services Training Officer for the Civil Air Patrol. She is 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 and a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

**Amy Myzie** (Flemington, NJ) is flying her fourth Air Race Classic and holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex endorsement, and 1,250 hours in her logbook.



Amy is a retired police lieutenant who served 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 races "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. Amy is an Assistant Director with the ARC and a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the 99s.

## 14 | ARCher Attitudes

### MARY BRYANT & YVONNE WIBBEN PIPER ARCHER III PA-28-181

Mary (St Petersburg, FL) is an Airline Transport Pilot, with 6,500 hours logged. Her ratings are single- and multi-engine land; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; with complex, high performance, tailwheel endorsements; and a jet type rating.

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 races because it's fun and challenging and requires a pilot to engage in all aspects of planning, flying and decision making. Prep time on the ground is what wins races, and the flight is simply executing the plan well. Mary is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Yvonne (Dunedin, FL) is an Airline Transport Pilot, with a current instrument rating; credentials as an instrument and multi-engine flight instructor; complex and high performance endorsements; and a jet type rating; with 16,300 flight hours.

Yvonne started flying at the age of 32 with a goal to make jet captain before age 40. She succeeded just before her 40th



Welcome to the first-time team of Mary Bryant and Yvonne Wibben!

birthday! After flying for American Eagle and AirTran, she is happily flying in the left seat on 737s for Southwest Airlines. This is Yvonne's first race of any kind. Being "somewhat competitive", when she read through the ARC website, her first thought was, "This is for me!" Outside of aviation, Yvonne enjoys traveling the country and the world with her boyfriend, hiking, biking, camping, being on the water, and learning to play the guitar. She is a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI and the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s.

## 15 | Team Bernoulli

### NAIARA PETRALANDA & LAUREN THOMPSON BEECHCRAFT DEBONAIR 33

This is the third Air Race Classic for Naiara Petralanda (Lady Lake, FL). Naiara holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; and 7,616 hours logged.

A former professor and researcher, she is now president and chief estimator for a company that does earthworks, underground utilities and roads/parking lots. Asked why she is racing, Naiara says, "The Air Race Classic provides a unique opportunity to challenge myself and also meet other women that have the same interest as I do!" Says Naiara, "Since I love flying so much, I make sure everything that I do involves flying. Therefore, every time I meet with friends/family, I make sure somebody can pick me up at the closest airport." She is a member of the Embry-Riddle Daytona Chapter of the 99s.

**Lauren Thompson** (DeBary, FL) is back for her third ARC. She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; a current instrument rating; instrument flight and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; and 600 hours in her logbook.



Lauren taught aviation English at the Civil Aviation University of China before returning to the USA. She now works for L3Harris Flight Academy as the Assistant Chief Ground Instructor. Having raced in the ARC for Purdue University, and again after graduation, Lauren says, "I love competition and getting to meet new people. I've had three children and I'm ready to be back racing this year!" Her children keep her busy, but Lauren is also a left-handed Crossfitter who loves to bake and play cards. She loves the number 10! She enjoys being outdoors, being adventurous and trying new things. She is training for her first sprint triathlon in August. Lauren is a member of the Daytona Chapter of the 99s.



## 16 | Birds of Paragon

KATIE TRUEDSON, CONSTANCE LEEGE &  
CASSANDRA THOMPSON-PRIDE  
PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

Katie (Punta Gorda, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; credentials as an instrument and multi-engine flight instructor; endorsements for complex and high performance, and 869 hours flown.

Katie is a flight instructor at Paragon Flight and plans to go to the airlines. She became a pilot to chase her dream and love for aviation. She traded in her graphic design degree for a pair of wings! Katie is racing because "I love the competition created in a race. I've always been very competitive and love to bond with other women pilots in a fun and competitive way." Katie is teaching her dad to fly in a Cessna 172, sharing aviation with someone she loves, who saw her go through her training. Katie is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of the 99s and the Central Florida Chapter of WAI.

Connie (Cape Coral, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with flight instructor credentials, and 445 hours in her logbook.

A retired U.S. Secret Service Special Agent, Connie is pursuing a second career as a flight instructor. She considers it most rewarding to learn a skill in which she alone will be in charge of an aircraft from takeoff to landing. Connie is "a huge fan of the TV show, 'The Amazing Race'; how could I not participate in the Air Race Classic, the epitome of female aviators' Amazing Race?!" She is the Chairman for her 99s chapter and a member of the



Welcome to the first-time team of Katie Truedson, Constance ("Connie") Legee, and Cassandra ("Cassie") Thompson-Pride!

Civil Air Patrol. Outside of aviation, she enjoys driving her 1949 Ford pickup to car shows or spending time at the beach. Connie is a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI and the Paradise Coast Chapter of the 99s.

Cassie (Ft Myers, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, has a current instrument rating, and 227 flight hours.

As a freshman in high school, Cassie took an aviation elective class and immediately fell in love. She started flying in her junior year in high school and is now completing her degree in aviation at Liberty University. She works part-time as a dispatcher. When asked why she races, Cassie says, "I love being able to represent my flight school and, hopefully, bring more young women into aviation." Cassie is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of the 99s.

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## 17 | Golden Eagles

SUSAN LARSON & CELIA VANDERPOOL  
CESSNA SKYLANE RG R182

This is the 13th Air Race Classic for Susan Larson (Santa Fe, NM), a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and helicopter, with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 4,766 hours under her belt.

Susan is former owner/operator of a helicopter charter and tour company, former owner and manager of a pallet company and a former Certified Public Accountant. She says, "I'm closer every day to 'true' retirement." Of the ARC, Susan says, "This year, I desperately need to reconnect with my ARC family and tune-up my racing skills. The acquisition of #17, formerly flown by Marge Thayer and Helen "Wheels" Beulen with many Top 10 finishes, is inspiring me to not only honor Marge's memory, but also to strive for a penalty-free outcome." Supportive family and friends encouraged her to pursue her passion for aviation. Susan is a member of the Rio Grande Norte Chapter of the 99s.

Celia Vanderpool (San Clemente, CA) is flying her fourth ARC! She holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; certi-



fied flight instructor and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; and 4,000 hours in her logbook.

Celia's father was a B26 pilot in Korea who never returned. He is still listed as "missing and unaccounted for" which is one reason warbirds hold a special interest for her. When asked why she races, Celia, who is a retired educator, flight instructor and NASA aeronautics contractor, said, "I just can't stop. It's too much fun and the people are a privilege to know." Celia loves flying seaplanes and enjoys anything outdoors, nature, animals, painting, and travel. She has an unfinished checklist of flying American History trails with her dog in an old Cessna 180. Celia is a member of the Orange County (CA) Chapter of the 99s.

## 20 | DC3(-1)

### DEBORAH DREYFUSS & JOY HALCOTT CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

Deborah ("Debi") Dreyfuss (Potomac, MD) is back for her 11th ARC! With 3,200 hours under her belt, Debi is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land; flight instructor credentials; complex, high performance, tailwheel, and formation flying endorsements.

Retired, Debi wanted to fly since age 6, when her uncle took her for a ride in his Cessna 172. Now, she says, "I race for fun, camaraderie and the competition. That, and I need to convince my husband that I really need a reason to keep my Cessna 182 in my fleet of three planes." She funds the "Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different" award for local 99s chapters. She has a Texas taildragger, a glass-panel 182 and a Piper Mirage. Deb is a member of the Washington DC Chapter of the 99s, Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the 99s, and a member of the Capital Region Chapter of WAI.

**Joy Halcott (Baltimore, MD) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** Joy has a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land; ground instructor credentials; a tailwheel endorsement; and has flown 400 hours. She is currently pursuing her instrument rating.



Joy is an Administrative Assistant for a community college. She is racing to fulfill a dream and to encourage others, especially young girls, and to promote awareness of and educate in the area of aviation. She volunteers with her local Civil Air Patrol, is a member of a flying club, and volunteers as often as she can with Girls in Flight Training. Joy is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the 99s.

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**"During a previous ARC, while taxiing after landing, the plane lost all of its avionics, which created a 'quiet moment' in the cockpit. It was soon solved when we realized the iPad had clipped off the master!" Bj Carter**

## 21 | Cool Beans

### ALISON CHALKER & LINDA EVANS CESSNA SKYLANE 182S

Alison Chalker (Moorestown, NJ) returns to ARC for the eighth time. She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 1,659 hours flown.

Alison works in the pharmaceutical industry working with teams to develop new drugs for infectious diseases, cardiovascular conditions, and neuropsychiatric illnesses. Alison says, "I feel very privileged to fly, and few pilots get to have an experience like this. This is an opportunity to spend quality time with some of my best friends, test my pilotage and explore the USA from a unique vantage point. It's an adventure every time!" Alison is an Assistant Director of the ARC.

This is the eighth Air Race Classic for Linda Evans (North Wales, PA). She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements, an Airframe and Powerplant certificate, and 1,911 hours in her logbook.

Linda flies the ARC "simply because I love it! Where else can you challenge yourself, visit places far and wide and do it with a



group of amazing and talented women?" During the 2014 race, her team encountered challenging weather going over the Rockies, and circled over the Great Salt Lake for 15 minutes before it cleared. Said Linda, "Our race track on that leg was a mostly straight line with a giant donut in the middle!" Linda retired from the Business Technology organization at Pfizer (formerly Wyeth). She keeps busy with her six godchildren, who range in age from 17 to 35. Of the six, four have flown with Linda. In addition to flying and working on planes, she enjoys playing golf and watching/attending sporting events. Both Alison and Linda are members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s. Linda is also a Member-at-Large of WAI and Treasurer of the ARC.





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## 22 | SCRATCHED

### ROYCE CLIFFORD & MELISSA SLIFFE BEECHCRAFT SIERRA C24R

**Royce Clifford** (Encinitas, CA) returns for her eleventh ARC. 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. Asked why she flies the ARC, Royce replied, "Camaraderie, challenge, the need for speed, and the fact that life is short." Royce plays the piano "enough to be dangerous" and, 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 the fourth Air Race Classic 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 4,087 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 races "because it's challenging and because I was invited. To encourage others toward airman excellence." Melissa is an aviculturalist, 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.

## 23 | SCRATCHED

### ELIZABETH RESH & SOPHIA SEAY CIRRUS SR20

**Elizabeth** (Calera, OK) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; instrument flight instructor credentials; and has 1,250 hours in her logbook.

Elizabeth works as the Lead Flight Instructor for Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She loves helping students learn more about aviation and find their passion. Elizabeth is racing "to stretch my skills as a pilot and to gain more experience. As a flight instructor, I want to bring this experience back to my students so they can learn as well." In addition to meeting new friends while flying, she enjoys photography and uses flying to help her students start their careers in aviation. Elizabeth is a member of the Southeastern Aviators Chapter of WAI.

