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# President's Welcome

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Each year, the Air Race Classic visits new airports and communities on our annual race. While every year is unique, this year is unusual; not only are we traversing considerable longitude, we're also substantially changing latitude! With our Start near the Canadian border and our Terminus near Miami this year's route crosses 23 degrees of latitude. The 2023 Air Race Classic marks the 46th running of our race. With roots dating back to the 1929 Women's Air Derby, the current Air Race Classic is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on encouraging and educating women pilots and preserving and promoting the tradition of female aviation pioneers. 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 would not 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 Grand Forks, North Dakota; and the terminus in Homestead, Florida. Since the Start, Terminus and race route changes every year, new volunteers are recruited at each of the enroute stops, as well as the Start and Terminus, for each race. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers, aircraft inspectors; anything that needs 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. Enroute 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 cross country competition for women pilots!

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



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

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**KMKT** Mankato, MN

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**KHSI** Hastings, NE  
**KHRU** Herington, KS

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**KJBR** Jonesboro, AR  
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**KCTY** Cross City, FL  
**X51** Homestead, FL

# The Air Race Classic, inc.



Back row | Lara Gaerte, Alicia Sikes, Shannon Osborne, Mary Wunder, Donna Harris, Theresa White. Front row | Lorraine Denby, Linda Evans, Lin Caywood, Sherry Kandle, Amy Myzie

The Air Race Classic Board of Directors is a diverse group of volunteers working year round to plan and organize each year's race. Board members donate time and resources to continue and enhance the traditions of the Air Race Classic. The Board is composed of 9-15 directors, supported by assistant directors and past presidents, former directors and a host of volunteers across the country. New members are invited to join the board based on the needs of the organization.

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# 46th Annual Air Race Classic

## 2023 GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>FRI JUNE 16</b>	<b>START: Grand Forks International Airport (Grand Forks, ND)</b> Airplane Inspections ARC Credentials, Start Check-In, Hospitality Youth Aviation Event Early Bird Reception	0800-1700 CDT 0800-1700 CDT 1300-1600 CDT 1700-1900 CDT
<b>SAT JUNE 17</b>	Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials Start Check-In, Hospitality Racers Arrival – <b>DEADLINE</b> Airplane Inspections, ARC Credentials – <b>CLOSE</b> "Meet the Racers" Welcome Reception	0800-1600 CDT 0700-1500 CDT 1200 CDT 1600 CDT 1730-2030 CDT
<b>SUN JUNE 18</b>	Start Check-in – <b>CLOSE</b> Collegiate Racers Meeting – <b>MANDATORY</b> All Contestants Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Timing, Technology & Judging Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Racer Group Photo Social Hour & Take-off Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b>	0800 CDT 0800-0900 CDT 0900-1200 CDT 1330-1500 CDT 1530-1600 CDT 1730-2130 CDT
<b>MON JUNE 19</b>	Racer Flyby Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Race Start/Terminus Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Weather Briefing – <b>RECOMMENDED</b> First Time Racers Clinic – <b>MANDATORY</b> Race Officials Meeting	0800-1000 CDT 1000-1100 CDT 1130-1200 CDT 1300-1400 CDT 1430-1530 CDT
<b>TUES JUNE 20</b>	Take-off Breakfast All Contestants Final Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> Start Take-off	0600-0630 CDT 0630-0700 CDT 0800 CDT
<b>THU JUNE 22</b>	<b>TERMINUS: Miami Homestead General Aviation Airport (Homestead, FL)</b> Early Arrival Dinner with Terminus Host	1800-1900 EDT
<b>FRI JUNE 23</b>	Terminus Check-in, Hospitality Racers Finish – <b>DEADLINE</b> Meltdown Party	0800-1700 EDT 1700 EDT 1800-2100 EDT
<b>SAT JUNE 24</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 0900-1600 EDT 1100-1500 EDT 1530-1615 EDT
<b>SUN JUNE 25</b>	All Contestants Debriefing Breakfast All Contestants Debriefing – <b>MANDATORY</b> ARC Board Meeting First Time Racers Debriefing – <b>RECOMMENDED</b> Social Hours & ARC Awards Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b>	0700-0845 EDT 0900-1030 EDT 1100-1300 EDT 1530-1615 EDT 1800-2130 EDT

*ALL times above are subject to change*



# 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 three classes: Competition, EDMA or Non-Competition.

Competition Class includes stock and modified stock, normally aspirated, piston-powered airplanes, rated for continuous operation at maximum engine speed. EDMA includes airplanes that limit flying at full throttle for more than take off and are equipped with a G1000 or similar monitoring equipment. 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. All classes follow the same rules and enjoy similar flying adventures over the 2400+ 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 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 the airplane's handicap, then adjusting for any applicable penalties.

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 link.

## Judges



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# ARC Past Presidents

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2002-2005



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2005-2006



**VALDEEN WOOTON**  
2006-2007



**MAROLYN WILSON**  
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



## 2023 Leg Lengths

1	GRAND FORKS ND [KFGK]	MANKATO MN [KMKT]	262 nm	301 sm
2	MANKATO MN [KMKT]	OTTUMWA IA [KOTM]	198 nm	228 sm
3	OTTUMWA IA [KOTM]	HASTINGS NE (KHSI)	274 nm	315 sm
4	HASTINGS NE (KHSI)	HERINGTON KS (KHUR)	137 nm	158 sm
	HERINGTON KS (KHUR)*	PONCA CITY OK [KPNC]	118 nm	136 sm
5	PONCA CITY OK [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	295 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
	*flyover only		2,333 nm	2,684 sm

Check us out at [airraceclassic.org](http://airraceclassic.org)

# Grand Forks, North Dakota

## GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KGFK

All of us at the University of North Dakota and greater Grand Forks community are extremely excited to have the opportunity to welcome you to our state and provide an exciting start to the 2023 Air Race Classic! For many of you, we assume it may be your first time in North Dakota so we are planning a series of fun events to highlight our mid-western culture.

The University of North Dakota is home to one of the largest FAA Part 141 flight schools in the nation, with just over 100 aircraft on the flight line and 2,000 students majoring in aviation. The Grand Forks International Airport often ranks in the top 25 busiest airports in the nation, and on some good

VFR flying days, can rank as high as the 2nd busiest airport in the country based on operations. UND welcomes students from all over the world training to become pilots, air traffic controllers and aviation business professionals.

While you are here we encourage you to explore the greater Grand Forks community and beautiful June weather! We know sometimes North Dakota gets a bad rap due to our winter weather so we are thrilled to have you experience our wonderful summer weather!

**Stop Chairs** Beth Bjerke, Courtney Olson, Liz Mislan  
**Airport Manager** Ryan Resigner



# WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING THE START OF THE AIR RACE CLASSIC!

We hope you'll join us at the great events we've been planning.



## SCAN THE QR CODE

or visit: [aero.UND.edu/events/air-race-classic-2023](https://aero.UND.edu/events/air-race-classic-2023) for more information on these events (and more!) as well as the latest updates.

## THANK YOU, SPONSORS!



# Florence Klingensmith, North Dakota

## A PIONEER IN WOMEN'S AVIATION HISTORY



"Miss Fargo." Photo courtesy Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County.

Florence Klingensmith, North Dakota's first licensed woman pilot and a groundbreaking air racer, raised money from Fargo businesses to purchase her first airplane which she named "Miss Fargo."

The 2023 Air Race Classic, which originates in Grand Forks this year, traces roots back to early days of aerial racing.

Florence Klingensmith was born in 1904 and grew up in Moorhead, MN., launching her aviation career from Hector Field in Fargo, ND. "Florence Klingensmith was from the Fargo-Moorhead area and became North Dakota's first licensed woman pilot," said Beth Bjerke, associate dean for UND aerospace and professor for aviation. "She was truly one of the first air racers who rose to national prominence by learning to fly and being very successful."

While Klingensmith wasn't as well-known as Amelia Earhart – perhaps the most famous woman pilot of the era – her influence on women in aviation was significant. Mark Peihl, senior archivist and 36-year employee with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, did detailed research on Klingensmith for a 1991 article he wrote for the organization's newsletter. He spoke to people who remembered Klingensmith, calling her "an amazing woman with an amazing story."

"She was known all over the country, a household name at the time," he said. "She was a very remarkable character in her own right, someone who was absolutely fearless and would try anything. She's one of my favorite characters from Clay County history."

Keith O'Brien, a former Boston Globe reporter, featured Klingensmith and four other women aviators in the 2018 publication of his book, "Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History." A chapter of "Fly Girls" is devoted to Klingensmith and her aviation exploits. The book became a New York Times best seller and helped revive Klingensmith's historical importance in the aviation field.

In a 2018 interview with GBH News, O'Brien said, "Florence Klingensmith, of this bunch, was just, objectively speaking, the most skilled pilot. She flew in the pylon races. Not only

did she fly in the pylon races, she won them and actually competed against the men. That required the utmost coordination and skill. Florence was incredible at it."

Klingensmith spent her early years on a small farm north of Moorhead before her family moved into town. She gained a reputation as a daredevil, racing motorcycles and working as a skydiver and an airshow stunt girl.

Determined to fly, she earned money to complete electrical school and then worked as an apprentice airplane mechanic at Fargo's Hector Field while taking flying lessons. She raised money from local businesses to buy her first airplane, which she named "Miss Fargo."

North Dakota's first licensed woman pilot launched an aviation career that included winning some of the biggest air races of the day, earning the Amelia Earhart Trophy and setting a world record for flying the most continuous loops – a 4 ½ hour flight during which she completed 1,078 loops. Klingensmith earned the nickname "Tree Tops" for her flamboyant flying style.

One of her goals was to demonstrate that women could compete against men, who almost always had the advantage of wealthy sponsors, enabling them to fly the latest and fastest aircraft.

As O'Brien wrote in his book, "It was not surprising, then, that the few women who dared to enter the elite, male-dominated aviation fraternity endured a storm of criticism and insults. They weren't aviators, as far as men were concerned."

Klingensmith's big break came in 1933 when, in conjunction with the World's Fair in Chicago, she was signed on to fly in the national Frank Phillips Trophy Race against a field of male pilots. O'Brien compared the event to today's Super Bowl game.

Klingensmith would fly one of the fastest aircraft of its time, the Gee Bee Sportster built by the Granville Brothers. The stubby plane designed around a powerful radial engine, had a reputation for being difficult and dangerous to fly.

Although it's taken nearly 90 years to recognize Klingensmith's contributions to aviation history, the path she opened for women aviators is coming to light. In 2021, the city of Moorhead named its municipal airport Florence Klingensmith Field. A mural downtown and exhibits at the airport celebrate and call attention to her many accomplishments.

In the spirit of Klingensmith and other women pioneers in air racing, this summer, the 46th Annual Air Race Classic will begin at the Grand Forks International Airport and include 44 teams who will compete in this year's Air Race Classic to fly a 2,400-mile course from North Dakota to Homestead, Florida.

Editor's note: This article written by Patrick C. Miller, originally appeared in Discovery, Equity, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences in honor of March as Women's History Month. Patrick C. Miller is the strategic communications editor in UND's Division of Marketing & Communications. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in journalism. Edited with permission.

# Mankato, Minnesota

## MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT, KMKT

Nestled in the Minnesota River Valley, Mankato is a growing city in Southern Minnesota. With a population of 44,000, Mankato is home to a four-year university, a four-year college and a community and technical college. Our city is known for its beautiful and historical parks and trails.

The first building of the Mankato Regional Airport was erected in 1969. Owned by the City of Mankato and managed by North Star Aviation, the airport encompasses 840 acres, houses 72 individual T-hangars for aircraft storage and employs 118 full and part-time people. We had the opportunity to host the president in Air Force One in 2020.

KMKT offers two runways: 15-33 which is 6,600 feet long and 4-22 which is 4,000 feet long. Our runways have an instrument landing system equivalent to the MSP Airport. A full-service Fixed Based Operator,

KMKT houses multiple hangars, including our 14,000 square-foot maintenance/avionics hangar, the Corporate Hangar, the Mayo health care hangar, as well as our newest 20,000-square-foot North Star hangar, completed in 2022.

Built in 1997, the new terminal building is the home of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Aviation Program, housing classroom and study spaces for aviation students as well as FAA certified flight simulators. Our aviation program's fleet is composed of 34 total aircraft.

We are looking forward to hosting the second stop of the 2023 Air Race Classic. We welcome you to the Mankato Regional Airport!

**Stop Chair Brandi Koch**  
**Airport Manager Rob McGregor**



# Ottumwa, Iowa

## OTTUMWA REGIONAL AIRPORT, KOTM

Ottumwa, Iowa is a unique city...with an intriguing name. "Ottumwa" is said to be derived from an Algonquin (indigenous) word meaning "rippling waters". We are a community on the banks of the Des Moines River. Ottumwa is one of Iowa's many railroad and coal boomtowns that weathered the storm and survived. Today, Ottumwa's economy is more closely aligned with its agriculture roots—livestock and machinery—with healthcare, higher education, financial services, and advanced manufacturing also contributing to the community's economy. Ottumwa boasts a diverse business climate.

The Ottumwa Regional Airport, located 6 miles northwest of Ottumwa, is a city-owned airport that contains 1,440 acres of land. It has a 6,000' long by 100' wide primary runway, a 4,600' long by 100' wide crosswind runway, parallel taxiways, numerous published instrument approaches including an (ILS) that attracts a variety of aircraft to our airport. We offer a modern and spacious terminal building and plenty of hard surface ramp area for all your aircraft needs. We have full-service Jet-A and 100LL as well as a self-serve

100LL for after-hours needs. We offer flight instruction, aircraft rental, and aviation maintenance.

