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In 2021, we held the inaugural ARC Air Derby, A Twist on Tradition! Since then, we have welcomed over 150 new participants, some who have joined us for the traditional Air Race Classic, while most have been introduced to women's air racing for the first time. This year, we have a new twist on tradition: we welcome men to join the teams and experience the fun and education of this unique event!

Fly where you are and when you want! Air Derby pilots and team members create their own routes in their local areas, each team having a unique route. They pick their one day to fly in a 10-day window.

Participants range in age from 17 to 86 and Air Derby routes have been flown in the United States, Australia, the Bahamas, and New Zealand. We are excited by everyone's enthusiasm and are happy to continue this new and different event for women and men pilots around the world. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the volunteers who have worked on the Air Derby, I welcome you and hope you enjoy what we have worked so hard to present- The 2024 ARC Air Derby!

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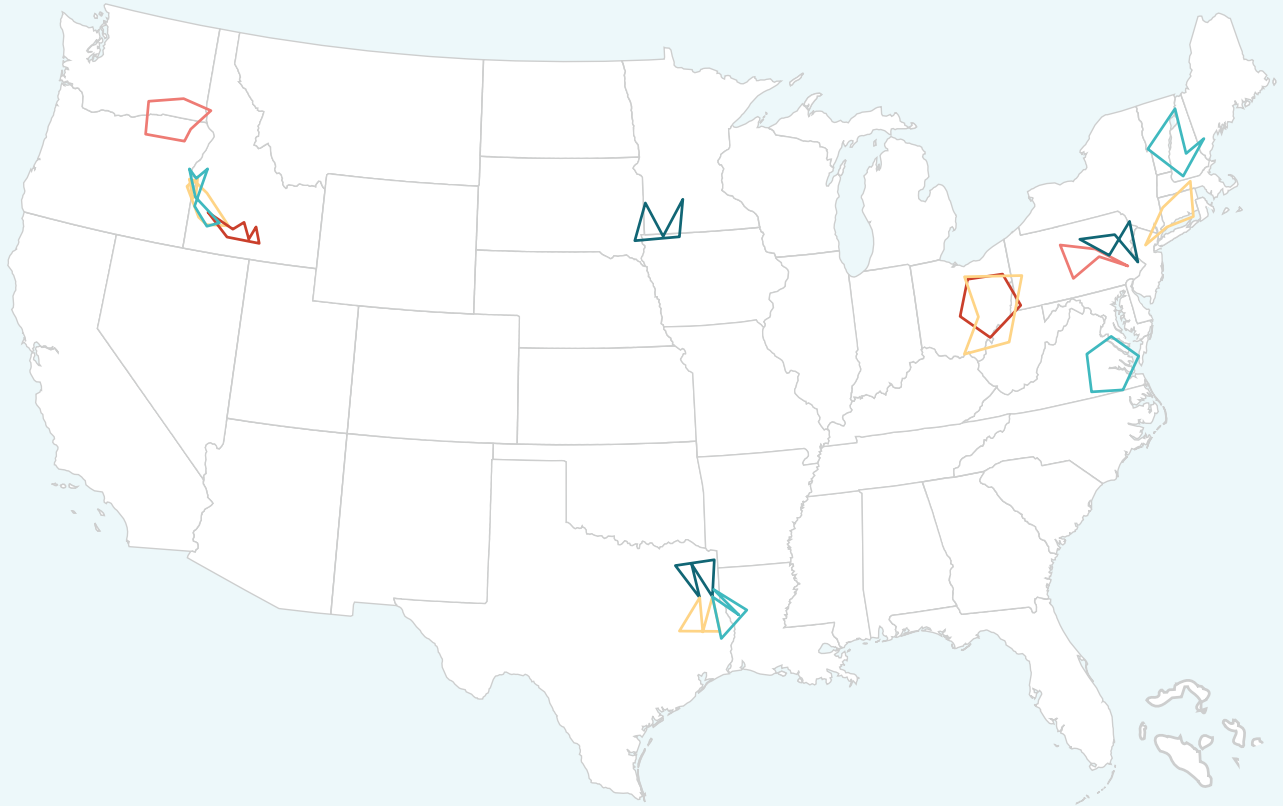
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Meet the 2024 Derby Contestants

100 | Propagation Delay

NATALIE HIRNEISEN & JENNIFER ALLSOP
CZECH SPORT AIRCRAFT SPORTCRUISER

Welcome Natalie and Jennifer (Flourtown, PA) to their first Derby!

Natalie (Flourtown, PA) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with RPC-Drone and a Skydiver rating. She has 320 hours in her logbook.

Natalie is an Electronics Engineer who designs electronics used for electronic warfare on military airborne platforms, at the same location for 23 years. She finds everything about airplanes (especially the electronics) fascinating. She would like to fly the Air Race Classic one day, but her LSA airplane does not qualify under the rules. She is racing in the Derby with her partner (in life

and airplane ownership). Not sure if being a professional pilot is in her future, but she is leaving the door open just in case. She is currently training for her commercial rating and tailwheel endorsement.

Natalie is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s.

Jennifer (Flourtown, PA) is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with RPC-Drone, a Tailwheel endorsement and a Skydiver rating; and 263 hours logged. In addition, she is an A&P, IA and Parachute Rigger.