**Sophia** (Durant, OK) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 279 hours logged.

Sophie is a flight instructor at her school and holds a Professional Pilot degree. She is a third-generation pilot and the first female pilot in her family and is pursuing a career with the airlines. Sophie is racing "to truly test my skills as a pilot and to push myself out of my comfort zone. I'd love to show little girls that



Welcome to the first-time team of **Elizabeth Resh** and **Sophia ("Sophie") Seay!**

they can do anything they put their mind to. I'm also inspired by my father's never ending passion for aviation and hope to make him proud." Sophie said her parents never let her think she was limited by being a girl, and have always pushed her to pursue everything she is passionate about. She is dedicating this race to her parents. Sophie is a member of the Southeastern Aviators Chapter of WAI.

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## 24 | Wolverine

### KAI-TING LIN & LAUREN CVETKO DIAMOND DA40

Katie (Provo, UT) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; certified flight instructor credentials for single- and multi-engine, and single-engine instrument; advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; and has 311 hours in her logbook. Katie also has a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones.

Katie is an online academic advisor, as well as a flight instructor. She is racing because she "would love some experience flying on the east coast and having other new flight experiences. I would also love to meet more female pilots in the industry." Katie is from Taiwan and moved to Utah at age 16. During her free time, she enjoys being outdoors with anything involving sports. She loves spending time with her friends and family. Katie is a member of the Utah Valley University Chapter of WAI.

Lauren (Draper, UT) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating, instrument flight instructor credentials, and 565 hours logged.

Lauren is a commercial pilot and a flight instructor. She also has experience as a line technician. Lauren is racing "to gain



Welcome first-time team of Kai-Ting ("Katie") Lin and Lauren Cvetko!

more experience in flying in different environments. I am also excited to meet other women that are in aviation, and making new connections." In addition to flying, Lauren enjoys painting, hiking and yoga. On her days off, she can usually be found on the ski slopes or hanging out with her pets. Lauren is a member of the Utah Valley University Chapter of WAI.

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## 25 | Free Rein

### SHERRY KANDLE & BRENDA CARTER CESSNA SKYLANE 182K

Sherry Kandle (Boise, ID) is flying her seventh Air Race Classic and is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high performance endorsement, and has logged 1,077 hours.

Sherry is a retired software engineer and project manager for government, manufacturing and aviation applications. After retiring, she started an airplane maintenance business. Sherry races "for the adventure, flybys, and cross country flights. Racing motivates me to improve my flying skills, and I have learned so much more about my airplane. I enjoy the planning and preparation it takes. I especially look forward to hanging out with friends I have met through racing." Sherry's husband, Doug, is also a pilot, and aviation interests consume much of their time. They like to fly and camp at OshKosh and in the Idaho wilderness. They have two Border Collies in the family. Sherry enjoys books, movies, bike rides, and tennis. Sherry is a Director and Secretary for the Air Race Classic and a member of the Idaho Chapter of the 99s.

Brenda ("Bj") Carter (Boise, ID) is back for her ninth ARC! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high performance endorsement, and 933 hours logged.

Bj is totally involved in her third career - retirement! She says it is interesting and fun to look back on her career teach-



ing and working CSI for the Boise Police Department. She enjoys recalling favorite stories, events, and adventures from those times. She says, "I fly the Air Race because of the people, and the race sharpens my flying skills and knowledge. I get excited knowing that I am going to get to race again." Bj's interests include fly fishing (just learning), golfing (always learning), cross country skiing, snowshoeing, rafting, reading, and road and trail biking. Bj is a member of the Idaho Chapter of the 99s.



## 27 | Saluki Aces

MEADOW BODEN & ABBY LEE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-CARBONDALE  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Meadow (Carbondale, IL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 270 hours flown.

Meadow works flight operations for SIUC, which has given her the ability to celebrate other women pilots' accomplishments, from seeing their faces after their first solo flight to congratulating them on new certificates and ratings. She is participating in the Air Race "for the future of aviation", proving to herself that small town girls can have huge goals. Meadow enjoys watching any sport, especially college football. She is a first-generation pilot and wouldn't be where she is today without her parents' support. Growing up in a carnival has taught Meadow many life skills that have shaped her into the person she is today!

Abby (Carbondale, IL) is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and is an instrument flight instructor, with 760 flight hours.

Abby is a full-time flight instructor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She just recently obtained her CFII and will start work on her multi-engine rating soon. She has been able to do some fun flying with the tailwheel endorsement and really looks



Welcome first-time team of Meadow Boden and Abby Lee!

forward to working on her seaplane rating. With only six other women in her graduating class, Abby has always been dedicated to inspiring younger generations and others to see the beauty in aviation, like her dad once did. When she first came to the university, Abby was not enrolled in the flight program because she didn't know very many women in aviation. She says she doubted herself and her potential as a female. After a few short weeks, Abby started flight training and has received so much support from those around her. Abby is a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators Chapter of WAI.

## 28 | Flying Carastros

MARIE CARASTRO, SUSAN CARASTRO  
& DANIELLE CARASTRO | CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

Susan Carastro (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 18th time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 2,900 hours in her logbook.

Susan races to spend time with her mom, vacation, meet new friends, visit with old friends, and challenge her cross-country skills. A veterinary ophthalmologist, Susan has "one of the most enjoyable and challenging careers, managing eye problems for all of God's four-legged creatures, from dogs, cats and horses to giraffes and rhinos." Susan enjoys horseback riding, including trail and polo. She plays racquetball and enjoys running regularly. She also likes scuba diving and snowboarding. Susan is a member of the Florida Gold Coast Chapter of the 99s.

This is also the 18th ARC for Marie Carastro (Montgomery, AL) and, at 94, she is setting a record as the oldest racer to fly the race! She holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements and 2,200 hours flown.

Marie flew in the 1960 Powder Puff Derby and races the ARC to "spend quality one-on-one time with my daughter, see old friends, make new ones, and experience the thrill, excitement and challenge of piloting across the country." Marie has been a registered dietitian for 60 years and is in private practice as a nutritional consultant on federal and state health provider standards. She incorporated aviation into her career by flying to con-



sulting jobs in a Cessna 172. Her interest in aviation began when her brother was drafted into the Army Air Corps during World War II to fly B-25s. Since women weren't allowed, she decided to learn to fly at her local airport instead. When they fly the ARC, "Susan and I alternate legs," Marie said, "and somehow I get all the difficult legs!" Gardening, genealogy, travel, and family are among Marie's passions. She is a recipient of the Master Pilot Award and a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

Danielle Carastro (Ocean Springs, MS) is flying her third Air Race Classic and is a Student Pilot with 50 hours logged.

Danielle is a student at Auburn University-Montgomery. She has several plans for her future career, including aviation, and is excited to continue to expand her knowledge during this year's race. Danielle says, "My grandmother and aunt have raced for years; I'm trying to keep up the family tradition." She enjoys horseback riding, video games, soccer, and anything to do with water and the beach. She also loves spending time with her family.

## 29 | Challenger LBs

LYDIA BALDWIN & SHELBE JARRETT  
PIPER CHALLENGER PA-28-180

Lydia Baldwin (Fort Collins, CO) is flying her tenth Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 2,495 hours logged.

Lydia recently retired from a professional career as an intensive care nurse and hospital manager. The work she performed contributed to skilled, compassionate care and was a very satisfying profession. Lydia races "to enjoy an adventure with teammates and 50+ of my aviatrix friends. I race to challenge myself to think about the opportunities, possibilities and potential for success. I race because those who did so before me raced with grace, skill and poise and I admire their achievements". Lydia loves living in northern Colorado with her husband, Marc, who is also a pilot. They enjoy biking, hiking and flying. She was inspired to earn her private pilot certificate by her mother, Caroline, who, Lydia says, always inspired her to be confident, positive, thoughtful, and to enjoy life. Lydia is a member of the Colorado Chapter of the 99s.

**Shelbe Jarrett (New Alexandria, PA) is flying her first ARC!**

Shelbe is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating, credentials as an instrument flight instructor, and 573 hours in her logbook.



Shelbe just finished as a graduate assistant for the aviation program at South Dakota State University, teaching classes on campus and flight instructing. She is now an adjunct professional and flight instructor. She also works as an instructional designer. Shelbe is racing "because I would love the real life experience and I felt that it could possibly be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I couldn't pass up! I'm also very excited to meet other women in aviation who share a similar passion." During undergraduate school, Shelbe was an NCA Division I athlete in women's equestrian. Riding horses has always been a lifelong passion and something she and her mother bond over. She also loves traveling, hiking and being outdoors. Shelbe is a member of Women in Aviation.



**This year, Marie Carastro sets the record for the oldest woman to fly the air race! In 2016, when Danielle flew with her grandmother and aunt, Danielle was the youngest woman to fly the race! Team 28**

## 30 | SCRATCHED

TAYLOR HALL & MICAELA TAYLOR  
NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Taylor (Kentwood, MI) holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, current instrument rating, and has logged 134 hours.

Taylor went to high school at West Michigan Aviation Academy, where she earned her Private Pilot certificate. She is now majoring in aviation and hopes to have a career as a corporate pilot. Although her first time flying the Air Race Classic, Taylor says, "I am looking forward to gaining flight experience and taking part in this opportunity." Being a college student, flying and homework takes up most of her time; however, Taylor's other hobbies are cooking and trying new foods, as well as traveling with her family. Taylor is a member of the Northwestern Michigan College Chapter of WAI.

Micaela (Traverse City, MI) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; a current instrument rating; instrument flight instructor credentials; and complex, high performance and tail-wheel endorsements; with 500 hours flown.

Micaela has been employed as a flight instructor for almost a year. Previously, she worked as a ticket/gate agent for United and



Welcome first-time team of Taylor Hall and Micaela Taylor!

Delta airlines. Flying her first ARC, Micaela says, "This is really exciting to me! I always love to try new things and be able to better advance my pilot skills. I feel like this is a wonderful way to not only do that, but to also gain a lot of experience." Micaela enjoys being outside playing sports, including softball, soccer, ice skating, snowboarding and "basically will join in any outdoor game." She has flown across the U.S. twice, although not in a race.



## 31 | Rocket City Flyers

EILEEN HAMBY & KATHLEEN POWELL  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182P

Eileen Hamby (Scottsboro, AL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high performance endorsements, single-engine certified flight instructor credentials, and 800 hours in her logbook.

Eileen served 25 years in the Air Force before retiring and she recently earned her flight instructor credentials. She enjoys helping current and future female pilots. Eileen is flying her second ARC and flies it for “the thrill, the challenge, the experience, and the camaraderie”. Besides flying, Eileen enjoys a wide range of hobbies and interests, from flying, aircraft maintenance, wood-working, hiking, walking, and weight lifting to sewing, quilting, gardening, traveling, playing cards, volunteering, and spending time with family, friends, and the flying community. Eileen is a member of the Southern Airways Chapter of Women in Aviation and the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

**Kathleen (“Kathy”) Powell (Athens, AL) to her first Air Race Classic!** Kathy holds a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 184 hours under her belt.

Kathy spent her working years in healthcare in positions such as dietary aide, nurse’s aide, pre- and post-op nurse, utilization review, and quality management. Nursing provided an opportunity for employment as she relocated for her husband’s career.