After the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy scrambled to increase their inventory of combat airplanes and pilots. On July 9, 1942, Ottumwa was selected as the site for a Naval Aviation base. From March 14, 1943 to October 20, 1947, the U.S. Navy trained 6,656 student pilots at the Ottumwa location. On September 16, 1957, the City of Ottumwa regained ownership of the property. The U.S. Navy Administration building is currently undergoing restoration by The Friends of Ottumwa NAS and is available most days for a tour of the facility.

The airport has hosted Fly-Iowa and other airshows in the past. We are excited to host the Air Race Classic this year! As you travel to your next stop, we hope you remember us for more than the "hometown" of Radar O'Reilly and Tom Arnold!!

**Stop Chair Kim Claypool**  
**Airport Manager J.D. Wheaton**





# Hastings, Nebraska

## HASTINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KHSI

Hastings Municipal Airport (KHSI) is proud to be a host this year for the Air Race Classic. There is very strong aviation history in Hastings. In 1911, Jimmie Ward one of the Curtiss flyers brought a Curtiss Airplane to Hastings for an Aviation meet. In 1917, Hastings hosted the flying circus. In 1927, "The Spirit of St Louis" arrived in Hastings. In 1930, Hastings was the first outstate city to pass a bond to specifically create the Hastings Airport and build a large brick hanger that is still in use today.

We have hosted several events the last few years such as the Nebraska State Fly-in and Airshow, and "DOC," the B-29 in 2021, the EAA Trimotor in 2019, as well as several fly-ins.

The Hastings Airport is a growing general aviation airport. We are home to Hastings Air LLC (FBO), J&S Aviation (Maintenance and Garmin Avionics Facility),

Meyer Aerial Services, and the Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association. We have a very active EAA Chapter and Airport Association.

The Hastings Airport is 60 miles north of the geographical center of the United States and is a popular fuel stop for business aircraft to refuel crossing the country. You can also find historic markers for the Pony Express and the Oregon Trail nearby. Hastings is known for the spectacular annual migration of cranes and waterfowl that stop along the Platte River and Rainwater Basin each March, and is recognized as the "Official Birthplace of Kool-Aid," which was invented here in 1927. The airport boasts the only compass rose in Nebraska painted by The Ninety-Nines.

**Stop Chair** Carole Sutton  
**Airport Manager** Matthew Kuhr



# Herington, KS

## HERINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT, KHRU

Herington Regional Airport (KHRU) will be a fly-over point between the Hastings, NE (KHSI) and Ponca City, OK (KPNC) Stops on this year's race route. Aviation enthusiasts will be watching overhead for Racers on leg 4.

Herington Regional began as Herington Army Air Field (AAF) in 1942 and was used during World War II by the Army Air Corps as a staging area for overseas deployment of B-17s, B-24s, and B-29s and their crews. Facilities at the field included runways, hangars, fuel storage tanks, barracks, administration buildings, and other related structures necessary for airfield operations. In 1945 Herington AAF was

deactivated. All the property was eventually disposed of and became the Herington Municipal Airport.

In the recent years, several improvements have been made including a fence and security gate, a new 100LL self-serve fuel system, an LED beacon, updated pilot lounge and a newly resealed taxiway to help existing businesses and to attract new businesses to the 1700-acre WWII airport. KHRU would make a great fuel stop on your way to the Start or on your way home from the Terminus!

**Airport Manager Merlin Oswald**



# Ponca City, Oklahoma

## PONCA CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT, KPNC

Ponca City has had its head in the clouds for over a hundred years. From a grass strip with an Army tent hangar in 1919 to snubbing airplanes to fence posts “cowboy style” in the early 1920s, we learned the importance of aviation within a community, especially for a city entering an oil boom. An “improved” airport for mail planes was built in 1927, but it was quickly outgrown as aviation technology leaped forward. On July 4, 1931, the current airport held its dedication. Vaudeville star and humorist Will Rogers was the keynote speaker celebrating the opening of this new facility.

In 1941 the Lend-Lease Act opened the door to training Royal Air Force cadets. The Darr School of Aeronautics opened at Ponca City, training some 4,000 RAF pilots. As the US became involved in the war effort, the Darr School trained several hundred US Army Air Force pilots until it closed in 1944.

After the war, Piper Aircraft opened a manufacturing facility on the grounds of the old Darr School. From 1946-1948 around 200 employees cranked out over 2,000 Piper Cubs and Piper Cub Super Cruisers. It was also a delivery point where company pilots flew finished aircraft cross country to distributors.

Currently, KPNC hosts the longest continuous fly-in breakfast on the first Saturday of each month from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. The Northern Oklahoma Flight Academy holds several week-long summer camps to help students explore their dreams of flight and mechanical tinkering. It's always exciting to see students light up when they “get it” and to watch them return to NOFA multiple times as students,

aides, and eventually as guest speakers employed in the aviation industry.

On July 9, 2021, ninety years after its first dedication, KPNC was re-dedicated after a major renovation of the 7200' x 100' concrete runway and taxiways. The runway is a single concrete runway (17/35) at an elevation of 1,008'. Our FBO offers 100 LL and Jet A fuel via self-serve or full-serve pumps, and from their fuel truck.

Ponca City is centrally located between three major metropolises: Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Wichita. We are a progressive city that continues to celebrate established companies such as Conoco Phillips yet we look to the future with Ponca City Development Authority and Pioneer Technology Center's small business incubator. Our beautiful architecture juxtaposes the Spanish Revival Ponca Theatre with the modern, state-of-the-art Ponca City Concert Hall. Looking for more outdoorsy things? There are seven walking/jogging trails and over 20 parks to satisfy that need. Enjoy Lake Ponca's Fourth of July fireworks or fishing events at Kaw Lake. Have an appetite? Ponca City has over 75 eateries. Enrique's Mexican Restaurant, located inside the terminal building, offers authentic Mexican cuisine, fresh homemade flour tortilla chips, and don't forget to take home a bottle of their salsa!

Pull your head out of the clouds for a while here in Ponca City. We are excited to welcome all the ARC race teams to our home!

**Stop Chair Tamara Bucher**  
**Airport Manager Don Nuzum**



# Sulphur Springs, Texas

## SULPHUR SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KSLR

Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport (KSLR) welcomes the 2023 Air Race Classic Racers!

Named "Airport of the Year" in 2003 by the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division, today KSLR is still among the best General Aviation airports in Texas. There's a lot to see and do in Sulphur Springs and in our neighboring East Texas communities.

Strategically located between Dallas and Texarkana, Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport is in the heart of the East Texas Lake Country - a premiere fishing destination - and nearby Lake Fork is famous for the size of its large-mouth bass and quality crappie fishing. We're a friendly and bustling connector to the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana regions. Sulphur Springs and KSLR are rapidly emerging centers for business, commerce, and mobility.

With a 5,000-foot runway, KSLR can handle just about any inbound aircraft. We welcome all visitors—

big and small. Crew cars are available for in-town use. Full service and self-serve fuel is available. And don't miss the Red Barn Café just across the street from the terminal, within walking distance.

KSLR is also home to American Legend Aircraft, manufacturer of Legend Cubs and the MOAC, Mother of All Cubs. Legend Aircraft builds modern versions of the beloved Cub airplanes. Today's Legend Cub is an all-new, factory-built aircraft, designed in the spirit of the legendary Piper J-3, PA-11, and PA-18 Super Cubs. Schedule a tour during your visit.

We are confident that you will enjoy your stop at KSLR and hope you will plan a return trip after the Race. Good luck, Racers!

**Airport Manager Joey Baker**



# Jonesboro, Arkansas

## JONESBORO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KJBR

Welcome to Jonesboro, Arkansas, and the Jonesboro Municipal Airport, "The Gateway to Northeast Arkansas". We are excited and honored to be chosen as a stop in the 2023 Air Race Classic and hope to make your visit a memorable experience with many options for exceptional first-class accommodations. Jonesboro is a rapidly growing city located on Crowley's Ridge in the northeastern corner of the State of Arkansas. In 2023, the city had a population of 81,969 and was the fifth-largest city in Arkansas. Neighboring states of Tennessee and Missouri are both less than an hour drive away.

The Jonesboro Municipal Airport growth suffered a setback in March 2020 when a destructive EF3 tornado severely damaged the main airport infrastructure. Since that time, the recovery efforts have been amazing in restoring the heart of the airport without missing a beat. Jonesboro offers based accommodations to 105 various types of aircraft from vintage and general aviation to larger corporate jet aircraft. Arkansas Air Center is a first-class full service

FBO offering both competitively priced Jet A and 100LL fuels provided by plane side fueling trucks. Edmonds Aviation, operating out of a 12,500sf newly constructed maintenance facility, offers major repairs and avionics services; two full-time flight instruction businesses, Flighttime Aviation and Clear Sky Aviation, offer plane rental and instruction; and Hospital Wing air ambulance service all call Jonesboro their home base of operations. Jonesboro Municipal is a part of the Essential Air Service program offering 18 economical round-trip flights per week to St. Louis Lambert field and Nashville, TN, provided by Southern Airways Express. With two runways, the primary being 6,200' X 150' and crosswind runway being 4,100' x 150', and various approaches combined with ASOS, we hope to have every aspect of your flight into Jonesboro accounted for.

The airport staff is thrilled to be a part of this historic race and looks forward to your arrival.

**Airport Manager** George Jackson



# Pell City, Alabama

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT, KPLR

The story of the St. Clair County Airport (KPLR) began in 1966 when a parcel of land was purchased from Marlin Huggins and designated an airport property. The runway, taxiway, airport grounds and facilities were completed the same year and the opening was attended by then-Governor George Wallace. Over the years, the airport has been home to several military reserve units, an EAA chapter and a Civil Air Patrol unit, and the FAA has designated KPLR as a "reliever" airport for Birmingham.

KPLR supports a vibrant general and corporate aviation community. Current amenities include multiple sizes of hangars available for rent, a flight training school, maintenance facilities, avionics shop, conference rooms and a serene and relaxing pilot lounge. Fuel services include full-service and 24-hour self-serve AVGAS availability as well as full-service jet fuel.

The St. Clair County Airport serves as a gateway to north central Alabama's abundant water recreation

resources including Logan Martin, Neely Henry and Lay lakes with world-class bass fishing, as well as national hotel chains, local marinas and restaurants. KPLR also provides easy access to Birmingham's downtown business district and nearby recreational resources and dining opportunities ranging from restaurants operated by Michelin Star chefs to urban brew pubs, dives, gourmet food trucks and everything in between.

The St. Clair County Airport is legendary in the Alabama general aviation community for its hospitality, its friendliness to both locals and transients, and the level of services that it provides. Everyone associated with the airport including its Board of Directors, its Manager, and its line staff look forward to welcoming the 2023 Air Race Classic participants and making their stop at KPLR a memorable one.

**Stop Chair Ramona Banks**  
**Airport Manager Wendy Watson**



# Cross City, Florida

## CROSS CITY AIRPORT, KCTY

Cross City Airport is proud to welcome the 2023 Air Race Classic contestants to Dixie County, Florida where the Suwannee River, the Steinhatchee River, and the National Wildlife Refuge flow to the Hidden Coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Visitors quickly discover why Dixie is a great place to live, work, and play.

Local agriculture and livestock farming, timber and forest products mills, commercial fishing, and a wide range of tourism-related businesses abound. Hunting preserves, custom boat manufacturers, extensive campgrounds, lodgings, and marinas provide visitors many choices. Public parks, and boat ramps provide visitors ready access to freshwater and saltwater fishing, boating, paddling, and diving. Tidal creeks along

the coast provide delightful escapes for those who leave the pavement behind and enjoy Dixie Mainline and other area backcountry roads.

Downtown and waterfront dining with live entertainment brings an enjoyable end to any adventurous day. Nature at its finest awaits the casual to the passionate outdoor enthusiasts. Check out all the activities and places available at VisitDixie.com and plan your visit.

Daytrip, overnight, or extended stay, we welcome all who cruise-in by highway, waterway, and skyway!

**Stop Chairs Jo Alcorn & Stan McClain**  
**Airport Manager Clint Beauchamp**



**Cross City, Florida - Minutes to the Suwannee River,  
the Steinhatchee Rivers & the Gulf Coast Wildlife Preserves**





Dear Racers, Volunteers, and Visitors,

Aviation is our future and will be our legacy as well as being our heritage, from Glenn Curtiss to Curtis Pitts; from National, Eastern, and Pan Am to Jet Blue, Delta, and American airlines; from the 1947 Powder Puff Derby to the present 2023 North Dakota-South Florida Air Race Classic. We are proud of our strong traditions and rich customs, and we are a unique community that has chosen aviation as our passion.

As the Terminus Host of the 2023 Air Race Classic, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all racers and visitors. It is an honor to share my passion with you during this historic aviation event. I hope you will take advantage of everything that Terminus has to offer, from the sun and surf to the food and culture; there is something for everyone to enjoy.