Kathy is participating in the ARC to “support a 99s sister more interested in this type of challenge than I, but looking forward to the camaraderie and opportunity to expand my aviation knowledge and experience”. Kathy was 56 years old when she decided it was time to fly. Her son, a Naval aviator, general aviation and cargo pilot, was very supportive. They moved to Alabama to live in a golf community and the great Alabama 99s Chapter, of which she is now a member, found her. She also enjoys biking, reading and crocheting.

## 32 | Whack-A-Mole!

ELAINE STOOK, MARY MCMAHON & JERI BARRIENTOS  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182A

Elaine Stook (Tulsa, OK) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with high performance endorsement, a private helicopter rating, and 1,130 hours flown.

Most of Elaine’s work experience was in healthcare, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa, then as a Medical Technologist. Working as a Physician Assistant in various specialties over the last 40 years has been the highlight and joy of her career. Elaine is flying her 6th Air Race Classic and says, “Annual ARC races have proven to be great fun, a wonderful way to meet new and old friends, and an opportunity to challenge all of our skills in ways that are hard to match in general recreation flying”. She has enjoyed travel within most of the USA, much of Mexico and has had several European adventures. She looks forward to, once again, flying her trusty vintage Cessna 182 in the Air Race. Elaine is a member-at-large of the 99s and WAI.

**Mary McMahon (Winchester, CA) is flying her second Air Race Classic and is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, and 920 hours flown.**

Mary worked as an engineer in medical device manufacturing for 11 years until 2000, when she decided to work for herself as a consultant. She “retired” in 2011 to spend more time in the air, but went back to work in 2015 for a short contract before becoming happily retired again. Mary races for “the combination of the challenge,



competition and camaraderie. Also, this year, since I grew up near Terre Haute, I will have the opportunity to visit home and family.” Mary is a member of the Coyote Country Chapter of the 99s.

**Welcome, Jeri Barrientos, to her first Air Race Classic!** Jeri (Tulsa, OK) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement, and 340 hours in her logbook.

Jeri is a CEO and holistic financial planner who focuses on wealth management by minimizing taxes and protecting retirees or those close to retirement. Growing up in a three-generation family business provides her with additional experience to pass on to families and their businesses in business succession planning. Jeri is racing because “I am highly competitive against myself and want to achieve greater things in this life that is bigger than one’s self. I love a challenge, meeting new women aviators and mentoring others. And I would love to take over the world while helping others learn about aviation!” Jeri grew up at a small airport and she has three children. She loves nature, flying, traveling, and is active in her community. Her father built airplanes as a hobby and helped others grow their love for aviation by creating a pilot’s lounge to offer community aviation support. Jeri is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the 99s.

## 33 | Lady aCes

### RICHELE FLOYD, KAITLIN CONWAY & JENSEN DIX CESSNA CENTURION 210L

Richele (Lakeland, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with a current instrument rating, certified flight instructor and advanced ground instructor credentials; complex, high performance, and tailwheel endorsements; and 420 hours flown.

Richele is the Scholarship Director for an organization that offers flight training and tuition scholarships. She is also an educator and holds teaching credentials in math and science. Richele is "excited to participate this year. I work with many high school age students and would love to see them be part of the (race) team. The starting airport is my home airport, so I thought this would be a great year to get started!" In addition to flying, Richele loves being on the water and outdoors in general. She has had a lot of cool aviation experiences and loves to fly seaplanes and tailwheels and has even been in a glider, helicopter, gyroplane, and a Blue Angles #7 F-18 Hornet! Richele is a member of the Lakeland Chapter of WAI.

Kaitlin (Lakeland, FL) is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 117 hours flown.

Kaitlin is newer to the world of aviation, having recently accepted a job as a Work-Study intern at the Polk State College building at the Lakeland airport. This allows her to focus as much as she can on flying. Kaitlin is racing "because of the experience and memories I will gain. We will get to travel all over and see new things that, as a student, I have yet to get a chance to do. This is also a great opportunity to meet many other female aviators and people that support aviation." Some of her hobbies outside of aviation include reading fiction books, playing video games and board games, and traveling. Her interests are space, dinosaurs and aviation. She loves



#### Welcome first-time team of Richele Floyd, Kaitlin Conway and Jensen Dix!

spending time with her family and taking her dogs on new adventures. Kaitlin is a member of Women in Aviation.

Jensen (Winter Haven, FL) is a Student Pilot, single-engine land, with a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones, and 5 hours flown.

Jensen currently attends Central Florida Aerospace Academy and is part of the Lakeland Aero Club. The club allows her to gain mechanic skills as well as flight experience. Jensen didn't know about the Air Race Classic until one of her mentors suggested that she host and coordinate some of the activities during this event. She says, "I am lucky enough to have very dedicated people helping me to come up with a multigenerational team who are in different stages of their flight training." Some of Jensen's hobbies include biking, operating drones, and kayaking. She also enjoys baking and cooking and likes to be out on the water wakeboarding. Jensen is a member of the Florida Heartland Chapter of the 99s.

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## 34 | Cirrusly Fast

### SARA ETHERINGTON & CHRISTA GRIFFIN KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC CIRRUS SR22

Sara (Olathe, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 179 hours flown.

Sara has been working in the aviation field for over 4 years. When she started flying, she found a job at a local FBO working line service and just fell in love! Sara races "because I want to be involved in more aviation-related activities. It is an added bonus that the race is an all-female event. I love being surrounded by like-minded people. I cannot wait to gain the experience by participating in the Air Race." Sara enjoys spending time outdoors and would love to spend more time flying to new places, exploring what the areas have to offer. Sara says that getting involved with local EAA chapters and encouraging others to pursue their dreams of flying is one of her favorite things to do. She is a member of the Kansas State Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

Christa (Mission, KS) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, a current



#### Welcome first-time team of Sara Etherington & Christa Griffin

instrument rating, advanced ground instructor credentials, and 267 hours flown.

Christa just passed her flight instructor check ride and will be a full-time flight instructor. She is also completing her instrument flight instructor credentials. Christa is racing for her great grandmother, Laurien Griffin, who raced from 1954-56, and who Christa has never met. Says Christa, "I want to broaden my horizon of aviation knowledge so that I may be a better teacher and a sharper pilot. And it's fun!" Christa enjoys aerobatics and is buying her first plane, a Vans RV. Christa is a member of the Great Kansas City Chapter of the 99s.



## 36 | Saluki Belles

WENDY ELLIOTT & VERNECELYN ALLEN  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-CARBONDALE  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Wendy (Carbondale, IL) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex endorsement, and 378 hours logged.

Wendy is a student at SIU in the Aviation Flight and Aviation Management programs. She works at Flight Operations part time for the university. Wendy is an award-winning member of SIU's Flight Team and is the Treasurer of the Alpha Eta Rho chapter. She is racing "because I like a challenge and I like growing my skillset. I think this is a good opportunity to put my skills to the test and well as gain more skills that will be important later on in my flying career." Wendy loves hiking, playing video games, and reptiles. She has two pets, a bearded dragon and a ball python. She started flying in Colorado at the age of 12, when she fell in love with the hobby and wanted to make it her career.

Vernecelyn (Carbondale, IL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex endorsement, certified flight and instrument ground instructor credentials, and 348 hours logged.

Vernecelyn has been working as a flight instructor at the university since October 2021. She is racing "to give myself a chal-



### Welcome first-time team of Wendy Elliott and Vernecelyn Allen!

lence, and to participate in an historic event. Last year, the teams from my university were able to represent our school and program in a positive light. I love that I am able to participate in activities like the ARC and help to inspire other women to pursue aviation." Vernecelyn loves animals and loves to volunteer at the local animal shelter. Last December, she began horseback riding and began to practice piano again after years away from the instrument. She loves languages and hopes to become multilingual one day. Vernecelyn is a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators Chapter of WAI.

Sponsor: Southern Illinois Airport Authority

## 37 | Midwest Bess

SUSAN FIELD & JOYCE PARKER  
PIPER DAKOTA PA-28 236

**Welcome Susan Field (Algonquin, IL) to her first ARC!** Susan is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 224 hours logged.

She is Associate Sales Manager for a company that distributes travel-relevant juvenile products in North America. Her first career was in construction, and before the housing collapse in 08, she was a carpenter and project manager for a homebuilder. Susan is racing because she feels very strongly about supporting and surrounding herself with collaborative women. "I live for these transformative experiences that bring new skills!" Susan has five daughters and one son who are rad humans! Her dad and husband are private pilots, too. She pushes against the status quo through construction, extreme sports and aviation. She is a Babywearing Educator and loves teaching both for work and volunteer outreach. Susan is a member of the Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter of WAI and the Chicago Area Chapter of the 99s.

**Joyce Parker (Topeka, KS)** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, an instrument rating, and 519 hours logged.

Joyce is a retired USAF Sergeant and served 25 years on active duty. Post retirement, she taught Air Force ROTC for three years at a local high school. She is currently in her 10th year teaching kindergarten and first grade. She also owns a reading



tutoring business, is a manager/camp host at an RV Park, and owns a process serving business. This will be Joyce's second Air Race. Her first, in 2011, was her greatest aviation experience ever! Joyce says she is racing because "I want to develop into the best pilot I can be to one day become a missionary pilot and serve Christ through aviation." She believes that flying the ARC again will bring her closer to realizing these goals. Joyce enjoys reading the Bible, playing the piano, singing in her church choir, and teaching students of all ages how to read. She also likes running, playing with her two Yorkies, and living full-time in her RV. She is a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 38 | Red Eagles

AUTUMN RICHARZ & EMMA OTHMER  
POLK STATE COLLEGE | PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28 140

Autumn (Lakeland, FL) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 215 hours logged.

Autumn attends Polk State College and is working on her bachelor's degree in Aerospace Sciences. She plans to use everything she learns to make her a better professional pilot when she graduates. Autumn is racing "to make myself a better pilot. I know I will learn a lot from doing this race and plan to use this knowledge to aid me in my future endeavors as a pilot." In addition to aviation, Autumn's hobbies include martial arts, soccer, running, archery, and learning Mandarin Chinese. She plays multiple musical instruments and competes with her school's flight team, which made it to nationals this year!

Emma (Tampa, FL) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 170 hours logged.

Emma just graduated college with a degree in Professional Pilot Science. Through her college career, she worked in the food services industry. She is racing because "it is an amazing opportunity to be able to see women from all over come together and do something that we love. It is an inspiration for young female pilots like me to see strong female pilots accomplishing whatever they set out to do." Emma is working on her Commercial Pilot



**Welcome Autumn Richarz and Emma Othmer to their first Air Race Classic!**

certificate and considers flying to Alabama almost every week to rescue puppies as her greatest accomplishment in aviation so far. Emma is a member of the Florida Heartland Chapter of the 99s.

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## 39 | MO Madness

JEANNE WILLERTH & MADDIE HOOKS  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182S

Jeanne Willerth (Lees Summit, MO) is flying her fourth ARC! Jeanne is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; CFI, CFII, and MEI ratings; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; complex and high performance endorsements, a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 3,900 hours flown.

After careers in business and teaching, Jeanne became a flight instructor. She also teaches "Rusty Pilot" and safety seminars for AOPA and Air Safety Institute. Jeanne says, "Racing challenges my cross country skills and allows me to mentor young women pilots. In 2019, I flew as copilot with a new pilot I met through the 99s. We met for the first time at the race start and together successfully flew her first international air race." Jeanne volunteers for Angel Flight Central, Young Eagles and Challenge Air. For the last 13 years, she has been an off-ice hockey official for a local minor league team. For Christmas, her husband, Joe, gave her her first helicopter lesson! Jeanne is a member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the 99s.

**Madeline ("Maddie") Hooks** (Bolivar, MO) is flying her third Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with an instrument rating; certified instrument flight instructor and instrument ground instructor credentials;



complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 1,100 hours logged.

Maddie is currently working toward her Airframe and Powerplant certificate and flight instructing on the side. She considers both a good challenge and, most days, so fun! Her end goal is to serve as a pilot/mechanic in Christian missionary aviation. Her favorite things in aviation are grass strips, tailwheel flying, and more than 200 horsepower! Maddie races "for the opportunity to continue to learn, to connect with incredible women and pilots, to continue tradition, and to recognize the women who have paved the way for her to fly. Plus, it's dang fun!" She enjoys learning new things, adventuring, seeing new places, and getting outside. Maddie said she is really good at making terrible jokes! She has a parakeet named 'Chicken'.

## 40 | Kay's Angels

MELISSA SHREWSBURY & LAUREN HEISEY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172M

Mel (Elkton, MD) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with certified flight instructor credentials; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 625 hours logged.

Mel became a flight instructor in early 2021 and quickly started teaching at a Part 61 school. She split her time between primary teaching, tailwheel training, and volunteering with the Civil Air Patrol and other aviation camps. Mel was inspired to race after reading "The Sound of Adventure" by Kay Blevins, a former racer. This book, Mel said, "inspired me to take my training outside the classroom and experience real cross country flying with the Air Race Classic. I would love to continue the tradition and inspire my students to try new things, as well." With her bachelor's degree and experience in living in the Alaskan Bush and abroad, Mel plans to use these strengths to discover what it takes to grow life outside of our atmosphere and other mysteries. Mel is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Lauren (Glen Mills, PA) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement, and 167 hours in her log book.

Lauren says she has always been drawn to aviation. She studied engineering in college where a friend asked her if she could go



Welcome to the first-time team of Melissa ("Mel") Shrewsbury and Lauren Heisey!

to any company, where would she go. "Boeing", Lauren said. She started at Boeing in the Delivery Center where the pilots planted the seed of general aviation in her head and she hasn't looked back. She is racing "to encourage diversity within the industry. There are very few women and people of color to see as role models in the skies. If I can help encourage anyone to consider it as an option of finding their true passion, I wish to do so." Lauren enjoys a wide range of hobbies, including motorcycles, scuba diving and snorkeling, kayaking, and skiing, but flying continues to be where she finds the greatest enjoyment. She would like to continue pursuing additional ratings to see where this path will take her.

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## 41 | Frozen Force

KATIA PETERS, ELIZABETH ANNE MISLAN  
& GRACE HERON | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PIPER DAKOTA PA-28-181

Kat (Grand Forks, ND) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with certified flight instructor credentials, and 240 hours in her log book.

Kat was introduced to aviation by her dad, who was an aerial applicator. She is pursuing a degree in Commercial Aviation and Aviation Management. Kat says she "is excited for this year's race, to meet new people, make connections and visit airports that she has not been to before. I look forward to bonding and getting to know my teammates even better. Most of all, I am excited to be involved in the race atmosphere and a part of the Air Race Classic community." Kat enjoys socializing with friends and family. She is an avid skier and enjoys skiing in new places. In her spare time, she likes to run, cook or read. Flying is fun for her and she always finds joy in meeting people through aviation and learning more about the industry. Kat is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.

Elizabeth Anne (Grand Forks, ND) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones, and 250 hours flown.

Elizabeth Anne currently works for UND as a UAS flight instructor and as a student ambassador for the aerospace college. She considers it an honor to spend time sharing her love of aviation with prospective students. Elizabeth Anne is racing "because it offers a chance to be part of a powerful team of women who have the honor of representing UND and women in the industry as a



Welcome to the first-time team of Katia ("Kat") Peters, Elizabeth Anne Mislán and Grace Heron!

whole. I also race for my mom, who didn't get to pursue aviation as a girl because her parents didn't believe she could. She's the reason I'm a pilot!" Elizabeth Anne grew up playing the piano. She loves classical music and the arts, but aviation and flying helps balance out both sides of her brain! She also enjoys reading, cooking, and geocaching with friends. Elizabeth Anne is a member of WAI.

Grace (Grand Forks, ND) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 203 flight hours.

Grace is currently a senior at the University of North Dakota. She is studying commercial aviation and sociology. She is pursuing a childhood dream of becoming a pilot and is planning to work on her flight instructor credentials this summer. Grace is racing "to help promote women in aviation and encourage younger women to pursue their dreams of flying". She is a member of the UND Dance Team and enjoys working out with her teammates, as well as spending time with her friends and family. Grace is involved with Greek life on campus and is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.



## 42 | The Magpies

MARY MATTOCKS & JAIMIE ROUSSEAU  
PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-140

Mary (“Willie”) Mattocks (East Amherst, NY) is flying her second Air Race Classic and is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 1,800 hours logged.

Willie is a registered nurse and midwife, has a Master’s in Nurse Education and works as a Community Health Nurse. Working in remote areas only accessible by air for the Canadian Government, she developed a passion for flying and obtained her U.S. pilot certificate in 1989. Willis races because she “enjoys challenges and is very excited to test my flying skills again and meet other female pilots. I have flown many places in the U.S. and Canada in my beloved Piper Cherokee; the race will present an ultimate skills test!” As part of the Buffalo Aero Club, she has had the honor of flying over 400 Young Eagles. Willie is thankful to her non-pilot husband for his support and love over the years. She is a member of EAA, AOPA and the Western New York Chapter of the 99s.

**Welcome, Jaimie Rousseau (Wenham, MA), to her first Air Race Classic!** Jaimie is an Airline Transport Pilot, with a current instrument rating; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor



credentials; endorsements for complex, high performance, and tailwheel; and 1,580 hours flown.

Jaimie started her career in aviation as a flight attendant. After ten years, she learned to fly and hasn't looked back. After getting her ratings and instructing for a couple of years, she now flies as a Captain for Cape Air. Jaimie is racing “to challenge myself, meet other aviatrixes, learn, promote STEM to other girls and women, and to have fun! I also think it's important to be active in women's history and keep the race alive.” She is active in a flying club and loves to be outside. She enjoys backpacking, camping and going on adventures. She volunteers with a local search and rescue group and is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of the 99s.

## 43 | Every Pilot a Wildcat (EPAW)

KATHRYN DEHN, CRISTINA DURON TABORA &  
NATALIE NOVAK | KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY,  
POLYTECHNIC | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Katie (Salina, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and 209 hours flown.

Katie is currently employed by SkyWest Airlines as a Cross Utilized Agent. Previously, she worked at a private aviation company as a hangar tech. Katie has also assisted with maintenance on CRJ 200, 700 and 900s. Katie is racing because “aviation is my passion. I am always looking for opportunities to meet more aviators and grow as a pilot. Participating in this race will allow me to meet more female aviators that share the same passion I have, as well as grow in my aviation experience.” Katie loves to travel and experience new things. She loves a good hike and jumping out of airplanes!

Cristina (Salina, KS) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, credentials as a single-engine instrument flight instructor, and 1,176 hours in her log book.

Cristina is from Honduras and has always loved to travel, so she wanted to go abroad for college. After earning her Bachelor degree from K-State, she is now the Senior Flight Instructor for the university. Cristina races “to challenge my current knowledge of aviation and diversity my experience”. She enjoys traveling, learning new cultures, roller coasters, and walking her roommate's dogs. She loves her house plants and occasionally paints for fun. Cristina is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.



**Welcome, Kathryn (“Katie”) Dehn, Cristina Duron Tabora and Natalie Novak to their first Air Race Classic!**

Natalie (Dawson, NE) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 73 flight hours.

Natalie is an aviation student at K-State and just received her Private Pilot certificate last December! She is currently working on her instrument rating and works for SkyWest as a ramp agent, helping with airline operations. When asked why she is racing, Natalie says, “I have always been interested in aviation and air races ever since I was young. In high school, I was an athlete which developed my competitive spirit. I'm excited to put my passion for flying and thirst for competing together in this air race!” Besides being an aviation student, Natalie also works at the YMCA as a lifeguard, where she has the chance to make an impact on the local community. She also participates in a community volleyball league and intramurals. When not working, learning or flying, she enjoys reading and hiking. Natalie is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

## 45 | Liberty Belles I

LINDSAY STEINMAUS, EMMA HAZEL & SAVANNAH HUGHES | LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Lindsay (Lynchburg, VA) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, and 217 hours flown.

Lindsay works as an aircraft dispatcher for her flight school. This is her first job in the aviation industry and she is excited to continue working in the field as she works toward her flight instructor credentials. Lindsay races "because of the opportunity I will have to fly alongside other pilots, from whom I can learn and gain some real-world experience." Her biggest hobby is painting and drawing. She enjoys painting in acrylic and drawing with graphite in her free time. She also does commission work for friends or anyone who asks! She paints and draws realism with the main subject areas of landscapes and dogs. Lindsay is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of Women in Aviation.

Emma (White Lake, MI) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials, and 330 hours in her log book.

Emma is employed as a flight instructor for the university. She started her private pilot training Day 1 of her freshman year and has worked her way to earning all her ratings in just three years! Emma has loved the experience and is now building her hours to eventually go into the airlines. She is racing "for my school and all of the female aviators out there! This is an experience like no other. The Air Race has such a rich historical background and I am so thankful to be a part of this event with five other female pilots from Liberty University." Emma was a competitive swimmer



Welcome, Lindsay Steinmaus, Emma Hazel and Savannah Hughes to their first Air Race Classic!

for 14 years, competing all across the country as well as internationally. Most recently, she finished up her career as an NCAA D1 swimmer representing her university. She helped her team win four consecutive conference titles the four years she competed.

Savannah (Pax, WV) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 123 flight hours.

Savannah is a student at Liberty University on track for a degree in Commercial/Corporate aviation. She fell in love with aviation through movies and curiosity. Savannah's first time ever in a plane was her first flight lesson. She is racing "for the amazing opportunity and to develop community with other female aviators! Racing is a part of human nature; it challenges us to go beyond the imaginable. As a young pilot, this is a chance to grow and develop." Savannah is a triathlete for the Liberty University Triathlon. She loves competing and the team cooperation. She calls the outdoors "home" and loves to explore and try new things. She is a member of the Virginia Chapter of the 99s and the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

## 46 | Comanche-Me If You Can

ASHLEY ZOOK & ELISABETH MILLSPAUGH  
PIPER COMANCHE PA-24-250

Ashley (Chesapeake, VA) is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; and has logged 6,000 hours.