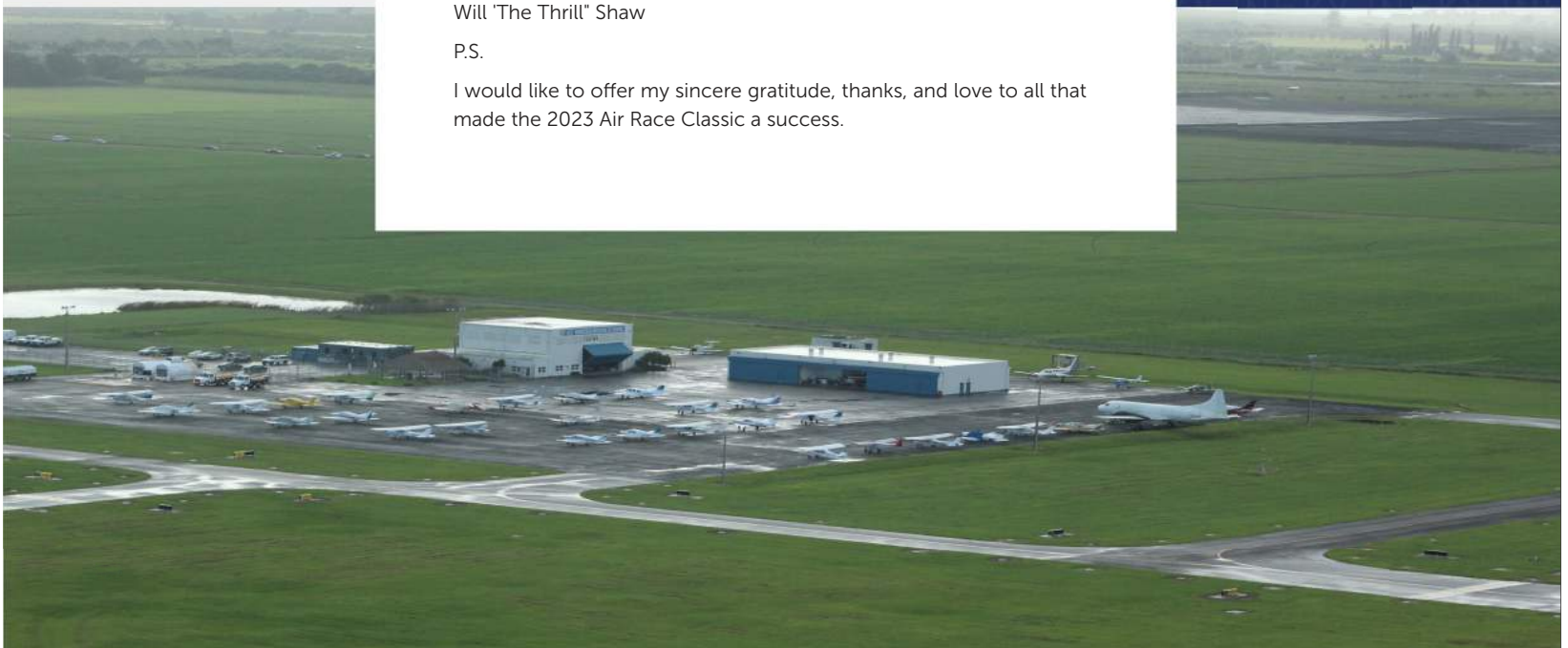
Please know that you are welcome to come back and visit often. We are proud of our aviation heritage and our future prospects, and we look forward to sharing them with you again in the good times to come.

Yours in flight,

Will "The Thrill" Shaw

P.S.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude, thanks, and love to all that made the 2023 Air Race Classic a success.





# Homestead, Florida

## MIAMI HOMESTEAD GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT, X51



Situated approximately three miles northwest of the City of Homestead, Miami Homestead General Aviation Airport (X51) offers quick and easy access. The airport is adjacent to Everglades National Park and is only 25 minutes from Biscayne National Park's coral reefs.

Miami Homestead General Aviation Airport is the closest airport to the Homestead/Miami Speedway with NASCAR, BUSH, IRL and IROC Championship Racing just minutes away. The airport is located in the agricultural community -- minutes west of the business areas of South Dade and the City of Homestead. Additionally, the airport provides a convenient link to all of the Florida Keys and is a short 30-minute drive from Key Largo and the Ocean Reef Club, famous for their world-class sport fishing and incredible coral reefs.

Providing self-service Jet-A and 100LL fuel, Miami Homestead General Aviation Airport is the last refueling stop before the Florida Keys and points south. With its two paved and lighted runways, one Ultralight turf runway, Aerobatic box and Skydive drop zone; the airport serves all aspects of the general aviation community from business aircraft to skydiving and gliding.

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## Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the 2023 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).

## Our divisions include:

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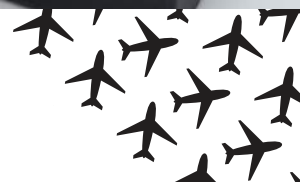
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# Meet the 2023 Air Race Classic Racers

## 1 | Boiler Bratz

LINDSAY TURNER & MADELEINE JOHNSON  
CIRRUS SR22

Lindsay (West Lafayette, IN) holds a Commercial Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; flight instructor credentials; and 719 hours logged.

Lindsay is a flight instructor for Purdue University, helping students go from 0 hours of flight time to private pilots, which, she says, is an incredibly rewarding and fun job. She is racing "to inspire other young female aviators; to gain experience making a legitimate cross-country trek with my best friend." Lindsay is a Division 1 swimmer for the university and has been to all 50 U.S. states. She enjoys being outdoors and loves hiking, going to the beach, baking, tanning, shopping, and eating yummy foods! Lindsay is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation.

Madeleine (Valparaiso, IN) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; a current instrument rating; flight instructor credentials; and 400 hours in her logbook.

Madeleine is a recent graduate from Purdue University's Professional Flight Program. She is pursuing her Master's De-



**Welcome to the first-time team of Lindsay Turner and Madeleine Johnson!**

gree while flight instructing. Madeleine is racing "to inspire the younger female pilot generation." She is a Teaching Assistant on the A320 simulator, a former Division 1 athlete on the university's swim team, and loves to shop! Madeleine is a member-at-large of the 99s.

**Sponsors: Tim Johnson, Bill Wood, Eileen Turner**

## 2 | Coyotes

ROYCE CLIFFORD & RENEE SANDELL  
BEECHCRAFT SIERRA C24R

**Royce Clifford** (Encinitas, CA) returns for her 11th ARC. She is a Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; 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 first Air Race Classic for Renee Sandell (San Rafael, CA). Welcome!** Renee is an Air Transport Pilot, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine instrument flight and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; and 18,700 hours logged.



After what began as a hobby to allow her to fly to destination ski resorts, Renee decided flying was much more fun than sales and marketing of ice cream. She quit her job, went to flight school and has been a Captain with Southwest Airlines for 21 years. Renee is racing for "fun, camaraderie, competition. New experiences, and to see different parts of the country." She still flies general aviation airplanes, including a Cessna 180 and a Beech F33. Renee loves the outdoors, hiking, and biking. She has visited 41 of the 63 U.S. National parks with plans to visit them all. She likes to mentor young children, especially girls. She loves to fly Young Eagles and flies for Angel Flight West. Renee is a member of the Bay Cities Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

### 3 | Jetlaw

#### KALI HAGUE & ROBIN LAWS LUSCOMBE SILVAIRE DELUXE 8E

This is the third Air Race Classic for **Kali Hague** (Washington, D.C.). Kali is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and single-engine sea; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; single-engine and instrument flight instructor credentials; and 1,300 hours logged.

Kali is a partner at a law firm in Washington D.C. where she helps her air carrier, corporate flight department and airport clients navigate regulatory requirements and maintain compliance. She also manages and operates the firm's Piper Meridian. Kali says, "Air racing is the best ambassador for aviation. I race to inspire future aviators." She and Robin met 15 years ago in Kansas State University's aviation program and they love getting together for dinner, swapping aviation stories and drinking a good glass of wine. Kali is a member of the Washington D.C. Chapter of the 99s and the Capital Region Chapter of WAI.

**Robin Laws** (Denver, CO) is back for her third ARC. She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; instrument and multi-engine flight and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; and 1,750 hours in her logbook.

Robin is a professional pilot by trade, but currently stays home



and educates her three kiddos. She has worked as a flight instructor as well as an Operations Officer for a Kansas airport authority before becoming a Production Test Pilot for the C-162. Robin races because she "loves the camaraderie, scenery and experiences learned from real-world flying during the race. I enjoy using things I have learned in racing to teach students and make flight training, and child raising, fun! I love connecting with other racers, making friends and sharing experiences." Robin's husband, Chris is an airline pilot and they have been full-time RVers for 3 years. Robin discovered her love of teaching transferred from flying to homeschooling and she is considering becoming a ferry pilot. Robin is a member of the Ambassador Chapter of the 99s and the Air Capital City Chapter of WAI.

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### 4 | LETU Stingers

#### MACKENZIE FESSLER, MORGAN ROSENBERGER & ALONDRA LOPEZ | LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Mackenzie "Kenzie" Fessler** (Longview, TX) is flying her second Air Race Classic. She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating; high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 182 hours in her logbook.

Over the past few years, Kenzie has worked at a small cookie business with her sister, but is focusing on her education now as a full-time college student. She is racing "because this is such a unique challenge and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It is also a stellar chance to meet some awesome women in aviation and get involved in the community." During last year's race, after bringing their plane to a stop, it was covered with spiders and Kenzie "doesn't do spiders"! Thankfully, they were gone the next morning. 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.

**Welcome, Morgan Rosenberger (Keller, TX), to her first Air Race Classic!** She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with tailwheel endorsements, and has logged 406 hours.

Morgan is currently a student at LETU and is hoping to, one day, fly for the airlines or for a corporate company. Morgan is racing this year "simply because I love flying!" She enjoys the idea of trying to beat her own planned time, while also getting to enjoy the beautiful views from the sky and getting to meet



other women aviators along the way. Morgan is excited to see herself and her team grow from this experience. She has loved aviation from a very young age, mostly from watching airplanes take off and land at local airports with her dad. Morgan enjoys spending time outdoors, as well as spending time with her family. She is a member of the Texas Dogwood Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Alondra Milagros (Longview, TX) is also flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, tailwheel endorsement, with 177 hours flown.

Alondra is enrolled in commercial flight training at LETU and is also studying to earn her Airframe and Powerplant certificate. She is racing to gain experience, meet fellow women aviators, and inspire other Hispanic girls who would like to fly. Fun facts about Alondra is that she is a triplet and from Puerto Rico! She has many interests and hobbies, including flying and playing sports. She also enjoys spending time with her family. Alondra is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of 99s.

## 5 | Keystone Flyers

CYNTHIA LEE & LINDA EVANS  
CIRRUS SR22

**Cynthia Lee** (Avondale, PA) returns to ARC for the third time. She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and 1,915 hours flown.

Cynthia retired from DuPont after almost 38 years of operations and engineering management positions, moving 19 times and living abroad for 9 years. Cynthia is racing because "the camaraderie of women pilots is fantastic and why I continue to participate in the ARC." She enjoys flying volunteer missions for Patient Airlift Services, flying patients to and from medical treatments. She is also an avid photographer. Cynthia is a member of the Delaware Chapter of 99s and an Assistant Director of the ARC.

This is the ninth Air Race Classic for **Linda Evans** (North Wales, PA). She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; an Airframe and Powerplant certificate; and 2,108 hours in her logbook.

Linda flies the ARC "because I love to fly and the race provides a great excuse to do that. It's a great learning experience and helps me sharpen my skills and increase my knowledge. It's also a great way to meet other women pilots and make lifelong



friends." 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 18 to 36. Linda flew the ARC Air Derby with her goddaughter, Katie, who has now become a CFI. In addition to flying and working on planes, she enjoys watching/attending sporting events and hopes to start golfing again soon. Linda is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s, a member-at-large of WAI, and a Director and Treasurer of the ARC.

## 6 | The Sunbirds

NIR LEVI & CARMEL HAAS  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Nir (Gaithersburg, MD) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; instrument flight instructor credentials; and 640 hours logged.

Nir served in the Israeli Air Force for two years and is now becoming the head of logistics for a company that exports agricultural products. She also volunteers as a flight instructor. As an instrument flight instructor, she always tries to expand her knowledge in aviation and pass it on to her students. She is sure the Air Race Classic "will be very educational. I hope sharing the race online will get more women to aviation. It will be a great way to share this race with my former student who is now a flight instructor herself!" Nir's main hobby is flying, but she also enjoys traveling. She has been to most of the 50 U.S. states in a motorhome with her family or by airplane with friends. Her father is a sport pilot who introduced her to flying. She is now his instructor as he pursues his Private Pilot certificate! Nir is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation.

Carmel (Gaithersburg, MD) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high performance endorsements; a current instrument rating; instrument flight instructor credentials; and 700 hours in her logbook.

Before serving in the Israeli Air Force as a Flight Officer, Carmel worked on a farm in northern Israel managing operations



**Welcome first-time team of Nir Levi and Carmel Haas!**

and mentoring younger peers. Last year, she began volunteering as a flight instructor in Washington D.C. Carmel is racing to "challenge myself and my skills as a pilot. I also believe strongly in encouraging women to pursue careers in aviation. This is a great way to generate excitement for my female peers. I also want to use the race as an avenue to meet and engage with other pilots to share stories and insight." Her main hobby is flying with her peers, but she also enjoys hiking and traveling. She takes any opportunity to enjoy nature. Carmel is a saxophone player and recently performed in a jazz band. Carmel also worked as a chef in Israel, which opened her eyes to many new cultures. Carmel is a member-at-large of WAI.

## 7 | MN-IA Maniacs

MINNETTA GARDINIER & CHERYL DAML  
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

**Minnetta Gardinier** (Iowa City, IA) is back for her 13th ARC. She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 2,563 hours logged.

Minnetta is a retired Associate Professor 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: "I've flown the ARC since 2008. 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 the 99s, EAA, AOPA, and the Iowa FAASTeam. She also enjoys travel (preferably in her own plane), reading, gardening, and attending theater, performing arts and sporting events. She is a member of the Iowa Chapter of the 99s.

**Welcome Cheryl Daml (Blaine, MN) to her first ARC!** Cheryl is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument flight instructor creden-



tials; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 10,244 hours in her logbook.

Upon retirement from her career teaching first grade, Cheryl became a full time CFI. She is the Chief Flight Instructor of her flying club; ground instructor at a regional airline; and a FAASTeam representative. Cheryl is racing for the experience of flying in other regions of the country and says, "I want to experience the excitement of flying competitively. Racing is something I've never done and this year seems like the year to do it". She enjoys traveling, some mild gardening, and watching movies. She is a member and Chapter Chair of the Minnesota 99s.