After a decade working as an Airports Operations Manager, Ashley decided her office needed a better view. She quit her job, sold as many material things as she could, and enrolled in flight school. Today, she's an Airbus First Officer, an apprentice at the maintenance shop and is learning aerobatics! Although she hasn't raced yet, Ashley says, "I'm excited for my experience! The opportunity to shut off all automation and fly as trailblazing women did before us, is something I'm very much looking forward to doing." She loves playing soccer and can be easily motivated with chocolate. This is her first air race and she is excited to meet new people and see towns she otherwise may not have visited.

Elisabeth (Center Barmstead, NH) holds an instrument-rated Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land, with a jet type rating, and has 20,000 hours in her logbook.

Elisabeth is a retired UPS pilot type-rated for the Boeing 757,



Welcome, Ashley Zook and Elisabeth Millspaugh to their first Air Race Classic!

767 and 747-400 and -800 aircraft. She flew as Captain for 24 of her 30 years with UPS. Prior to UPS, Elisabeth flew Metroliners II and III for Nashville Eagle. When asked why she is racing, Elisabeth says, "My stepdaughter asked me to race with her and I think it is a wonderful opportunity for us to race as a family. Ashley was able to be on my retirement final flight and I was able to be on her initial flight at JetBlue. It is very rewarding to experience flying milestones together." Elisabeth and her husband own a Lake Buccaneer and enjoy flying together. They both received their single-engine sea ratings last year. Elisabeth owns a women's boutique in Alton, NH and she enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren.



## 48 | Liberty Belles I

LIV SMITH, CHLOE CADY & GRACIE JOHNSON  
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

**Welcome, Olivia ("Liv") Smith (Lynchburg, VA) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 205 flight hours.

Liv is a current full-time student at Liberty University. She also works at the front desk of the School of Aeronautics, as well as a server. She is currently working on her Commercial rating. Liv is "excited to race to gain better understanding and knowledge of our aircraft while also getting to experience the Air Race Classic". Outside of aviation, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, hiking, and playing the piano. In her extra time, she also enjoys reading other people's aviation journeys, such as Tammy Jo Schulz and Jimmy Doolittle. Liv is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

Chloe Cady (Sauk Rapids, MN) is flying her second ARC. She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement, instrument flight instructor credentials, and 690 hours logged.

Chloe is a recent graduate of Liberty University and has been flight instructing since her final semester. She feels it was a semester of learning and growing, but she loves it! "I have always loved flying, traveling and seeing new places. Being a part of the Air Race Classic in 2019 was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I met so many amazing people and learned so many things. Racing is



such a unique and special opportunity; I can't wait to do it again!" Although flying is Chloe's top interest, she also enjoys fellowship with friends and family, playing with dogs, being outdoors, playing sports, and making music. She is the first pilot in her family and hopes to inspire some of her relatives to also pursue aviation.

**Grace ("Gracie") Johnson (Purcellville, VA) is flying her first ARC! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, and has 110 hours in her log book.

In her second year at Liberty University, Gracie is pursuing a degree in Commercial Corporate Aeronautics. She is working on her instrument rating and hopes to fly for a missions organization someday. Gracie is racing "because of the opportunities that have been afforded to me by God, my parents and my peers. Because people around me believe in me, I am inspired to challenge myself and pursue aviation with boldness." Besides flying, Gracie loves being with her family and two dogs, especially hiking and spending time outdoors. She spends time at church, and drawing whenever she has time. Gracie is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of Women in Aviation.



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Alison Chalker, Linda Evans and Melissa Shrewsbury*

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### AMANDA CHARLTON, KELLY KAY & OLIVIA ARNOLD WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY | CIRRUS SR20

Amanda (Kalamazoo, MI) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high performance endorsement, a current instrument rating, and 255 hours logged.

Amanda is currently a full-time student at Western Michigan University and is currently working on her commercial multi-engine rating. She is racing "to get to know more females in aviation, to gain experience and flight time, and to be a part of something so much bigger than myself. The Air Race Classic was one of the biggest things that made me interested in aviation and I want to be able to encourage other female aviators as they did for me." Amanda likes to keep busy during the school year. Her hobbies include cooking and baking, going to the gym, taking group fitness classes, skiing, and watching movies.

Kelly (Kalamazoo, MI) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; certified flight instructor (instrument) credentials for single- and multi-engine; a current instrument rating; and 620 hours in her log book.

Kelly is currently a flight instructor at WMU and teaches in the PA-44 multi-engine aircraft, loving the experience! She interned at Hawaiian Airlines in the Flight Operations Team and got to experience and see how major airline flight operations work. Kelly says, "I race for the experience and the connections that I can make with other female pilots and racers. I am excited to learn more about other racers and hear their flight experiences and even get advice for my future flying career, as well as, hopefully, make friends that



#### Welcome, first-time team of Amanda Charlton, Kelly Kay and Olivia Arnold!

last a lifetime." In her downtime, Kelly can be found curled up on the couch reading a book. She enjoys science fiction and fantasy books. She also enjoys a lot of outdoor activities in the summer, including hiking and boating, and, in the winter, she skis.

Olivia (Wheatfield, IN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 93 flight hours.

Olivia is currently a sophomore at WMU studying Aviation Flight Science. She has almost completed her instrument flight training. When asked about racing, Olivia states, "I have never raced before! I first noticed the race team at a college visit and knew I wanted to be a part of the team someday. Two years later, I was given the opportunity! Racing is going to be a great time with great team members, as well as an amazing learning experience." Olivia grew up playing sports, spending all of her summers at a lake, working on a dairy farm, and finding whatever else she could do. She enjoys going to airshows with her grandpa and flying with him. Olivia is a member of the Western Michigan University Chapter of WAI.

## 50 | AeroCats

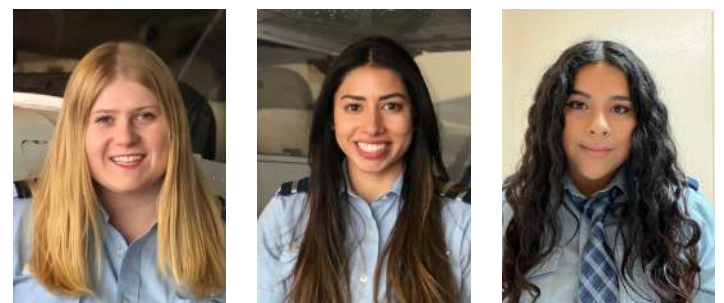
### HEATHER THUMMEL, YULISSA HERNANDEZ & ROXANA LINARES | KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Heather (Topeka, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 280 hours flown.

Heather is a student at Kansas State University. She is racing "because my school re-opened their Air Racing Club and I think it would be a fun experience to fly across the country with fellow women aviators". Flying has always fascinated Heather and she is excited to be given the opportunity to turn it into a career. She has been blessed with the opportunity to attend Oshkosh AirVenture twice. She says that event continues to 'blow her away' and kindle her passion for aviation. Heather is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of Women in Aviation.

Yulissa (Solomon, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, and 160 hours in her log book.

Yulissa works at the Student Life Center at K-State. She is also in their Pilot Program, working on her Commercial certificate. Yulissa is "excited to fly in the race with other girls from K-State. Overall, I think it will be a great learning opportunity." She is a first-generation student and the only pilot in her family. Besides flying, she en-



#### Welcome to Heather Thummel, Yulissa Hernandez and Roxana Linares to their first Air Race Classic!

joys baking/cooking, going to the gym, hiking, and being outside.

Roxana (Salina, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 109 flight hours.

Roxana began flying in high school where she discovered her passion for aviation. She is in the Professional Pilot Program at K-State, working on her instrument rating. Roxana says, "Being part of events such as air racing allows me to indulge myself more in the world I love of aviation." Other than flying, she loves soccer, video games, and anime. A fun fact about Roxana is that she was born in El Salvador, a small, beautiful country with a lot of volcanoes! Roxana is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.



## 51 | The Lady Buckeyes

ALEXANDRA BELAFSKY & LAURA BARR  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Allie (Columbus, OH) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a tailwheel endorsement, a private glider certificate, and 354 flight hours.

A student at Ohio State University, Allie has experience flying in the California Valley (private), in cold weather (winters in Ohio), and instrument and mountain flying in Minden. She is racing "to represent my school and gain new flying experiences, as well as create new connections to other women passionate about aviation." Allie's hobbies include skiing, surfing, soaring, scuba diving, exploring new places, and spending time with friends and family. She is passionate about the environment, helping others and having fun!

Laura (Ligonier, PA) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 267 hours in her log book.

Laura has been flying since the age of 14 after a discovery flight with a family friend. She is a student at Ohio State University studying air transportation and working toward her flight instructor credentials. Laura is a member of the OSU flight team,



**Welcome to Alexandra ("Allie") Belafsky and Laura Barr to their first Air Race Classic!**

Vice President of NGPA, and a member of Women in Flight. She says, "I love the freedom that flying gives me and the opportunity to participate in a race and pursue my passion for flight is a dream for me!" In addition to air transportation, Laura is also an Arabic major. She enjoys studying languages and speaks French and Spanish. In her free time, she loves to play the piano and listen to live music. Laura is a member of Women in Aviation.

**"During the 2019 ARC, we arrived a day late to the Terminus due to mechanical issues. Our hotel reservation was canceled and our clothes hadn't arrived, so we borrowed bed space and wore thrift shop dresses to the awards banquet!" Maddie Hooks**



## 52 | Flying Flashes

LAURA WILSON & ALEX JOHNSON  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

**Welcome, Laura Wilson (Stow, OH) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, single-engine and instrument flight instructor credentials, Remote Pilot Certificate for drones, dispatcher certificate, and 379 hours flown.

Laura started flying while a student at Kent State. She is now instructing for the university and has also worked as a line service technician, airport receptionist, and dispatcher. Laura is racing "for the experience. I look forward to participating with other female pilots, especially my best friend who will be flying with me. I also race to challenge myself. The race is unlike anything I've done before, but I want to prove to myself that I can do it." In her spare time, Laura enjoys fantasy novels and movies. She cooks, plays golf, and hikes often. Her family has always been supportive of her and she says she couldn't have gotten to this point without them. They are a huge part of Laura's life and an inspiration for flying; her father and grandfather were both pilots. Laura is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

**Alexandra ("Alex") Johnson** (Canton, MI) is flying her second ARC! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, single-engine and instrument



flight instructor credentials, a complex endorsement, and 651 hours in her log book.

Alex is currently a flight instructor at Kent State and has worked as a dispatcher, receptionist, and line service technician. Her career goal is to fly at a major airline so she can travel and experience different cultures. Alex says she is racing "for the experience, the challenge, and to inspire others. It's so inspiring to be surrounded by empowered women pilots inspiring the next generation. This race is so unique and different from the typical flight training environment that it makes anyone who flies the ARC a well-rounded pilot." Alex is a certified personal trainer and loves spending time with friends and family, exercising and being creative. She would like to earn at least two more flight ratings, including sea plane. Alex is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of Women in Aviation.

## 53 | SCRATCHED

### YASMINE ABU ARAB, NATALIE HIGDON & JACKIE RUIZ PILOTINA |

**Yasmine Abu Arab** (Milwaukee, WI) is flying her second Air Race Classic! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, flight instructor (instrument) credentials for single- and multi-engine, and 2,000 hours flown.

Yasmine graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in aviation. She works as a charter pilot flying Citation jets and the Challenger 300. Yasmine loves racing “because of the dynamic style of flying and the connections made with other racers and supporters of the race at each stop. I especially hope to encourage other women and girls to join the aviation industry.” Other than flying, Yasmine mainly loves to bake and play with her pups, but any opportunity to learn something new and try out a new skill is always fun for her.

**Natalie Higdon** (Broadview Heights, OH) is also flying her second ARC! She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; endorsements for complex, high performance and tailwheel; and 1,722 hours in her log book.

Natalie is a First Officer at Endeavor Air and has worked in all corners of the industry, including airline ground operations, FBO customer service, travel consulting, state government airport oversight, and corporate flying. Natalie is racing “to promote diversity in aviation, create visibility for women pilots, and inspire the next generation of aviators.” She is a second- generation pilot. Her



first flight lesson was in a seaplane in Anchorage, AK. Ten years later, she ended up back in Alaska to build flight time. She flew freight in western Alaska for over two years, delivering everything from Amazon packages to snowmobiles! Natalie is a member of the Cleveland Chapter of Women in Aviation.

**Welcome, Jacqueline (“Jackie”) Ruiz (North Aurora, IL) to her first ARC!** She is a Sport Pilot, single-engine land, with 145 flight hours.

Jackie is a serial entrepreneur who started her first company, a marketing agency, at age 27. She wrote her first book at age 26 and has since published 15 more books. Jackie is racing “to elevate women and inspire them to reach higher to their dreams! I am passionate about helping others and have focused on helping women for many years.” Jackie enjoys writing books, journaling, racing on the car racetrack, drawing, traveling, volunteering, and mentoring young ladies.

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## 55 | Cheetah Champs

### JOAN WEYHE & CLAIRE ALMQUIST GRUMMAN CHEETAH AA-5A

**Joan (“Monica”) Weyhe** (Medford, OR) is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high performance endorsement, and 1,055 hours logged.

Monica had careers in library and public administration, human resources, and retirement and benefits. She currently volunteers on the 99s Documents Committee, as Finance VP for her AAUW Board, and participates in the local flying club. Monica is flying her third Air Race Classic “for the adventure and fun with awesome women, to learn and improve, to encourage young girls to enter aviation, and to be a part of women’s air racing history.” Monica and her husband own the Grumman Cheetah that they have flown in Alaska and they consider her one of the family. She also enjoys power walking, hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, and traveling. Monica is a member of the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter of the 99s.

**Claire Almquist (Talent, OR) is flying her first Air Race Classic!** She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 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. Claire says, “I am so honored to participate in this historic air race! I am very excited to undertake this cross country adventure from Oregon to Florida and to meet other inspired women in aviation. Most importantly, I want to have fun!” Claire loves to travel and explore; history fascinates her. She loves to fly, kayak, camp, golf, fly fish, and cycle. As a geologist, flying allows her a great view of regional tectonics, landforms and landscapes. Claire is a member of the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter of the 99s.



**"In 1998, I raced with my mother as copilot and my daughter as teammate; we were the first triple generation team to ever compete in women's cross country air racing!"** Jeanne Willerth



## 62 | SCRATCHED

CHRISTINE ST. ONGE & LEE ANN SINGLETON  
PIPER ARROW II PA-28R-200

Chris (Wexford, PA) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; credentials for single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials, and 10,384 hours logged. Chris is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the 99s.

Lee Ann (Wexford, PA) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; a current instrument rating; credentials for single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor; advanced ground instructor credentials; and 1,220 hours logged.

Lee Ann has been flying since 1994, when she earned her Private Pilot certificate in high school. After college, she joined the Navy and flew as a Navigator in the S-3B Viking, an anti-submarine and air-to-air refueling airplane during Operation Desert Storm. Lee Ann "thought it would be an interesting experience to fly in the Air Race Classic, as an exciting and different type of fly-



**Welcome Christine ("Chris") St. Onge and Lee Ann Singleton to their first ARC!**

ing". She has been married to her husband, Jon, for 23 years and they have a daughter in high school. They also have two dogs, Lucky and Oreo.

## 63 | War Eagle Women Team Blue

ASHLEY BALDWIN & MEGHAN COOPER  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Ashley (Springfield, MO) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, a current instrument rating, and 310 hours logged.

Ashley is a senior at Auburn University majoring in Professional Flight with minors in Spanish and Business. She worked as a ramp and gate agent last summer with Allegiant Airlines. Ashley is racing "because I love aviation and have a very competitive personality, and I want to use those to represent Auburn University." She is involved in the War Eagle Flying Team which competes with other collegiate flight teams and enjoys swimming and running. Ashley is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

Meg (Hampton, NH) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, instrument flight instructor credentials, and has 505 hours in her logbook.

After graduating from Auburn University, Meg kept busy earning her Commercial single-engine add-on, single-engine instru-



**Welcome to the first-time team of Ashley Baldwin and Meghan ("Meg") Cooper!**

ment flight instructor credentials, and was able to compete in the inaugural ARC Air Derby. Now, she works as a flight instructor at the university and loves it! In addition to flying, Meg's favorite thing to do involves spending time on the beach. Whether it is reading a book, napping or swimming in the waves, if she's not in the air, she strives to be on the beach! Meg is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

## 64 | War Eagle Women Team White

MADISON NUGENT & ELAINA MCKENNA  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Madison (Auburn, AL) holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, an instrument rating, and has 381 hours in her logbook.

Madison is a senior Professional Flight student at Auburn University. She plans to finish her Commercial multi-engine rating before graduation and pursue her instrument flight instructor credentials. Madison is racing “to join a community of powerful women that uplift and encourage one another to be strong in their sense of self. I look up to the women who have raced before and am honored to join them this year.” When she’s not at the airport, Madison can be found at the local pottery studio. She has practiced pottery for nine years and loves to create functional pieces for herself and others. Flying is her passion, but pottery is her relaxation. Meg also enjoys spending time on the beach, whether it be reading a book, napping, or searching for seashells. Madison is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

Elaina (Sarasota, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, flight instructor credentials, a current instrument rating, and 390 hours logged.

Currently a student, graduating in the Spring of 2022, Elaina is a part-time flight instructor at Auburn University. She is “ex-



**Welcome, Madison Nugent and Elaina McKenna to their first Air Race Classic!**

tremely excited to participate in the Air Race Classic for the first time this year, because it allows me to meet so many other inspiring women who share a similar passion”. Elaina loves being outdoors, especially at the beach in her hometown of Sarasota. She loves cooking new foods and is obsessed with her cat, Baby. Elaina is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

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## 65 | War Eagle Women Team Orange

MAGGIE HEARN & ELIZABETH MOORMAN  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Maggie (Crosby, TX) is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, and 427 flight hours logged.

Maggie is a junior at Auburn University studying professional flight. She is working on her commercial certificate and plans to become a flight instructor at the university. She would like to, one day, fly for a regional airline and, eventually, with a major airline like Delta. Maggie says, “I heard about the ARC shortly after coming to Auburn as a freshman. I was so impressed by the Auburn racers and remember calling my mom to tell her how cool I thought the ARC was! Now, my goal has been accomplished and I can’t wait to race with my teammate!” Maggie enjoys golfing at various courses in Auburn. Being from Texas, she grew up hunting and fishing. When she goes home to visit, she loves to go dove, duck and deer hunting with her dad and friends. She also likes to make and sew Axis deer hide purses and tote bags! Maggie is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

Elizabeth (Auburn, AL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement, credentials for instrument flight instructor, and 502 hours logged.

Elizabeth graduated from Auburn University with a Professional Flight Degree and has been flight instructing at the uni-



**Welcome to the first-time team of Maggie Hearn and Elizabeth Moorman!**

versity this past year. She is participating in the race “for the spirit of competition and to learn more about myself as a pilot. I’m looking forward to working with my teammate, enjoying the race, and meeting other teams.” Elizabeth loves flying, but also enjoys exercising, going to state parks, and trying new coffee shops and restaurants. When able, she also kayaks and skis. Elizabeth is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.



## 90 | SCRATCHED

REBECCA SHAW & LISA KIRKPATRICK  
CIRRUS SR20

Rebecca (Lakeland, FL) is an Airline Transport Pilot, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; certified flight instructor rating; endorsements for complex, high performance, and tailwheel; and 2,495 hours flown.

Rebecca is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and former Navy test pilot. She served 11 years in the Navy, flying the P-3, P-8A, and C-38A and, after two deployments to Europe, she now flies a Hurricane Hunter and is a test pilot for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. Rebecca says she is "excited to race for the camaraderie and to encourage more women to join airborne science and flight test careers. This will be my first race and it is a bucket list item of mine or, maybe, the beginning of a wonderful tradition." Rebecca is an aircraft owner, yoga enthusiast, rock climber, and Bulldog mom. She is an aspiring astronaut and space nerd, as well as a huge proponent of underrepresented populations in STEM and aviation. Rebecca is a member of the Lakeland Chapter of WAI.

Lisa (Hollywood, MD) is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, a jet type rating, and 4,700 hours in her log book.



**Welcome to Rebecca Shaw and Elisabeth ("Lisa") Kirkpatrick to their first Air Race Classic!**

Lisa started her aviation career flying the E-2 Hawkeye for the Navy for more than 20 years. She now flies a Boeing 777 for FedEx and previously owned a Grumman Tiger for 17 years. Lisa is racing "for the fun and adventure with a good friend! I have never done this type of flying and I'm looking forward to a new challenge. The ARC has been on my bucket list for a while!" Her hobbies include skiing, running, and flying. She likes to travel and see different places around the world. Lisa is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation.

## 99 | The Whole SHE-Bang

LARA GAERTE & DONNA HARRIS  
CESSNA SKYLANE RG R182

Lara Gaerte (Fort Wayne, IN) is an Airline Transport Pilot, with a current instrument rating; credentials for single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; endorsements for complex, high performance, tailwheel, and formation flying; two jet type ratings, and 11,300 hours flown. She also holds her skydiver rating. Lara is flying the Air Race Classic for the ninth time.