## 8 | Team Bernoulli

NAIARA PETRALANDA & BAILEY BAKER  
BEECHCRAFT DEBONAIR 33

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for **Naiara Petralanda** (Lady Lake, FL). Naiara is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and sea; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; and 8,049 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 that everything 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 Embury-Riddle Daytona Chapter of the 99s.

**Bailey Baker (Albia, IA) is flying her first ARC. Welcome!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; single-engine instrument flight and ground instructor credentials; and 337 hours in her logbook.

Bailey is a flight instructor at the same airport she used to be a "line guy", as well as a bartender. She started her aviation career



in Iowa, then took her training to Florida for a while, and got her CFI in Arizona. She loves flying everything, but she especially loves her tailwheel time. Bailey is excited to be racing for the first time this year! "I want to race to challenge myself with something new and, of course, the fun and memories." She enjoys everything she does; really! Some of her hobbies include candle making, knitting, helping her family flip houses, and playing racquetball, spinning her fire poi or picking up her nun-chucks! Flying is her favorite thing and she is very interested in doing an aerobatics course and getting her seaplane rating. Bailey is a member of the Daytona Chapter of the 99s and a member of the Lakeland Chapter of WAI.



## 9 | We Don't Talk About Flight Club

KATELYN GALL & MAKAYLAH SCHWARK  
LEWIS UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Katelyn (Channahon, IL) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 191 hours logged.

Katelyn is currently employed as an aircraft dispatcher at Lewis University and is working on her instrument rating. She is racing "to follow in the footsteps of the women who have competed before me and I hope to inspire other women who want to pursue a career in aviation. I am racing to challenge my flying abilities and to gain more flying experience." As a part of the Lewis University flight team, she had the opportunity to compete in both a ground and flight event in the last flight team regionals. Along with flying, Katelyn is also a student athlete as a pole vaulter on the Women's Track and Field team.

Makaylah (Oak Forest, IL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; a current instrument rating; instrument single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 513 hours in her logbook.

Makaylah is an instrument flight instructor at Lewis University. Previously, she was a student worker in the flight department as a dispatcher. Makaylah is racing "to inspire others to step outside of their comfort zone and chase their dreams like I chose to chase



**Welcome to the first-time team of Katelyn Gall and Makaylah Schwark!**

mine. I also race for the personal growth and the experience it brings." Outside of instructing, she is part of the university's flight team. Makaylah was a competitor in all of the flight events and several ground events and is now a coach on the aircraft recognition team. She is a member-at-large of WAI.

## 10 | Southern Maine Chickadees

SUSAN THOLEN & CYNTHIA DAIGLE  
DIAMOND DA-40

Susan (Kennebunk, ME) is a Commercial Pilot certificate, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument and glider flight instructor credentials; commercial glider certificate; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 3,000 hours in her logbook.

Susan's occupation has changed numerous times; she is currently a cloud solution architect, but she has also been an aerospace engineer, a semiconductor process engineer, a low-temperature physicist, and a part-time flight instructor. When asked why she is racing, Susan says, "I don't know yet...but I'm always open to new adventures and thought this one was worth a try!" After decades of thinking anyone who built an airplane was crazy, she is now building one herself! She says she hasn't changed her opinion, but she has come to terms with the fact that she IS crazy!

Cindy (Sanford, ME) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating; single-engine and glider flight instructor credentials; commercial glider certificate; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 1,500 hours flown.

Cindy is a part-time flight instructor for Southern Maine Aviation. She has a career in IT that she recently left to work



**Welcome to the first-time team of Susan Tholen and Cynthia "Cindy" Daigle!**


full-time for PlaneSense, where she is a First Officer flying the PC-12. She says, "This will be my first time participating in the race. I am excited for the opportunity!" In her spare time, Cindy loves to fly tailwheel aircraft, like the 1946 Aeronca Champ that she owns, and landing on little grass strips. She says she really enjoys sharing her passion as an instructor and loves flying the PC-12 commercially.

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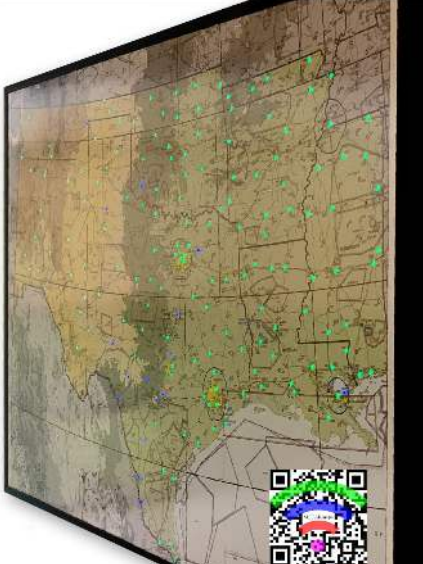
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## 12 | Freakin Awesome

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.

## 13 | Random Chance

ROBERTA ROTHEN, GRETCHEN JAHN  
& KRISTINA POTTOL | CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

**Roberta “Bobbie” Rothen (Hagerstown, MD) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating and high performance endorsement; as well as 370 flight hours.

Bobbie is an orthopedic surgeon, Board-certified in sports medicine for the last 30 years. She graduated from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and completed her residency at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. She now works both in civilian private practice and the U.S. Navy Reserves. Bobbie says, “Racing brings adventure, focus, excitement, and fun. The Air Race Classic is a chance to race with amazing women and test my flying acumen across thousands of miles.” She enjoys spending time with her family and dogs. She also enjoys bikepacking, flying, woodworking, playing music, and reading books. Her real hobby is doing something new as the chance to learn something new about herself. Bobbie is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s.

**Gretchen Jahn (Broomfield, CO) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 3,289 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.

**Welcome, Kristina “Kristy” Pottol (Hagerstown, MD) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; high performance endorsement; with 513 hours logged.

Kristy is a project manager leading innovative medical research and development teams for over 20 years. Most of her experience has been in the service of military medicine. Kristy is racing as “a dream come true! Competing at anything is a measure of all you have learned and the chance to meet your goals.” She loves bikepacking. “Long, slow tours through the country is a great way to be present in this amazing world.” Her two Belgian Tervuren dogs take up the rest of her free time after flying. Kristy is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the 99s

## 14 | Best Buds

MARY BRYANT & JANICE MCWILLIAMS  
PIPER ARCHER III PA-28-181

**Mary Bryant (St Petersburg, FL) is returning for her second Air Race Classic and is an Airline Transport Pilot, 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; with 7,000 hours logged.**

Mary started her career in corporate finance, but soon found that flying was much more fun and engaging. Since then, she’s made a career in aviation in a variety of capacities from training and sales to program management. She’s currently specializing in PA46 training. Mary races “because it’s fun and challenging and requires a pilot to engage in all aspects of planning, flying and decision making. I’ve honed my skills at analyzing weather as well as strategy formulation and assessment. I’ve met many interesting and very capable women pilots as a result.” Mary flies for both animal rescue groups and a disaster recovery organization. She enjoys traveling, reading and walking her two dogs. Mary is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s and the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI.



**Janice McWilliams (St. Petersburg, FL) is flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome!** She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; and 1,148 flight hours.

Janice worked for the Veterans Administration Health Care as a Clinical Pharmacist for 26 years. After retiring from the VA, she worked for Caremark then went back to the VA as a contract worker. Janice is racing “for the fun and challenge of it, and I believe it makes me a better pilot.” Her main hobby is flying and working with her husband on their Mooney Mustang. She attributes being able to enjoy flying for over 50 years to her husband for rebuilding and maintaining their airplane. Janice also enjoys gardening and cooking. She tries to stay active by swimming, biking and walking. Janice is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s.

## 15 | Purple Tails

SAMANTHA NAPLES, GRACE ACKERMAN,  
& MADISON LUEBKE  
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

Samantha (Mankato, MN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 247 hours logged.

Currently a senior at MSUM, Samantha is majoring in Aviation Professional Flight. She volunteers at several aviation organizations including MNSU Aviation Club, Women in Aviation, and the Minnesota Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp. Samantha is racing "because I want to use my aviation knowledge to see the country and meet other female pilots". When she is not flying or studying, Samantha finds an excuse to travel. She loves seeing new places and meeting new people. In her free time, she loves to work out, play pickleball, wake surf, or any lake activity, and watch sports. Samantha is a member of the MSU Northern Lights Chapter of WAI.

Grace (Rochester, MN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating, a complex endorsement, and 250 hours in her logbook.

Grace is majoring in Aviation Professional Flight and plans to graduate next spring. She has plans to apply for an Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve UPT slot while also pursuing an airline career. Grace says, "I am very excited to participate in the Air Race Classic for my first race as I believe it will be an excellent opportunity to reward and challenge my flying abilities. I am also looking forward to the connections I will make and the experience and memories I'm sure I will never forget!" Grace's grandfather was a Captain for United Airlines and she took him up as her first passenger after earning her Private Pilot certificate.



**Welcome first-time team of Samantha Naples, Grace Ackerman, and Madison "Madi" Luebke!**

Her mother was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines and it was she who initially got Grace interested in aviation. Grace's grandfather and mother both like to track all of Grace's flights and are her biggest fans! Grace is a member of the MSU Northern Lights Chapter of WAI.

Madi (Nerstrand, MN) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating and complex endorsement. She has 260 logged hours.

Madi is currently in the aviation program at MSUM and is in her last year of school. She is racing this year "in order to join the hundreds of women who share the same passion as me. During the race, I hope to create many new memories, meet some amazing people and continue to grow my skills." During her free time, Madi really enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She loves exploring new places and creating new memories, especially while flying! Madi is a member of the MSU Northern Lights Chapter of WAI.

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## 16 | Birds of Paragon

LAUREN RAMAGE, JENNIFER ADAMS  
& GINA WILLAFORD  
PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

Lauren (Fort Myers, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor credentials; and 657 hours logged.

Lauren says working as a flight instructor has solidified her love for aviation and she thoroughly enjoys teaching other inspiring pilots to reach their dreams. She is racing because "what better once-in-a-lifetime experience than to be included in this with fellow women pilots from my school. I love new challenges and flying new places, so this would be an amazing opportunity that I would love to be a part of." She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, which she loved, but her family has been in aviation for years, so she decided to give it a shot! Lauren is happy to be following in their footsteps.

Jennifer (Fort Myers, FL) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 130 hours in her logbook.

Jennifer is training toward a career in aviation as a pilot. She has worked in different industries from multi-family housing, teaching yoga, and sales over the phone. Jennifer found her love for flying after a discovery flight, so she left her job in sales to work at the flight school, then train full time. She "loves the freedom of general aviation and meeting women in the industry." Jennifer is racing for the thrill and to see the country. She loves



### Welcome first-time team of Lauren Ramage, Jennifer Adams and Gina Willaford!

acroyoga, climbing trees, watching the sunset at the beach, and hiking through state parks. Jennifer also enjoys finding new coffee shops and yoga classes.

Gina (Cape Coral, FL) is a Student Pilot with 76 flight hours!

A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, she is an alumni of Duke University, and has been part of the COVID Response Teams in New York City and Kingsville, TX. Gina is racing for "the knowledge, the amazing experience, AND FUN!!!" She is looking forward to meeting amazing women aviators. Gina and her son are simultaneously doing their flight training at Paragon. She is a huge advocate and activist in senior dog rescue; Corgis are her favorite! Gina is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of the 99s.

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## 20 | Star Wings

DEBORAH DREYFUSS & LAURA DOHERTY  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

**Deborah "Debi" Dreyfuss** (Potomoc, MD) is back for her 12th Air Race Classic! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single-engine land and sea and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance, tailwheel and formation flying endorsements; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 3,800 hours logged.

After her divorce, Debi started and owned an architectural graphics and commercial signage company for 20 years. Her second career was selling advertising. She made some good investments and remarried, continuing to collect ratings. Debi is racing because "I wanted to fly since age 6 when my uncle took me for a ride in his 172. I race for fun, camaraderie, and the competition. That, and I need to convince my spouse that I really need a reason to keep my 182 in my fleet of 3 planes." Although retired, Debi travels 2 weeks out of every month. She personally funded the "Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different" award for the local 99s chapters. She has a Texas taildragger, a glass panel 182 and a Piper Mirage. She has rescued over 200 animals through Pilots N Paws, throughout the U.S. and the Bahamas. Debi is a member of the Washington D.C. Chapter of 99s and the Capital Region Chapter of WAI.

**Laura Doherty (Farmington, CT) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land and



sea; with a current instrument rating; complex and tailwheel endorsements; a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 270 hours in her logbook.

Laura is a dentist entering a 3-year residency program to specialize in endodontics. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in biology, and the UConn School of Dental Medicine. She also has a PhD in skeletal biology! Laura is excited for her first air race, saying, "I am hoping to experience a new level of connection and camaraderie with my fellow 99s!" She is a recipient of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Flight Training Scholarship as she pursues her commercial certificate. Laura is heavily involved in her local airport, her local EAA chapter, a glider club, and is the chair of the Connecticut Chapter of 99s.

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## 22 | SHEnanigans

### JEANNE WILLERTH & EMMY DILLON CESSNA SKYLANE 182S

**Jeanne Willerth** (Lee's Summit, MO) is back for her fifth Air Race Classic! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 3,900 hours logged.

After careers in business and teaching, Jeanne became a flight instructor. She teaches a "Rusty Pilot" seminar for AOPA; was the CFI of the Year (2015), Kansas City FSDO/FAA Central Region; and the 2012 National FAASTeam Rep of the Year. Jeanne says, "Racing this year is special to me. My mother taught me to fly when I was young. Fifty years ago, my mother took me as her copilot in the Angel Derby, the All Women's International Air Race. She got me hooked on racing!" Jeanne volunteers for Angel Flight Central, Young Eagles and Challenge Air. For the last 14 years, she has been an off-ice hockey official for a minor league team. Jeanne is a member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of 99s.

**Madeleine "Emmy" Dillon** (San Marcos, CA) is flying her fourth Air Race Classic! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; complex, high performance and tailwheel



endorsements; a jet type rating; and 2,150 hours in her logbook.

After graduating from college, Emmy worked as an avionics human factors engineer before pursuing a flying career. She first flew as a corporate pilot for an aircraft manufacturer, then as an air ambulance pilot and she now is a charter pilot flying a variety of jets. Emmy is racing because "there's no better way to see the country than from the cockpit of an airplane. The ARC is like a second family to me. I learn new skills and technique, grow my technical knowledge, and learn from amazingly talented racers, all while celebrating the long history of women pioneers in aviation." One of Emmy's flying goals is to fly a general aviation aircraft in every US state. She says the Air Race pushes her closer toward reaching the goal. Emmy spends much of her time volunteering for various aviation organizations, which has allowed her to learn from accomplished aviators and even fly warbirds! She is an Assistant Director of the Air Race Classic, a member of the San Diego Chapter of 99s and the San Diego Chapter of WAI.

## 23 | Hoosier Mamas

### SYDNEY KREMER, CATHERINE MARTIN & RAE WHITE PIPER ARCHER II PA-28-181

Sydney (Bourbonnais, IL) has a Commercial Pilot certificate, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine flight instructor credentials; complex and tailwheel endorsements; and 470 flight hours.

Sydney is working as a flight instructor at Hoosier Aviation to gain flight hours for the regional airlines. She says she loves watching her students learn and grow with each flight. She also says instructing has furthered her passion for aviation. Sydney is racing "to gain experience, build relationships, and for more connections." One of her main interests is traveling. She loves seeing the world and experiencing other cultures. Sydney says a career in aviation offers her this opportunity, along with many other benefits.

Catie (West Terre Haute, IN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a tailwheel endorsement; Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 267 hours flown.

Catie is currently a Customer Service Rep at Hoosier Aviation and will, hopefully, be a flight instructor by June. She has worked one-on-one with many different airlines and companies that come through the FBO. She spends her day interacting and networking with pilots from across the country! Catie is racing "to inspire and encourage other women in aviation. Our school (Indiana State University) is growing in female students and it is exciting to watch them grow as a pilot. I was one of two female students when I started flying. I love encouraging the new female students in everything they do and would love to see them on future teams." Aside from aviation, Catie is musically inclined. She plays 8 different instruments,



#### Welcome to the first-time team of Sydney Kremer, Catherine "Catie" Martin and Rae White!

beginning with the piano when she was 2 years old! Catie runs and manages her own crafting business. Although she says it keeps her busy, she loves her customers so much she doesn't want to stop!

Rae (Palm Harbor, FL) is a Student Pilot with 63 hours in her log book!

Rae is currently a flight attendant with Delta Airlines, where she has been flying for 7 years. She says her love for aviation and fascination with flying has led her to get her Pilot Certificate with the plan to transition to the flight deck. Rae says of air racing, "this is my first opportunity to participate. It not only looks like a lot of fun, but also a great way to gain experience flying across the country. I'm really looking forward to working with my teammates to plan and fly the most efficient race possible." When she's not busy working, Rae enjoys hiking, snowboarding, boating, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Some of her favorite adventures are in Alaska, but she says she equally enjoys spending time on the beach or in a boat in Florida. Rae is a member of the Indiana Chapter of the 99s and the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI.



## 24 | Flying Carastros

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

**Susan Carastro** (West Palm Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 19th 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 3,001 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.

**Marie Carastro** (Montgomery, AL) is back for her 19th Air Race Classic! She holds a Private Pilot certificate, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 1,330 hours flown.

Marie flew in the 1960 Powder Puff Derby and is racing 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 consulting jobs in a Cessna 172. Her interest in aviation began when her brother was drafted into the Army Air Corps during World War II to fly B-25s. Since women weren't allowed, she decided to learn to fly at her local airport instead. 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 4th Air Race Classic! She is a Student Pilot with 140 hours logged.

Danielle is a student at Auburn University-Montgomery and is exploring her options for her future career, which may include aviation. She is excited about expanding her knowledge during the race. Danielle is racing because "my grandmother and aunt have competed for years; I'm trying to keep up the family tradition!" She enjoys horseback riding, playing video games, playing soccer, and anything to do with water and the beach. She also loves spending time with her family.

## 25 | Over the Moon!

ALICIA SIKES & NANCY ROHR  
MOONEY 201 M20J

**Alicia Sikes** (Quakertown, PA) is flying the Air Race Classic for the 6th time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine instrument flight and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; a jet type rating; DC3 type rating; and 25,000 hours in her logbook.

Currently a captain flying the Airbus 319/320/321 for American Airlines, Alicia has flown 65 types of airplanes for several airline companies. Why does Alicia race? "It's fun! So completely different from what I do for a living. It's nice to be around so many female pilots for a change." Alicia has an undergraduate degree with a BS in Computer Science, with honors; three Master's Degrees (Space Studies, Systems Management/Information Systems; Digital Forensics). In her spare time, she plays tennis and is a Line Operations Safety Assessments observer for AA. Alicia is a Director with the Air Race Classic, a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Nancy Rohr** (Bear, DE) is back for her 5th Air Race Classic! She is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with



a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine instrument flight and basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; a jet type rating; and 4,500 hours flown.

Nancy flies for fun and transportation. She works for Flight-Safety International in Regulatory Affairs to ensure they comply with foreign aviation regulations, working with aviation authorities all over the world. Nancy is racing "for the spirit and love of flying, as well as the camaraderie of like-minded women pilots!" She loves to fly and is working on her Maryland and Virginia passports. She spends her free time in her garden and loves to read about solar technology. Nancy is a member of the Delaware Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 26 | Flying Phins

EMILY LATTIMORE & ERIN MILLER  
JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Emily (Syracuse, NY) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; a current instrument rating; and 266 hours in her logbook.

Emily is a full-time student and earned her Private Pilot certificate before going off to college. She also has work experience in the restaurant business. Emily is racing "because I believe this is an awesome experience for us women to go have fun and enjoy what we love doing. I want to race because this is a great opportunity to get flight experience while flying across the country." She loves working out, going to the beach, traveling, trying new foods, exploring new places, hanging out with friends, and, most of all, flying airplanes. She is part of her school's flight team and a member of the Jacksonville University Chapter of Women in Aviation.

Erin (Jacksonville, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; a current instrument rating; and 238 flight hours.



### Welcome first-time team of Emily Lattimore and Erin Miller!

Erin is a student at JU and is planning to get her Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management & Flight Operations. She started her flight training in New Jersey before moving to Florida. Erin says of air racing, "I am racing this year to gain experience and proficiency, and to see the beautiful country along the way!" Erin will be working on her flight instructor credentials at the time of the race.

## 27 | Frozen Force

GRACE HERON, SADIE BLACE & TRACY MITCHELL  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PIPER PA-28-181

**Grace Heron** (Grand Forks, ND) is returning for her second Air Race Classic and is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with an instrument rating; and 261 hours logged.

Grace is a senior at UND and studying commercial aviation and sociology. She is pursuing a childhood dream of becoming a pilot and is hoping to start instructing after the race! When asked why she is racing, Grace says, "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 and spending time with friends and family. Grace is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.

**Sadie Blace (Grand Forks, ND) is flying her first Air Race Classic. Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 130 flight hours.

Sadie is a second-year student at UND. She obtained her Private Pilot certificate through the Civil Air Patrol and is majoring in Commercial Aviation and Aviation Management. Sadie is racing "because I want to be a part of a wonderful team. I race because I also want to function as a positive role model for other young ladies in aviation. I want to be involved and am eager to race and compete with such amazing women." Sadie loves to fly and also has interests in weight lifting, violin, crocheting, coffee, and music. Sadie is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.



**Welcome, Tracy Mitchell (Grand Forks, ND), to her first Air Race Classic!** Tracy is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a high performance endorsement; a current instrument rating; a Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones; and 172 hours in her log book.

Aside from being a full-time aviation student at UND, Tracy is a flight operations intern for General Atomics Aeronautical. She is very thankful for the opportunity to be mentored and observe the seasoned pilots she works with, while furthering her career in school. Tracy says, "I am racing in order to set an example for young female aviators and showcase the sisterhood that comes with the community. I want to be able to give back the mentorship I received so far along my journey. ARC also provides the unique opportunity to create connections with other female pilots!" Being from Montana, most of Tracy's hobbies include being outdoors. When she is not in the cockpit, Tracy enjoys skiing, hiking, paddleboarding, or hammocking with her friends. Tracy is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the 99s.

## 28 | Flying Sycamores

LEAH SKINNER & ALEXANDRA PENCE  
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DIAMOND DA40

Leah (Terre Haute, IN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 230 hours logged.

Leah is a student at ISU and works as an aircraft dispatcher. Of the Air Race, she says, "I think this is a fun way to gain flight experience in an environment I'm not used to. I love competitions and flying, so this was the perfect opportunity that serves as a combination of those two things. It also gives me a chance to visit states I have never been to and fly across the country." Leah loved being a youth basketball coach for two years and played basketball through high school. She also briefly played rugby and grew up playing softball. Through the pandemic, Leah found a love for aviation while looking for other ways to occupy her time.

Ally (Greenwood, IN) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 1,170 hours in her logbook.

Ally earned a degree in Spanish Language and Civilization from the University of Dayton, before attending an ATP flight school. She



### Welcome first-time team of Leah Skinner and Alexandra "Ally" Pence!

is currently flight instructing for ISU. She is excited for the new flying experience with the Air Race, saying, "I have never gotten to experience flying out west. My teammate was my instrument student and now my commercial student. I am so excited to have this experience with her. I am excited to meet more women in aviation and represent ISU." When she is not instructing, Ally loves spending time with her family and is an avid reader. She also loves to paint landscapes and airplanes. Ally is a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 29 | Blue Raiders

ALYSSA SMITH, FARILYN HURT  
& BRIANA MCDONALD  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
DIAMOND DA40

Alyssa (Collierville, TN) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 202 hours in her logbook.

Alyssa is a student and works as an MTSU aerospace student ambassador where she upholds a positive image of the flight school. She will be earning her certified flight instructor credentials this year with plans to graduate in 2024. Alyssa says, "I have not had much of a chance to fly outside of a flight training environment. I want to participate in the ARC because I aspire to practice the skills I have acquired through the MTSU flight school in the 'real world.'" Her dad is a retired Air Force pilot. Alyssa started flying at 16, which confirmed what she had known her entire life: she is meant to be a pilot! Alyssa is a member of the Nashville Chapter of the 99s and the Air Raiders Chapter of WAI.

Farilyn (Murfreesboro, TN) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 320 hours of flight time.

Farilyn flight instructs at MTSU. She has diverse career experience from programming to flying because she loves aviation. She began in flight training, received scholarships, and interned for various programs. Fairlyn is racing because "I think this is a great opportunity to test our aeronautical knowledge, work as a team, and represent our school in an exciting way! I can't wait!" Some of her hobbies include traveling, volunteering, and trying



### Welcome, first-time team of Alyssa Smith, Farilyn Hurt and Briana McDonald!

new things or food! She can juggle and she enjoys sports. Farilyn is a member of the Air Raiders Chapter of WAI.

Briana (Murfreesboro, TN) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; complex endorsement; and 187 hours flown.

Briana is a Senior Professional Pilot student at MTSU and is graduating in May. She serves as the Outreach Assistant and Ambassador for the MTSU Department of Aerospace. Briana is racing because "one of the members in my 99s organization sent out an email about volunteering with the ARC at the Tulsa stop. I got to learn so much by meeting racers which inspired me to help establish and fly for my university team to gain experience in a great aspect of flying." Briana hopes to, one day, accomplish building her own experimental aerobatics kit airplane. Briana is a member of the Nashville Chapter of the 99s and the Air Raiders Chapter of WAI.

## 30 | Flying Tigresses

CYNTHIA AULBACH & CAROL CHRISTIAN  
GRUMMAN TIGER AA-5B

**Welcome, Cynthia "Cindy" Aulbach (Georgetown, SC) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and 2,820 hours logged.

Cindy spent about 50 years working as a biologist and loved it! She has been a mother, curator, consultant, and college professor. As a teen, Cindy was able to accompany her dad's pilot in a twin Aztec and fell in love with flying. She became a pilot 30 years ago and never looked back. Cindy is racing because "over the past 30 years, I've owned and operated a Part 61 flight school, started and operated a small Part 135 business, began formation flying in 2018, and served as the first female mass arrival Lead Pilot for the Cherokees-to-Oshkosh in 2022. The Air Race Classic is an obvious next step!" Cindy says she has always been ahead of her time in many ways. She was one of the few female Scuba instructors in the 1970s and became the first civilian female hard-hat diver in the world. Cindy says she was destined to be a pilot and became one! "Some people think I should become a flight instructor, but I'd rather just fly!" Cindy is a member of the Carolinas Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Carol Christian (Baltimore, MD)** is back for her second Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and multi-engine sea; she has a current instrument rating; complex, high performance, tailwheel, aerobatic, and skydiver en-



dorsements; single-engine instrument flight and basic ground instructor credentials; and 3,840 hours in her logbook.

Carol is an astrophysicist for the Hubble Space Telescope. She has flown in Hawaii, California and the Maryland area, with licenses in Australia and Canada. Carol is flying the Air Race Classic "to continue adding to my experience and proficiency. I raced a few years ago and really enjoyed it. This year, I would like to partner with a racer with an airplane, since my previous plane is not available." Carol was a skydiver for several years, is a rock climber and enjoys Scuba diving. She is interested in science education and STEM opportunities for diverse students. Carol also is researching the use of 3D printing for science education, particularly of visually impaired individuals. Carol is a member of the Maryland Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 31 | Saluki Aces

GRACI MCDANIEL & MEADOW BODEN  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Graci McDaniel (DuQuoin, IL) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 275 hours in her logbook.