Lara is a mom, grandma, Master CFI, DPE, corporate pilot, and FBO owner/manager. She has been making her living in aviation since 2000 when, she says, she was laid off from a safe but boring cubicle job. Although scary at the time, she has never looked back. Lara races for the personal challenge and accomplishment. She says, "racing focuses all of my flying skills on a singular goal: to obtain the best possible performance by my team and our aircraft." During the pandemic, Lara learned about aircraft maintenance by restoring a 1946 Aeronca Champ. In last year's ARC Air Derby, Lara and Donna flew in Lara's open cockpit Waco YMF5. Two women barnstorming the Midwest in a biplane drew a crowd whenever they stopped for fuel! Lara is the President of the ARC. She is a member of the North Central Section of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.



Donna Harris (San Juan Capistrano, CA) is flying her third ARC and is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements, and 276 hours flown.

After working in accounting for 30 years, and volunteering as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, Donna got her law degree and taught law online for over 10 years. She is the first pilot in her family and enjoys flying, sailing and traveling with her husband, who is also a pilot. Donna loves to study the Bible and is the Vice President of the ARC, a member-at-large of Women in Aviation, and a member of the Orange County Chapter of the 99s.

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# 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 system 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."

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

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

# The Women Who Preserved Air Racing



Since the first Air Race Classic in 1977, over 1,000 women pilots have flown the ARC. Racers have flown to hundreds of airports across the United States and kept alive the pioneering spirit of America's female aviators. Thousands of supporters have volunteered their time, money, and enthusiasm to sustain the vision of our founding ARC Board of Directors. Today, the Air Race Classic is the longest running all-women transcontinental air race. Join the adventure and keep the ARC flying

## The ARC Medallion



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 events. Order today at [president@airraceclassic.org](mailto:president@airraceclassic.org) for pick up at the Terminus.





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*Best of Luck to all of the Racers!!*

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# The Air Race Classic Endowment Fund

Celebrating 45 years of continuous of women's air racing, 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 help us keep the challenge alive by supporting the Air Race Classic with your contribution, send your donations to:

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# Where We've Been

## ALABAMA

Fairhope – 1915  
Gadsden – 2019  
Huntsville – 1991  
Mobile – 2011  
Muscle Shoals – 1993  
Tuscaloosa – 2010

## ARIZONA

Bullhead City – 1991  
Casa Grande – 1983  
Holbrook – 1992  
Kingman – 1987  
Mesa – 2006  
Page – 1985  
Prescott – 1996, 2016  
Tucson – 2000  
Williams – 2001  
Winslow – 1990

## ARKANSAS

Arkadelphia – 2016  
Bryant – 2019  
Conway – 1996  
El Dorado – 2011  
Fayetteville – 1990, 2013  
Fort Smith – 1980  
Hot Springs – 1978, 2001, 2002, 2011  
Jonesboro – 1987  
Mena – 1992  
Mountain Home – 1991  
Russellville – 2009  
Texarkana – 1985  
Walnut Ridge – 2005

## CALIFORNIA

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

## COLORADO

Burlington – 2002  
Denver – 2000, 2009  
Durango – 1996  
Grand Junction – 1978  
La Junta – 2013  
Lamar – 2004

## FLORIDA

Daytona Beach – 1985, 1996, 2016  
Destin/Ft. Walton Beach – 1978  
Fort Myers – 2010

## GEORGIA

Albany – 1985  
Americus – 2016  
Athens – 1996  
Jekyll Island – 1981  
LaGrange – 2019  
Rome – 1998  
Waycross – 2010

## IDAHO

Boise – 1977, 1986, 1997  
Coeur d'Alene – 1982, 1995  
Idaho Falls – 1988  
Mountain Home – 2013  
Shoshone Falls – 1984

## ILLINOIS

Cahokia – 1994  
Champaign/Urbana – 2016  
Danville – 1995, 2014  
Decatur – 1993, 20008  
Freeport – 1999  
Galesburg – 1981  
Jacksonville – 2009  
Kankakee – 1988  
Lawrenceville – 2015  
Marion – 1980  
Mattoon – 2000  
Mount Vernon – 1990  
Peru – 2003  
Tuscola (flyby) 2016

## INDIANA

Auburn – 2018  
Bloomington – 1992  
Columbus – 1987  
Elkhart – 19997, 2010  
Evansville – 1977, 1986  
Frankfort (flyby) – 2005  
Indianapolis – 2017  
Jeffersonville – 2015  
Lafayette – 1989, 2005  
Seymour – 1994, 1999

## IOWA

Atlantic – 2009  
Burlington – 1991  
Cedar Rapids – 1977, 1986  
Decorah – 2017  
Denison – 2007  
Dubuque – 1994  
Fort Dodge – 1995  
Iowa City – 2011, 2014  
Marshalltown – 1989  
Mason City – 1988, 2008  
Spencer – 2017  
Waterloo – 1980

## KANSAS

Abilene – 2017  
Belleville – 1990  
Dodge City – 1984  
Garden City – 1981, 2000  
Great Bend – 2011  
Hays – 1992  
Hutchinson – 1983  
Independence – 1994  
Lawrence – 2006  
Liberal – 2009  
New Century – 2000  
Olathe – 1978  
Pittsburg – 1993  
Pratt – 2001, 2003  
Salina – 1980  
Winfield – 1987  
Wichita – 2004

## KENTUCKY

Bowling Green – 2007  
Frankfort – 2008  
Lexington – 1981  
Louisville – 1983  
Owensboro – 1996  
Paducah – 1984

## LOUISIANA

Bastrop – 2006  
Shreveport – 2005

## MAINE

Bangor – 2007  
Fryeburg – 2018

## MARYLAND

Frederick – 2010, 2017

## MASSACHUSETTS

Hyannis – 2000  
Mansfield – 2008  
Plymouth (flyby) – 2000

## MICHIGAN

Cadillac – 2018  
Flint – 1999  
Grand Rapids – 1983  
Kalamazoo – 2015  
Menominee – 2003, 2006  
Sault Ste. Marie – 1997, 2012, 2019  
Three Rivers (flyby) – 2015

## MINNESOTA

Albert Lea – 2003, 2006  
Bemidji – 2017  
Detroit Lakes – 1991  
Duluth – 1997  
Eveleth – 2004  
Fairmont – 2019  
Faribault – 2018  
Fergus Falls – 1994  
Minneapolis – 1979  
Winona – 2005

## MISSISSIPPI

Greenville – 1994  
Grenada – 2009  
Gulfport – 1978  
Hattiesburg – 2019  
Meridian – 1985

## MISSOURI

Cameron – 2010  
Cape Girardeau – 1998  
Columbia – 1983  
Hannibal – 2004  
Jefferson City – 1982, 2007  
Joplin – 1984  
Kaiser Lake – 1999  
Kirksville – 1992, 2015  
Lee's Summit – 2019  
St. Joseph – 1998  
Warrensburg – 2016

## MONTANA

Bozeman – 2008  
Cut Bank – 1982  
Great Falls – 1979  
Havre – 1995  
Miles City – 1982, 2008

## NEBRASKA

Ainsworth – 1989  
Alliance – 2011  
Beatrice – 2005, 2018  
Grand Island – 1977, 1986, 2003  
Holdrege – 2013  
Kearney – 1988  
Lincoln – 1982  
McCook – 2007  
Norfolk – 1994, 2014  
North Platte – 1978, 2004  
Ogallala – 1998  
Scottsbluff – 1984, 2014  
Sidney – 1981

## NEVADA

Elko – 1985, 2014  
Jackpot – 1989  
Las Vegas – 1978  
Laughlin – 1991  
Reno – 1995  
Winnemucca – 1988

## NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque – 2016  
Farmington – 1987  
Fort Sumner – 2001  
Gallup – 2001, 2012

Las Vegas – 1990, 2002  
Moriarity – 2000  
Roswell – 1996  
Santa Fe – 1985, 1998, 2017  
Santa Theresa – 2006  
Silver City – 2002  
Socorro (flyby) – 2002  
Tucumcari – 1992

## NEW YORK

Binghamton – 1993  
Elmira – 2007  
Ithaca – 2000  
Penn Yan – 2018  
Perry-Warsaw (flyby) – 2008

## NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville – 1993  
Greensboro – 1981  
Hickory – 2015  
Kill Devil Hills (flyby) – 2003  
Manteo – 2003

## NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck – 1979  
Jamestown – 1997, 2011

## OHIO

Athens – 2005, 2014  
Batavia – 1998, 2001, 2012  
Columbus – 1994  
Coshocton – 2017  
Dayton – 2003  
Mansfield – 2000  
Newark – 2018  
Toledo – 1977, 1986  
Willoughby – 1999  
Youngstown – 1989

## OKLAHOMA

Ada – 1999, 2006  
Alva – 2018  
Ardmore – 2017  
Bartlesville – 2005  
Burns Flat – 1978, 1999  
Elk City – 1990, 1992  
Norman – 2011  
Oklahoma City – 2007  
Ponca City – 2002  
Shangri-La Afton – 1981  
Woodward – 1998, 2013

## OREGON

Burns – 1995  
Klamath Falls – 1979  
Medford – 1977, 1986  
Sunriver – 1982  
PENNSYLVANIA  
Altoona – 2003  
Connellsville – 2015  
New Cumberland – 2014  
Franklin – 2008  
Philadelphia – 1989  
York – 1990, 2014 (flyby)

## RHODE ISLAND

North Kingstown – 1993

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia – 1980  
Greenville – 1987  
Winnsboro – 2002

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Aberdeen – 1995, 2008  
Brookings – 2011, 2013  
Huron – 2004  
Philip – 1991  
Pierre – 1982  
Sioux Falls – 1981  
Spearfish – 2011, 2013

## TENNESSEE

Dyersburg – 1992  
Fayetteville – 2001, 2002  
Jackson – 1982, 2019  
Knoxville – 1982, 1997  
Murfreesboro – 2016  
Sparta – 2009  
Tullahoma – 2005  
Union City – 2015

## TEXAS

Abilene – 1980  
Borger – 2011  
Bryan – 2006  
Childress – 1985  
Corpus Christi – 1980, 1993  
Dalhart – 1987  
El Paso – 1983, 1999  
Hereford – 2012  
Lubbock – 1983  
Lufkin – 2009  
Midland – 1998, 2016  
Ozona – 2006  
Plainview – 2017  
San Angelo – 1999  
Sweetwater – 2009, 2018  
Tyler – 1993  
Waco – 2016  
Wichita Falls – 1996

## UTAH

Logan – 2013  
Ogden – 1977, 1986  
Provo – 1991  
Vernal (flyby) – 1991

## VERMONT

Burlington – 2007

## VIRGINIA

Danville – 2003  
Chesapeake-Portsmouth – 2002

## WASHINGTON

Pasco – 1984, 2013  
Walla Walla – 1979

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

## WISCONSIN

Ashland – 1994, 2012  
Milwaukee – 1979  
Minocqua-Woodruff – 1991  
Racine – 2009  
Sheboygan – 2004  
Wausau – 2019