Graci is an aviation student at SIUC and plans to graduate in May with her Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management and complete her Associate degree in Flight later this summer. She plans to instruct until she can earn her Airline Transport Pilot certificate. Graci is looking forward to racing this year "to represent SIUC and bring home an Air Race trophy! I'm honored to be selected as a participant from the school, and I'm so excited for the networking and connections to come out of it." When she's not flying, Graci loves spending time with family and friends, which is her biggest priority. She loves strengthening her relationships and being around people in general. She is excited to meet new friends and mentors, while participating in the race.

**Meadow Boden (Carbondale, IL)** is back for her second Air Race Classic. She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 500 hours of flight time.



Meadow is a full-time flight instructor at SIUC. From taking students on their very first flight, to training them for their commercial checkride, Meadow has been able to significantly improve her teaching skills. Meadow says, "I race for the future of aviation. From getting my private pilot certificate at a small airport in western Illinois to completing flight training at SIUC, I have proven to myself that small town girls can have huge goals." She enjoys watching any sport, especially college football. She is a first-generation pilot and wouldn't be here without the support of her parents, who own a carnival! Growing up and working at a carnival taught her many life skills that have shaped her into the person she is today.

## 32 | Angel Wings

JERI BARRIENTOS & MARY MCMAHON  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182A

**Jeri Barrientos** (Collinsville, OK) is back for her second Air Race Classic! Jeri is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 530 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.

**Mary McMahon** (Winchester, CA) is flying her third Air Race Classic and is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high performance endorsements; and 956 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." Mary wants to thank her wonderful, supportive husband who lets her race over his birthday. Other than flying, Mary enjoys golfing and cooking. Previously living in Ireland and The Netherlands, she had an opportunity to fly in both countries. Mary is a member of the Coyote Country Chapter of the 99s.

## 33 | Boiler Up, Hangar Down

ALEXANDRA SMALL & MORGAN MALLOW  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

**Alexandra "Alex" Small** (Harleysville, PA), back for her second Air Race Classic, is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex endorsement, single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 348 hours logged.

An undergraduate student studying Professional Flight Technology and Cybersecurity, Alex works as a flight instructor and has administrative and tech support experience at the flight school. Alex is racing "because I want to be like all the inspiring women who have come before me. When I was younger, I remember reading about the first women who ever took to the skies, and to this day, I still feel that same sense of empowerment instilled within me. The race environment is also uniquely exciting!" She loves flying, but also technology, and believes there is enough overlap for her to find her niche. She is excited to see where these interests will lead her, especially as aviation technology becomes more advanced. Alex is a member of the Purdue Chapter of WAI.



**Morgan Mallow (Peru, IN) is flying her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex and tailwheel endorsements; and 275 hours in her logbook.

Morgan is a student at Purdue University and works at a flight school near her home during summer breaks. She is working toward her instrument rating and hopes to have her Commercial rating by the time the race starts. Morgan says of the Air Race, "I think it will be a very enjoyable and educational experience." With her tailwheel endorsement, she really enjoys flying a Champ for fun. She has had some amazing opportunities to be around some warbirds and is interested in flying them herself!

## 34 | Pegasus Wings

CHRISTINA SWORD & DEIANIRA CONTE  
MOONEY M20J

Christina (Prescott, AZ) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex, high performance and aerobatic endorsements, and 125 hours in her logbook.

Christina's occupation is healthcare and she utilizes her personal aircraft to fly to rural areas of Arizona to deliver care in underserved areas. When asked why she is racing, Christina says, "I would like to challenge my skills and learn more about flying. It will also help build team-oriented skills." In addition to flying, Christina typically enjoys sailing, participating in her doctoral research, and serving humanity. "Pretty much anything that involves physics, science or humanitarian missions."

DJ (Collinsville, OK) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; single-engine instrument flight and advanced ground instrument instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 604 hours logged.

DJ's father has taken her flying since she was a child. She completed her current flight certificates and ratings while pursuing her degree in Mechanical Engineering. DJ currently works for the airlines as an engineer, and she flight instructs part time.



### Welcome first-time team of Christina Sword and Deianira "DJ" Conte!

DJ says she is racing "to experience a different side of aviation. There is a huge network of women who fly and race these airplanes that I haven't been able to experience yet. It's been on my bucket list for a while and will be a great opportunity to build some lifelong friendships." When she is not flying, DJ loves to Scuba dive. She is an NAUI Scuba instructor, an avid reader and enjoys tinkering on home projects. Traveling and writing a good story is what makes her happy. DJ is a member of the Wings Over Riverside Chapter of WAI.

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## 35 | Tiger Queens -~~SCRATCHED~~

JULIA BROWN & SUE FOLKRINGA  
GRUMMAN TIGER AA-5B

Julia (Homestead, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; glider certificate; glider flight instructor credentials; and 1,103 hours logged.

Julia learned to fly at the age of 13 in a glider. She has since built up her experience and works as a tow pilot and flight instructor in gliders. Julia is racing because "It allows me to further develop my skills as a pilot. It proves that I can function well under pressure and with a team." She appreciates the patience of the owner/operator of Miami Gliders who has helped her grow into a competent pilot. Julia is a member of the Florida Gold Coast Chapter of the 99s.

Sue (Pompano Beach, FL) is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; single-engine instrument and glider flight instructor credentials; basic, advanced and instrument ground instructor credentials; and 2,400 hours in her logbook.

Sue is a Certified Public Accountant and has practiced public accounting for many years. Once she found aviation about 20



**Welcome to the first-time team of Julia Brown and Sue Folkringa!**

years ago, the trajectory of her life and career changed. Now, she only focuses on tax matters related to airplanes, which she finds is an absolute blast! Sue says of air racing, "I've never raced, but I have no reason not to race. I was asked to be on a team with my first student and I didn't think twice about saying 'yes!' I did hesitate on my answer, but I didn't think twice." Sue likes to fly, glide and teach most of all. Her hobby turned into a career change and she has found it is a great way to spend her working hours when she can't fly.

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## 36 | Liberty Belles II

GRACE JOHNSON, ABIGAIL FLETCHER  
& KATRINA SCHLENKER | LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYLANE 172S

**Grace "Gracie" Johnson** (Purcellville, VA) is back for her second Air Race Classic! She is an instrument-rated Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with 272 hours in her logbook.

Gracie is in her third year at Liberty University, pursuing a degree in Commercial Corporate Aeronautics. She is currently working on her multi-engine rating and hopes to fly for a missions organization. Gracie says, "I am racing this year because of the opportunities that have been afforded to me by God, my parents and my peers. Racing is near to my heart because of those around me who have supported my aviation career so far. I am so grateful for the opportunity and I look forward to making lots of memories." Besides flying, Gracie loves spending time with her family and their two dogs, especially hiking and being outdoors. Outside of school, she spends time at church and drawing whenever she has time. Gracie is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Abigail Fletcher (Lynchburg, VA) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 450 hours flown.

Abigail is currently a flight instructor at LU and has worked with them for a year. She is also working on her Master's degree



in aviation safety. Abigail is racing "to make life-long friends and become a more proficient pilot." She is engaged and planning to get married in October. Her fiance works for PSA Airlines and she looks forward to, hopefully, flying with him. Abigail is a PSA Cadet and will start working for them in April 2024. Abigail is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

**Katrina Schlenker (Batavia, IL) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Student Pilot; single-engine land; with 60 flight hours.

A student at LU, Katrina is currently pursuing a major in commercial/corporate aviation. She is new to the aviation scene, but is excited to learn and grow in this field. Katrina says, "Racing allows me the opportunity to gain valuable flight experience while being a part of a team of like-minded women. Being a part of the Liberty Belles presents an opportunity to represent Christ and compete for a higher purpose through my passion for aviation." She is a student athlete on the Liberty cross-country and track team. She enjoys hiking, eating sushi, and watching Star Wars.

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## 37 | Liberty Belles I

SAVANNAH HUGHES, OLIVIA SMITH  
 & MADISON CALHOUN | LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
 CESSNA SKYLANE 172S

**Savannah Hughes** (Pax, WV) is back for her second Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 290 hours in her logbook.

Savannah is a flight instructor at Liberty University, on track for a degree in Commercial/Corporate Aviation. She fell in love with aviation through movies and curiosity. Her first time ever in an airplane was her first flight lesson! When asked why she is racing, Savannah says, "I race 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 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 team cooperation. Outdoors is where she calls home, and she loves to explore and try new things.

**Olivia "Liv" Smith** (Lynchburg, VA) is flying her second Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 300 hours flown.

Currently a Master's student at Liberty University, Liv is employed with LU as a flight instructor. She completed her private pilot training outside of LU and the rest of it while attending the university. Liv is racing "to gain better understanding and knowledge of our aircraft while also getting to experience the Air Race Classic again." Outside of aviation, Liv enjoys spending time with



friends and family, hiking and playing the piano. Aviation takes up most of her time nowadays, but, when she has extra time on her hands, she enjoys reading about other people's aviation journeys. Liv is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.

**Madison Calhoun (Lynchburg, VA) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 125 flight hours.

Madison is working on her Bachelor's degree in Science, for Commercial/Corporate Aviation. She plans to receive all of her ratings while at school and become a flight instructor to build her flight time. Madison aspires to become a pilot for Endeavor Air and expand her career after that. She says, "I want to race because I love competitions and would like to challenge myself in this event. I see it as an opportunity to meet other women in aviation, too. Also, I'd like to represent a team who could potentially win the Air Race." Madison is interested in soccer, volleyball and golf. Her mother inspired her to fly, but, unfortunately, her mom passed away several months ago. Madison promised her mom that she would be strong for her, saying, "God is always good". Madison is a member of the Liberty University Chapter of WAI.



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### DIANA RAMIREZ, LAUREN CLOUSE & KIRA MIRL CIRRUS SR20

Diana (Goodyear, AZ) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a high performance endorsement, single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 367 hours logged.

Diana is currently working as a CFI at United Aviate Academy after working as a flight attendant for 6 years. She is racing "for my younger self who never thought this was possible. Growing up, we didn't have a lot of money and I thought becoming a pilot was out of my reach. Today, I'm finally living my dream and I want to make sure young girls everywhere know it's possible." Since moving to Arizona, one of her new hobbies is to go hiking and visiting national parks. She also loves to go to baseball games and spend her days off trying new restaurants. Diana is a member-at-large of WAI.

Lauren (Somerset, OH) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 415 hours in her logbook.

Graduating from The Ohio State University with a Master's degree in Dental Hygiene, Lauren worked in the dental field for 8 years. Looking for a career change, she found United Aviate Academy and started her journey to the flight deck with United Airlines. She began training with zero hours and now works as a flight instructor at the academy. Lauren says, "It is an honor to represent United Aviate Academy in this year's race, and I hope to be an inspiration to young girls across the country." She is an avid football fan, has a giant sweet tooth and, of course, loves to travel!



#### Welcome to the first-time team of Diana Ramirez, Lauren Clouse and Kira Mirl!

Kira (Goodyear, AZ) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex endorsement; single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 436 flight hours.

Kira is currently working on a multi-engine rating in Phoenix, AZ. She started flight training in 2019 and is close to finishing her training. She plans to fly for a regional airline after completing her requirements. When asked why she is racing, Kira says, "I'm excited to be a part of the race this year to try something new. I've never participated in a race before and there's definitely a lot to learn by racing. I'm looking forward to this experience and learning more about the pilot I am when my skills are put to the test." Growing up in Hawaii, Kira developed a love for all things water. She also loves to play sports and do outdoor activities. In her free time, you can find Kira at the beach swimming or at her local yoga studio working on a new pose.

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## 39 | Are Your Pilots Here?

### MICHELLE NOLAND & OLIVIA HUDOBA PIPER ARROW PA-28R-180

Michelle (Farmington, MN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and 380 hours logged.

Michelle started flying when she was a senior in high school and is currently studying Professional Flight Management at Minnesota State University Mankato. She is racing "to meet new people and improve my cross-country planning abilities. Also, to have the experience of flying across a long distance." Michelle is a member of the Maverick Flight Team and has competed in SAFECON competitions. Some of her hobbies include riding and competing with her quarter horse, Duke. Michelle is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the 99s and the Stars of the North Chapter of WAI.

Olivia (Braham, MN) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 180 hours in her logbook.

Olivia's career aspirations consist of continuing to work toward achieving her commercial rating, then her flight instructor certificate to build up hours to become an airline pilot. Olivia says, "I am planning to race because I want to enhance my cross-country and pilotage skills. I also want to use this opportunity to make connections within the aviation community." She



#### Welcome, first-time team of Michelle Noland and Olivia Hudoba!

participates on the swim team for Minnesota State University Mankato and is involved in their flight team. Olivia gives swimming lessons and plays the piano. Olivia is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the 99s.

## 40 | KState Avi-8

NATALIE NOVAK & VENUS THANASOUK  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Natalie (Dawson, NE) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 237 hours logged.

Natalie is an aviation student at K-State, where she is working on her Commercial certificate. When asked why she is racing, Natalie says, "I come from an aviation family, so I have always been surrounded by the aviation community. In high school, I was an athlete and that is where I developed my competitive spirit. I'm excited to put my passion for flying and my drive for competition together in air racing." Besides being an aviation student, she works at the YMCA as a lifeguard, as well as babysitting. She is active in the local community volleyball league and college intramurals in her free time. When not working or studying, she enjoys reading, cooking and spending time with her friends. Natalie is a member of the North Central Chapter of the 99s and the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

V (Wichita, KS) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; single-engine instrument flight in-



### Welcome, first-time team of Natalie Novak and Venus "V" Thanasouk!

structor credentials; and 317 hours in her logbook.

V is currently a flight instructor for K-State. She is racing "for the experience and to make connections. It is not very often that I meet other women in aviation, especially pilots!" Some of V's hobbies include sports, such as basketball, soccer and tennis. She was starting varsity for all three sports and made it to state all four years for tennis! Her favorite hobby outside of sports is fishing.

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YULISSA HERNANDEZ & ROXANA LINARES  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Yulissa (Solomon, KS) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 224 hours logged.

Currently a senior in K-State's Pilot Program, Yulissa works at the Student Life Center and at Menards. She is currently working on her Commercial certificate and is president of the K-State Women's Air Racing Club. Yulissa is "excited to race and make new connections. I am ecstatic that I get to race with my friends from K-State, as well. Overall, this will be a great learning opportunity." She is a first generation student and the only pilot in her family. She enjoys baking/cooking, going to the gym, hiking, and being outdoors. Yulissa is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

Roxana (Salina, KS) is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land; and 205 hours in her logbook.

Roxana began flying during her senior year in high school and fell in love with aviation. She is working on completing the collegiate aviation program at K-State and hopes to, one day, fly for airlines internationally. Roxana says, "Racing allows me to bond



### Welcome, first-time team of Yulissa Hernandez and Roxana Linares!

with other women in aviation, allowing me to learn from my peers, improve my skills, and grow as an individual." Outside of flying, she enjoys being involved by taking on different leadership positions on campus. She enjoys being able to help others and create progress and improvement wherever she goes. Roxana is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

## 42 | The Magpies

MARY MATTOCKS & COLBURN HELPPIE-SCHMIEDER  
PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-140

**Mary ("Willie") Mattocks** (East Amherst, NY) is flying her third Air Race Classic and is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 1,670 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 is racing because "the 2019 and 2022 Air Races were challenging and fun. It is exciting to test my flying skills again and meet other female pilots. I have had many flying adventures 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 completing an Airframe and Power-Plant mechanics course. She is a member of EAA, AOPA and the Western New York Chapter of the 99s.

Welcome back, **Colburn "Colby" Helppie-Schmieder** (Callaway, FL) to her second Air Race Classic, after a 12-year hiatus! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; a jet type rating; and 2,750 hours flown.




Colby is a career Air Force pilot. She started flying the RC-135 Rivet Joint conducting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions all around the world. Her most recent aircraft was the E-3 AWACS command and control platform. Colby's last assignment was instructing new pilots in the E-3 schoolhouse. She is racing "for the camaraderie. I love hearing about various experiences other pilots have had throughout their flying careers." Colby loves spending time with her family and teaching her young daughter about aviation. She loves seeing her daughter's smile when they take off in small planes. Colby is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.



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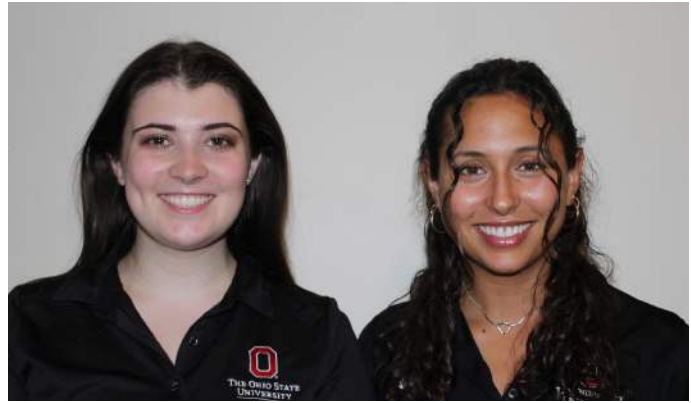
## 43 | Lady Buckeyes

MADALYN BLACKFORD & ALEXANDRA BELAFSKY  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Madi (Columbus, OH) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a Remote Pilot Certificate for drones; and 210 hours logged.

Madi is a full-time student at The Ohio State University. She is a junior studying Air Transportation, and recently earned her private pilot certificate at Kent State University. Madi says, "It has been my dream since I was a little girl to be a person who others look up to. More specifically, if I have an impact on the younger generation of female aviators, then I will consider my life to be a fulfilling one. My reason to race is the hope that my flying may inspire others to dream." She loves theatre and singing, is obsessed with plants, loves learning about cars, and taught herself how to play the guitar. Madi has traveled to 15 countries; her father, grandfather and sister are all pilots, and she loves astronomy. Madi is a member of The Ohio State University Chapter of the WAI.

Allie (Columbus, OH) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating; a tailwheel endorsement; private glider certificate; single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 540 hours flown.



### Welcome to the first-time team of Madalyn "Madi" Blackford and Alexandra "Allie" Belafsky!

A student at The Ohio State University, Allie has experience flying in the California valley, cold weather experience in Ohio, instrument flying and mountain flying in the Sierras, low altitude beach flying in North Carolina, and flight instructing! Allie is racing "to represent my school and gain new flying experiences as well as create new connections to other women passionate about aviation." Her hobbies include skiing, surfing, soaring, Scuba diving, exploring new places, and spending time with friends and family. Allie is passionate about the environment, helping others and having fun! Allie is a member-at-large of WAI.

## 49 | Lady SkyBroncos

EMILY HARTZELL, ANNALEA TARGOSZ  
& CAROLINE YUSKA  
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

Emily (Durand, MI) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and 220 hours in her logbook.

Emily is studying a double major of Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Management and Operations with a minor in General Business. She hopes to complete her Commercial multi-engine rating this Spring. When asked why she is racing, Emily says, "I am racing to meet and support other women in the industry and to grow my skills and experience as a pilot. Being a racer in the Air Race Classic has been a goal of mine and I'm excited to race and represent not only women in the aviation industry, but also my university." Aside from flying, Emily likes to spend time traveling with friends and family, reading, and staying involved at her school. Emily is a member of the Western Michigan University Chapter of the WAI.

Annie (Kalamazoo, MI) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance, tailwheel, and aerobatics endorsements; single- and multi-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 742 hours flown.

Currently building hours as a flight instructor for WMU, Annie is hoping to transition to the airlines within the year. Annie is racing "to meet more women in aviation and to fly across the country. I have never raced before and am eager to experience this type of flying." In her free time, Annie enjoys reading, hiking, spending time with



### Welcome to the first-time team of Emily Hartzell, Annalea "Annie" Targosz and Caroline Yuska!

friends, and traveling. She grew up in an aviation family; her dad, uncle and multiple cousins are also pilots. They all got into aviation because of Annie's grandma who wanted to be a pilot, too! Annie is a member of the Chicago Area Chapter of the 99s.

Caroline (Carmel, IN) is a Private Pilot; single-engine land; with 86 flight hours.

Caroline is a freshman Aviation Flight Science major at WMU, working on her instrument rating. She is still new to aviation, but has met amazing people who continue to push her toward her goal of flying for the airlines. Caroline is racing "to promote the importance of having women in aviation and to gain the priceless experience that the Air Race offers for young pilots like myself." She enjoys long walks on the beach, reading, hiking, and has always wanted to fly a B747. Caroline caught the aviation bug from her high school world history teacher and never looked back, with the support of her teacher and so many others. Caroline is a member of the Western Michigan University Chapter of WAI.

## 52 | Flying Flashes

PEYTON TURNER & LAURA WILSON  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

**Peyton Turner (Stow, OH) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; and 183 hours in her logbook.

Peyton is currently pursuing her Commercial certificate while completing her degree in Aeronautics with a concentration in Professional Piloting. She plans to continue her career at KSU as a flight instructor while building time to fulfill her dreams of being an airline pilot. Peyton is racing because "I love the competitive nature that goes along with the race, while also having the opportunity to be an inspiration for the next generation of female aviators." Peyton fell into the world of aviation her senior year of high school and has been completely immersed ever since! She had goals of being a neurosurgeon when she was offered a flight with a friend and her whole future changed in just 2.0 Hobbs time! Peyton is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

**Laura Wilson (Stow, OH) is back for her second Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; single-engine instrument flight instructor credentials; and 780 hours logged.



Laura started flying about five years ago, while in college. She is now an instructor and check instructor for KSU, and working toward her multi-engine rating. About racing, Laura says, "I race to represent my university and to put my piloting skills to the test. I hope to gain experience that I can pass on to my students. I also look forward to seeing other returning racers from last year!" Laura's grandfather was a pilot in the 1940s. He never flew on a commercial airliner since he didn't trust them. She hopes he will trust her enough to go flying with her! Laura is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

## 63 | War Eagle Woman Team Orange

ABBY HAGAN & ASHLEY BALDWIN  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Abby Hagan (Auburn, AL) is flying her first Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; and 350 hours in her logbook.

Abby grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona and earned her Private Pilot certificate before starting college. She is currently a senior in the Professional Flight program graduating in May this year. Her goal is to become an airline pilot for a major airline. Abby is racing because "I am passionate about representing my university on a national stage. I'm looking forward to demonstrating my flight and knowledge capabilities which I have learned at Auburn, as well as making memories with my fellow teammates as we race across the country." Abby comes from a family who loves aviation. Her parents are both airline pilots; her sister is becoming a pilot at Baylor University, and her brother is working on his Remote Pilot Certificate to fly drones. Abby says it has been really enjoyable sharing the passion of aviation with them and they love to travel all over the world. Abby is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

**Ashley Baldwin (Springfield, MO) is back for her second Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with



a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; certified flight and advanced ground instructor credentials; and 640 hours logged.

Ashley is a flight instructor at AU, from which she graduated last December. She also has experience working on the ramp and at the ticket counter for Allegiant Air. When asked why she is racing, Ashley said, "I am racing because I love aviation and have a very competitive personality, and I want to use those to represent Auburn University". She is very active and enjoys swimming, running and water sports. She also enjoys spending time with friends, as well as cooking and baking in her free time. Ashley is a member of the Alabama Chapter of the 99s.

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## 64 | War Eagle Women Team White

OLIVIA KIDD & SOPHIE YOUNG  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Olivia (Melbourne Beach, FL) is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 315 hours logged.

While attending AU, Olivia previously worked at Publix Supermarket as a cashier, Moores Mill Club as a hostess, and the Auburn University Regional Airport. Olivia says, "I want to race to push myself outside of my comfort zone. Being in a competitive environment is something I'm not used to, especially when it comes to flying. Practicing for this race and subsequently competing in it will push me to be a better pilot and understand my flying ability better." Outside of student life, which consists mostly of studying and preparing for flights, Olivia spends her free time reading, cooking with friends, and making time to see her family as much as possible. Olivia is a member of the Central Florida Chapter WAI.

Sophie (Auburn, AL) is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; and single-engine instrument flight and advanced ground instructor credentials; and 590 hours logged.

Sophie started flying through a Part 61 flight school in North Carolina and continued her training through AU's aviation pro-



### Welcome, first-time team of Olivia Kidd and Sophie Young!

gram. After graduating from Auburn, she got a job working as a flight instructor for the flight program, where she earned her instrument flight instructor credentials and is authorized to conduct stage checks. Sophie is racing "because I want to make connections with other female pilots and learn more about aviation through creating new experiences." She loves to learn about mechanics and how machines work. This love translates over to her motorcycle that she rides in her free time.

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## 65 | War Eagle Woman Team blue

APRIL HEPPNER & MAGGIE HEARN  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Welcome, April Heppner (Gulf Shores, AL) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 305 hours logged.

April is planning to graduate from Auburn University in May this year with a major in Professional Flight and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, she is planning to become a Certified Flight Instructor at the university. April is racing "to prove that women in the aviation industry can do anything they put their minds to!! I am looking forward to using the skills I have learned over the past few years and to having some fun competition. I am so excited to get to do it along with one of my best friends!" April grew up in Lake Tahoe, CA and she absolutely loves being outside and trying new things. Some of her favorite activities are hiking, skiing and wakeboarding/surfing. She is a certified group fitness instructor and is excited to meet many new awesome people during the race. April is a member of the Reno High Sierra Chapter of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Maggie Hearn** (Crosby, TX) is flying her second Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; an instrument rating; complex and high performance endorsements; single-engine flight instructor credentials; and 625 hours in her logbook.



A recent graduate of AU, Maggie is currently working as a flight instructor at the university. She would like to fly for a regional airline after gaining her necessary hours and hopes to later fly for a major airline. Why does Maggie fly the Air Race Classic? "I heard about the ARC shortly after coming to Auburn as a freshman. I was so impressed by the Auburn racers and even remember calling my mom to tell her how cool I thought the ARC was! Now, after completing my first race last year, I am motivated and excited to have another race under my belt." Maggie enjoys playing golf. When she has the chance to go home, she loves to hunt doves, ducks and deer. She has a miniature Dachshund who she loves and adores. 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.

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## 90 | Dare to Fly

### KRISTEN JURM & JENNYFER TOPLAK CIRRUS SR20 CENTENNIAL

**Kristen Jurn** (Miami Beach, FL) is flying her fourth Air Race Classic and is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and other endorsements; and 1,383 hours logged.

After university and while living in France, Kristen worked for United Airlines, spending her days off flying Traffic Watch to build time. In 2004, she established a market for Cirrus SR22 ownership. In 2007, she started her own aviation business development consulting firm. In 2021, she joined Schedaero. When asked why she races, Kristen says, "Each year, I race with a focus to increase the awareness of general aviation and all it has to offer to local communities. It is an exhilarating and fulfilling experience to be a part of the race history as a source for leadership, learning and encouragement for women to become involved in aviation." Her hobbies include traveling, Scuba diving, dancing, sailing, cultural and classic arts, good food, good people, and healthy learning. Her most rewarding time spent these days is with her 10-year old son, her family and friends. She looks forward to incorporating flying in her life more regularly. Kristen is a member of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99s.

**Welcome, Jennyfer "Jen" Toplak (Miami Beach, FL) to her first Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating; and 651 hours flown.