## WYOMING

Casper – 1978  
Cheyenne – 1977, 1986  
Evanston – 1997  
Gillette – 1994, 2004  
Laramie – 1988  
Newcastle – 1997  
Pinedale – 2014  
Rawlins – 1989, 2011, 2013  
Rock Springs – 1984  
Sheridan – 1979  
Worland – 1991

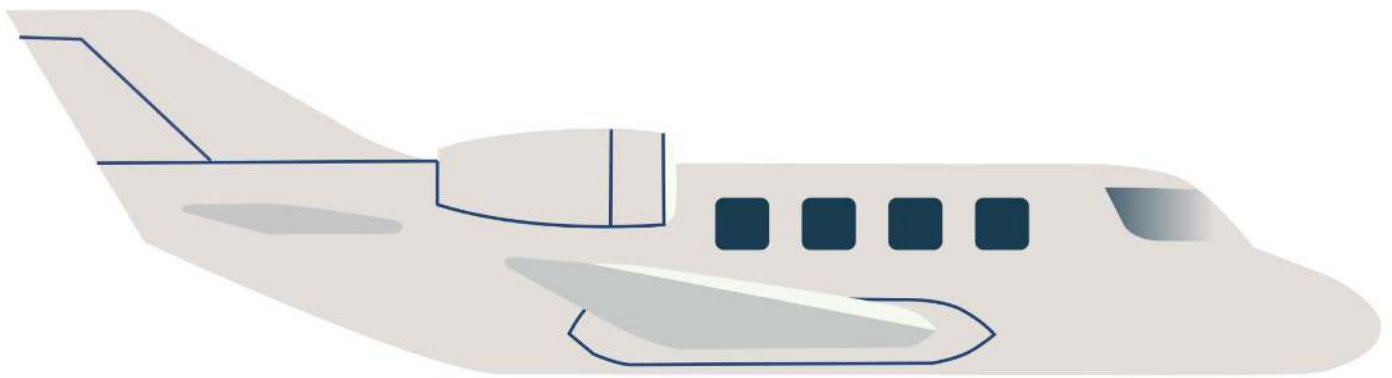
## CANADA

Brantford – 2019  
North Bay – 2019  
Saint John – 2007  
Sault Ste. Marie – 2019  
Toronto – 1999  
Welland – 2019



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## Top Ten Winners of 2019

**1ST PLACE** Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn

**2ND PLACE** Caitlyn Miller & Kendall Higdon  
(Auburn University)

**3RD PLACE** Jan Aarsheim & Elin-Mari Heggland

**4TH PLACE** Ailsa Moseley Cutting & Sarah Wendt

**5TH PLACE** Madi Bright, Rachel Chaput & Morgan Carney  
(Jacksonville University)

**6TH PLACE** Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro

**7TH PLACE** Lara Gaerte & Donna Harris

**8TH PLACE** Mickael Ashworth & Megan Shaffer

**9TH PLACE** Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine

**10TH PLACE** Jo Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn

## 2022 Awards

### THE TOP TEN TEAMS

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

<b>1ST PLACE</b>	\$6,000
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	\$4,000
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	\$3,000
<b>4TH PLACE</b>	\$2,000
<b>5TH PLACE</b>	\$1,500
<b>6TH PLACE</b>	\$1,000
<b>7TH PLACE</b>	\$900
<b>8TH PLACE</b>	\$800
<b>9TH PLACE</b>	\$700
<b>10TH PLACE</b>	\$600



### LEG PRIZES

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

<b>1ST PLACE</b>	\$50 and two medallions
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	\$40 and two medallions
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	\$30 and two medallions
<b>4TH PLACE</b>	\$20 and two medallions



# 2022 Awards and Prizes

## Air Race Classic Winner's Trophy

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

## Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy

Plaques are given to the school and the team members for the permanent possession.

## Claude Glasson SOS Award

The lowest-scoring team without penalties will win the perennially treasured "Turtle" award and a \$100 cash prize.

## 99s Terminus Leg Prize

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, award a \$100 cash prize to the race team with the highest score on the 9th or Terminus leg. The winning team must be members of The Ninety-Nines. The 99s' history with air racing dates back to the 1929 national Air Races when Amelia Earhart and several other competitors met under the grandstand at the finish line in Cleveland, OH. They vowed to form an organization for women aviators and that group became the Ninety-Nines. Today's Air Race Classic grew out of that first Women's Air Derby. This award is designed to inspire racers to continue to fly that perfect cross country on the final terminus leg of the race even though the race has been long and hard.

## Fastest Cessna Award

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

## Fastest Piper Trophy

Piper Aircraft, Inc. is pleased to continue the Fastest Piper trophy for the 2019 Air Race Classic! The custom Piper trophy is awarded to the crew of the highest placing Piper aircraft in this year's Air Race Classic.

## Esther Lowry Safford Rookie Racer Award

Esther Lowry Safford was one of the original eight extraordinary women who founded the Air Race

Classic. She remained an avid supporter of the race and, prior to her death, she established the Rookie Racer Award for a pilot or co-pilot flying her first Air Race Classic. The awardee is selected based on a short essay, "Why I Fly". The winner receives a \$500 cash prize.

## Fastest Women in Aviation Award

Women in Aviation International is pleased to offer this award to the highest-scoring team made up all WAI members. The winning team will receive \$500 to share and a plaque for each team member.

## Other ARC Awards:

Flying Family Team

Safety Award (sponsored by FedEx)

Best Stop



# Ten Years of Winners

**2021** Canceled due to the pandemic.

**2020** Canceled due to the pandemic.

**2019** Corbi Bullcuk & Stephanie Wrenn | Caitlyn Miller & Kendall Higdon (Auburn University) | Jan Aarsheim & Elin-Mari Heggland | Ailsa Moseley Cutting & Sarah Wendt | Madi Bright, Rachel Chaput & Morgan Carney (Jacksonville University) | Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro | Lara Gaerte & Donna Harris | Mickael Ashworth & Megan Shaffer | Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine | Jo Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn

**2018** Mariah Ferber & Paige Kessler | Debby Rihn-Harvey & Chris Dale | Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt | Debi Dreyfuss & Morgan Mitchell | Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak & Kelly Erdman (Western Michigan University) | Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger | Aly Bond, Josie Cotugno & Yasmine Abu Arab (The Ohio State University) | Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn | Mattie McKenna & Ashley Tucker (Auburn University) | Alicia Sikes & Nancy Rohr.

**2017** Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU-Prescott) | Minnetta Gardinier & Jeneanne Visser | Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin | Jenn Lowe & Hannah Burrigh (ERAU-Prescott) | Lorraine Denby & Amy Myzie | Lara Gaerte & JoAnne Alcorn | Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins & Jenna Annable (University of North Dakota) | Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin & Jami Higdon (Indiana State University) | Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quandt & Maria Walston (Western Michigan University)

**2016** Emmy Dillon & Abbie Pasmore (ERAU-Daytona) | Lydia Kost, Kayleigh Bordner & MiJin Kim (Indiana State University) | 92Romeo Petralanda & Virginie Rollin | Dana Atkins, Tina Druskins & Emma Kishel (University of North Dakota) | Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr | Lauren Thompson, Jessica Karlsson & Lauren Brown | Caroline Baldwin, Lydia Baldwin & Cara Baldwin | Corbi Bulluck

& Ramona Banks | Alicia Sikes & Heather Hill | Katie Wagner, Analise Nelson & Alicia Isacson (Liberty University).

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

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

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

**2012** Dianna Stanger & Victoria Holt | Danielle Erlichman & Marisha Falk (Embry-Riddle Aero University) | Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr | Arlene Wohlgemuth & Julia Matthews | Malinda Caywood & Susan Beall | Elizabeth Frankowski & Carol Brackley

| Joyce Wilson & Janet Yoder | Nicole Lordemann & Tonya Hodson (Kansas State University) | Marlene Wessel & Kristine Anthony (Embry-Riddle Aero University) | Emily Applegate & Zia Safko (Metropolitan State College of Denver)

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

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

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# Collegiate Challenge Trophy

Traditions begin with simple acts that add meaning to our lives. Without realizing the future impact of their benevolence, Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff of Legacy Aviation, Inc. created something immeasurably valuable for the Air Race Classic when they declared a new award category at the 2000 ARC Awards banquet and personally provided prizes for each collegiate team.

When the Air Race Classic achieved 501c3 status, with the goal of supporting aviation education for women all ages, taking the next step to encourage the participation of collegiate teams was easy. We established the Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy to be presented annually to the top finishing collegiate team. The current trophy features a soaring bird reflecting

the Air Race Classic logo. Winning team members also receive award certificates.

The Air Race Classic gives students wishing to become aviation professionals a unique opportunity to meet and network with other female pilots and to make contacts all around the country. Flying the Air Race Classic not only improves piloting skills, it can enhance employment searches after graduation. Any school with an established aviation program is eligible to send a team of female pilots.

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

## Ten years of Collegiate Winners

<b>2019</b>	Caitlyn Miller and Kendall Higdon (Auburn University)
<b>2018</b>	Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak, Kelly Erdmann (Western Michigan University)
<b>2017</b>	Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU – Prescott)
<b>2016</b>	Emmy Dillon and Abbie Pasmore (ERAU – Daytona)
<b>2015</b>	Stephanie Armstrong and Jessica Reed (Southern Illinois University – Carbondale)
<b>2014</b>	Valdeta Mehanja and Nancy Snyder (ERAU – Daytona)
<b>2013</b>	Valdeta Mehanja and Danielle Erlichman (ERAU – Daytona)
<b>2012</b>	Danielle Erlichman and Marisha Falk (ERAU – Daytona)
<b>2011</b>	Leah Hetzel and Sarah Morris (Jacksonville University)
<b>2010</b>	Lauren Steele and Allison Springer (Purdue University)
<b>2009</b>	Jessica Campbell and Victoria Dunbar (Indiana State University)

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## The ARC 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, training courses, aviation prints, hats, shirts, books, jewelry, collectibles, gift cards, and much more! This year, an online auction will also be hosted in November.

Do you have something to donate? Your gift is tax deductible and will make a difference. For more information, contact [silentauction@airraceclassic.org](mailto:silentauction@airraceclassic.org).



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### 2023 Leg Lengths

1	GRAND FORKS, ND- KGFK	MANKATO, MN-KMKT	262 nm	311 sm
2	MANKATO, MN-KMKT	OTTUMWA, IA- KOTM	197 nm	227 sm
3	OTTUMWA, IA- KOTM	KEARNEY, NE- KEAR	299 nm	344 sm
4	KEARNEY, NE- KEAR	PONCA CITY- KPNC	256 nm	295 sm
5	PONCA CITY- KPNC	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX- KSLR	226 nm	260 sm
6	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX- KSLR	JONESBORO, AR- KJBR	294 nm	338 sm
7	JONESBORO, AR- KJBR	PELL CITY, AL- KPLR	257 nm	296 sm
8	PELL CITY, AL- KPLR	CROSS CITY, FL- KCTY	285 nm	328 sm
9	CROSS CITY, FL- KCTY	HOMESTEAD, FL- X51	282 nm	325 sm
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