Jen began her career as a physician and as a realist artist using oils. Nowadays, she is a business owner and designer of a brand of apparel that promotes aviation and seeks to inspire women to learn to fly. Jen is racing "for the experience of cross-country flying with likeminded people and to promote females in aviation. She learned to fly to serve as a safety pilot of a family-owned aircraft and she fell in love with flying. She is currently working toward her commercial rating. Jen says, "Flying is empowering, it's fun and very enriching." Jen is a member of the Southeast Section of the 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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# Air Race Classic History

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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 cit-

ies, and Canada. The races are open to all women with fixed wing aircraft from 100 to 600 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!

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# The Women Who Preserved Air Racing

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## ALABAMA

Fairhope – 2015  
Gadsden – 2019  
Huntsville – 1991  
Mobile – 2011  
Muscle Shoals – 1993, 2022  
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  
Pine Bluff – 2022  
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  
Lakeland – 2022

## GEORGIA

Albany – 1985  
Americus – 2016  
Athens – 1996  
Jekyll Island – 1981  
LaGrange – 2019  
Moultrie – 2022  
Rome – 1998  
Waycross – 2010

## IDAHO

Boise – 1977, 1986, 1997  
Coeur d'Alene – 1982, 1995  
Idaho Falls – 1988

Mountain Home – 2013  
Twin Falls – 1984

## ILLINOIS

Cahokia – 1994  
Champaign/Urbana – 2016  
Danville – 1995, 2014  
Decatur – 1993, 2008  
Freeport – 1999  
Galesburg – 1981  
Jacksonville – 2009  
Kankakee – 1988  
Lawrenceville – 2015  
Marion – 1980  
Mattoon – 2000  
Mount Vernon – 1990, 2022  
Peru – 2003  
Tuscola (flyby) 2016

## INDIANA

Auburn – 2018  
Bloomington – 1992  
Columbus – 1987  
Elkhart – 1999, 2010  
Evansville – 1977, 1986  
Frankfort (flyby) – 2005  
Indianapolis – 2017  
Jeffersonville – 2015  
Lafayette – 1989, 2005  
Seymour – 1994, 1999  
Terre Haute – 2022

## 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, 2022  
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, 2022  
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, 2022  
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  
Tulahoma – 2005, 2022  
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 2022



**1ST** | LAURA WILSON  
& ALEX JOHNSON  
(Kent State University)



**6TH** | MINNETTA GARDINIER  
& JENEANNE VISSER



**2ND** | KATIE TRUEDSON,  
CASSIE THOMPSON-  
PRIDE & CONNIE LEEGE



**7TH** | NAIARA PETRALANDA  
& LAUREN THOMPSON



**3RD** | ASHLEY ZOOK &  
ELISABETH MILLSPAUGH



**8TH** | DEB DREYFUSS &  
JOY HALCOTT



**4TH** | MEL SHREWSBURY  
& LAUREN HEISEY



**9TH** | MARGARET WINT &  
SUE GLISSON



**5TH** | LARA ZOOK-GAERTE  
& DONNA HARRIS



**10TH** | BUNNIE AMBROSE  
& ALEXA BAUMGARTNER

# 2023 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

Plaques are given to the school and the team members of the four highest-scoring teams for the permanent possession. Sponsored gifts are also awarded to the team members of the four highest-scoring teams.

## 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 Women in Aviation Award

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

## Fastest Beech Award

The Beech Aero Club is pleased to offer this award to the team flying a Beech airplane with the best finish in the 2023 ARC. The winning team will receive a certificate for each team member and the team is invited to the annual Beech Party at the Beech Aero Club/Beechcraft Heritage Museum. Your VIP Guest ticket will include admission, lunch, dinner, and tour. The museum is home to Louise Thaden's 1936 Bendix trophy and Gene Nora Jessen's 1962 Musketeer N2303Z (serial number M-6) that she piloted around the country when Baby Beech was introduced.

## 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 2023 Air Race Classic! The custom Piper trophy is awarded to the crew of the highest-placing Piper aircraft in this year's Air Race Classic.

## Esther Lowry Safford Rookie Racer Award

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

## Other ARC Awards:

Flying Family Team  
Safety Award  
Best Stop

## 2023 Awards

### The Top Ten Competition Class Highest Scoring Race Teams

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

<b>1ST Place</b>	\$6,000	<b>6TH Place</b>	\$1,000
<b>2ND Place</b>	\$4,000	<b>7TH Place</b>	\$900
<b>3RD Place</b>	\$3,000	<b>8TH Place</b>	\$800
<b>4TH Place</b>	\$2,000	<b>9TH Place</b>	\$700
<b>5TH Place</b>	\$1,500	<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 charms
<b>2ND Place</b>	\$40 and two charms
<b>3RD Place</b>	\$30 and two charms
<b>4TH Place</b>	\$20 and two charms

### EDMA Competition Class Highest Scoring Race Teams

Each team will receive the following cash prizes:

<b>1ST Place</b>	\$1000
<b>2ND Place</b>	\$750
<b>3RD Place</b>	\$500
<b>4TH Place</b>	\$400
<b>5TH Place</b>	\$300

# Ten Years of Winners

**2022** Laura Wilson & Alex Johnson (Kent State University) | Katie Truedson, Cassie Thompson-Pride & Connie Leege | Ashley Zook & Elisabeth Millsbaugh; Mel Shrewsbury & Lauren Heisey | Lara Zook-Gaerte & Donna Harris | Minnetta Gardinier & Jeneanne Visser | Naiara Petralanda & Lauren Thompson | Deb Dreyfuss & Joy Halcott | Margaret Wint & Sue Glisson | Bunnie Ambrose & Alexa Baumgartner

**2021** Canceled due to the pandemic.

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**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 Burright (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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When the Air Race Classic achieved 501(c)3 status, with the goal of supporting aviation education for women of all ages, taking the next step to encourage the participation of collegiate teams was easy. Winning team members receive plaques and 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

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### COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE 2022

- 1ST** Laura Miller and Alex Johnson (Kent State University)
- 2ND** Maggie Hearn and Elizabeth Moorman (Auburn University)
- 3RD** Meadow Boden and Abby Lee (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)

### MORE WINNERS FROM THE PAST TEN YEARS

- 2019** Caitlyn Miller and Kendall Higdon (Auburn University)
- 2018** Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak, Kelly Erdmann (Western Michigan University)
- 2017** Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU – Prescott)
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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.

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## The Air Race Classic Endowment Fund

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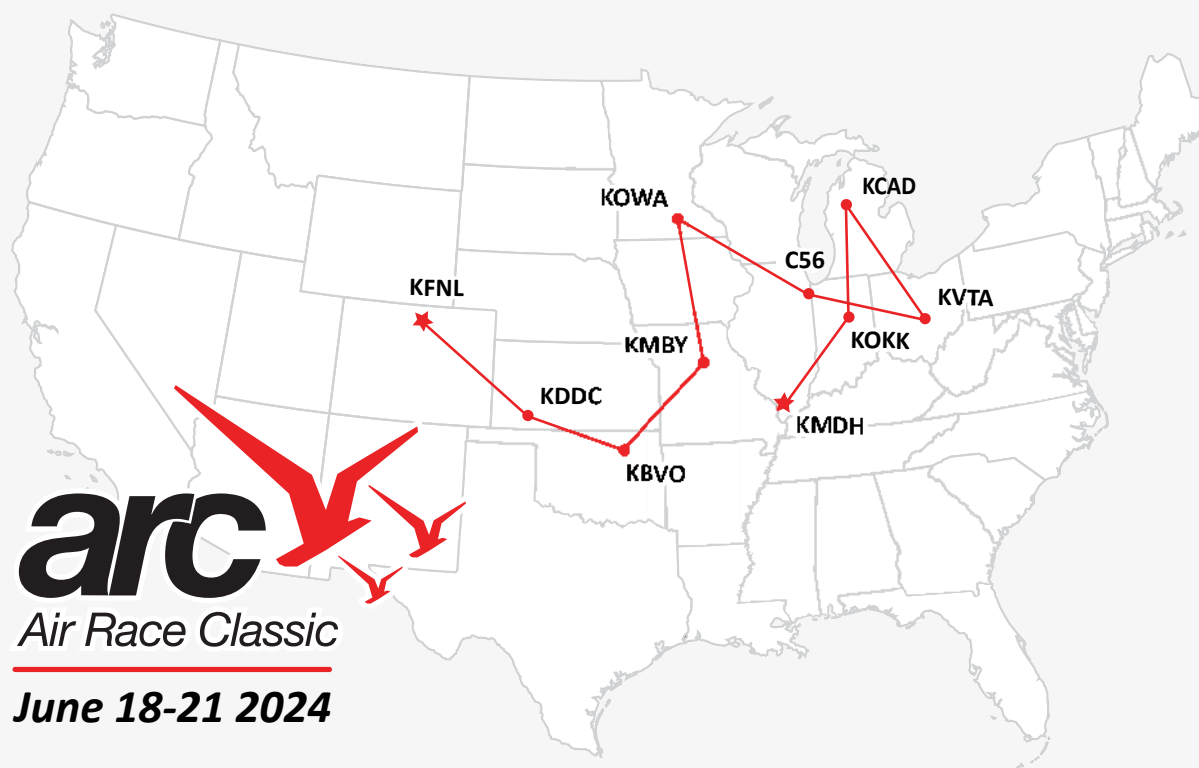


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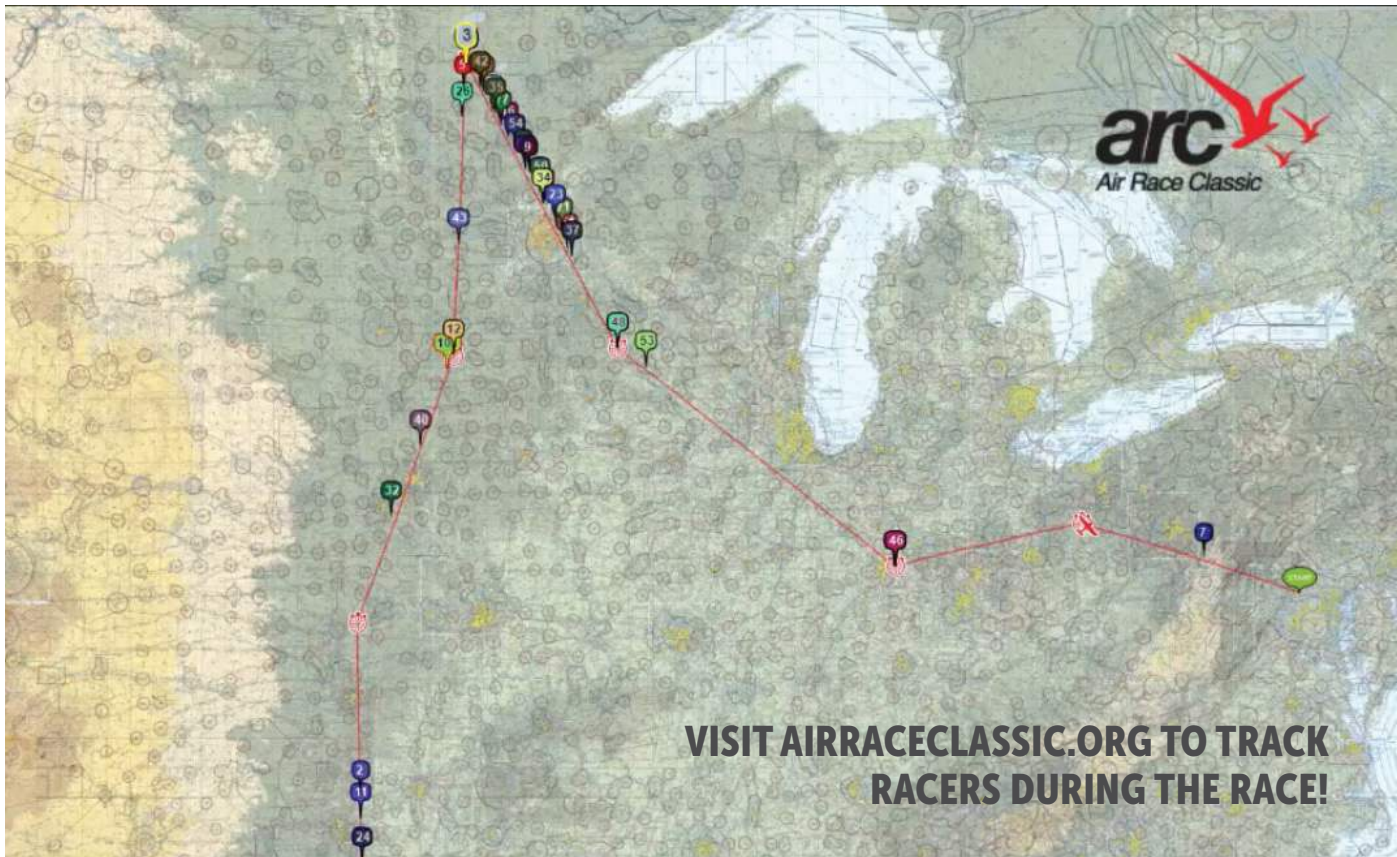


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1	Murphysboro, IL- KMDH	Kokomo, IN-KOKK	222 nm	256 sm
2	Kokomo, IN-KOKK	Cadillac, MI- KCAD	227 nm	261 sm
3	Cadillac, MI- KCAD	Newark, OH- KVTA	287 nm	330 sm
4	Newark, OH- KVTA	Monee, IL- C56	252 nm	289 sm
5	Monee, IL- C56	Owatonna, MN- KOWA	296 nm	341 sm
6	Owatonna, MN- KOWA	Moberly, MO- KMBY	282 nm	324 sm
7	Moberly, MO- KMBY	Bartlesville, OK- KBVO	234 nm	270 sm
8	Bartlesville, OK- KBVO	Dodge City, KS- KDDC	199 nm	229 sm
9	Dodge City, KS- KDDC	Fort Collins/Loveland, CO- KFNL	285 nm	328 sm
		[Total Distance]	2,284 nm	2,628 sm

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