Jennifer works as an IA. She inspects and maintains a variety of aircraft: Cirrus, Cessna, Piper, Bellanca, Diamond, Tecnam, Sling, Grumman, RV, and others. She races "to challenge my flight planning and flight abilities and have fun!"

Jennifer is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s.





101 | SCRATCHED

EMMY DILLON & MICHAEL (MIKE) MAINIERO
SUKHOI SU-29

Emmy (San Marcos, CA) holds an Air Transport Pilot certificate, complex, high-performance and Tailwheel endorsements, CFI/CFII flight instructor credentials, multiple jet type-ratings and 2700 hours logged. This will be her second Derby.

This past Air Race Classic winner flies 777 cargo internationally. She says, "There's no better way to see the country than from the cockpit of an airplane". Emmy has a goal to fly a GA aircraft in all fifty states and the race pushes her closer to that goal. She spends much of her time volunteering for various aviation organizations, which has allowed her to learn from accomplished aviators and even fly warbirds.

Emmy is a member of the San Diego Chapter of the 99s and the San Diego Chapter of WAI. She is also a Director for the Air Race Classic.

Welcome Mike (San Marcos, CA) to his first Derby!

Mike holds an ATP with Tailwheel, Aerobatic, Formation, Skydiver and Jet ratings. He has logged 6850 hours.

Mike is a Captain flying international cargo. His first flying job was flying skydivers in a King Air C90. From flying skydivers to charters and being a check airman, and flying a variety of Citation Jets, to flying for an international cargo company, he now has flown the 767, 777, and 747.



Mike is flying the Derby because Emmy is so involved by flying and volunteering with the Air Race Classic and says "it's really enjoyable to be able to share this experience together".

Most of his free time is spent volunteering with the Patriots Jet Team and Commemorative Air Force, and he continues to build his aerobatic skill and experience.



102 | SCRATCHED

MARY BRYANT & VICTORIA JONES
PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

Mary (St. Petersburg, FL) is flying her 3rd Derby. She holds an ATP with CFII, MEI, AGI, IGI, Tailwheel, and Jet ratings, and has 7000 hours.

Starting her career in finance, Mary found that flying was much more fun and engaging. Since then, she made a career in aviation in a variety of capacities, from training and sales to program management. She is currently semi-retired, specializing in PA46 training.

Mary races because it is fun and challenging, requiring a pilot to engage all aspects of planning, flying and decision making.

She was honored to fly her first Derby with her daughter, Claire, who was then a 17 year old student pilot. Her 19 year old daughter served as their ground coordinator. Both daughters are off at college this year.

Mary is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s and the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI.

Victoria (Bradenton, FL) has a CPL, CFI and 446 hours flown. This is her first Derby.

Victoria is a CFI, who caught the flying bug on a discovery flight in 2022! She left her 7 year finance career to pursue aviation. She loves flying in the Tampa Bay area, home to the first commercial flight in 1914, piloted by Tony Jannus.



She is flying the Derby with her mentor, Mary, whom she admires greatly. Victoria says it is a joy to learn from Mary's experience as a professional aviator and businesswoman. Outside of flying, she is an avid long distance runner and hosts a Tampa food/history walking tour once a week. She loves food, travel, and meeting people from different countries and cultures.

Victoria is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s and the Tampa Bay Chapter of WAI.

103 | Flying Flyers Fans

LINDA EVANS & RISA ALTMAN
CESSNA SKYLANE 182S

Linda (North Wales, PA) holds a Commercial license and A&P. She has flown 2366 hours. This will be her second Derby.

Linda retired from the Business Technology organization at Pfizer (formerly Wyeth) after having worked there for over 22 years in a variety of technology roles. She flies the Derby because it is a one day activity that gets her out flying with friends.

Linda flew her first Derby with her goddaughter, Katy, in Florida, who had just earned her PPL that year; they ate Oreos to keep them going! Of Linda's six godchildren, ranging in age from 16 to 34, four have flown with her. Linda enjoys watching/attending sporting events.

Linda is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s and a member at large of WAI. She is also a Director for the Air Race Classic.

Risa (North Wales, PA) holds a PPL and has flown 145 hours. This is Risa's first Derby.

Risa had a career as a pediatrician for over 35 years, with 28 of those years at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She retired last year. She found caring for children to be extremely rewarding. She was privileged to be part of teaching workshops that helped to create and evolve cultures of safety.

Risa obtained her Private Certificate in June 2012, after her husband gave her the gift of a Discovery flight for her 50th birthday. Her checkride was during the week of the ARC race. The Derby will be her first competition. When



her friend, Linda, an amazing pilot who has flown many races, asked her to fly in the Derby, Risa thought "what a good idea". The Derby seems like a fun challenge without the time and financial commitments of the Air Race Classic, which she would like to fly one day.

Risa tells of a funny experience she had when flying her 99's chapter Poker Run a few years ago. She takes care of medically complex children with no problem, but when faced with filling her own fuel tanks for the first time, she was so anxious just connecting the grounding wire to the plane!

Risa has been a very active member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the 99s since 2013 and serves as the Vice Chair, as well as a Trustee of their Scholarship Fund.





104 | Avislaytors

ALONDRA LOPEZ, SAMUEL (DALTON) JAMISON
& GARRETT WILLSEA | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Welcome first time team from LeTourneau University!

Alondra (Longview, TX) is flying her first ARC Derby! She holds a CPL rating, with Complex and Tailwheel endorsements. She has 278 hours.

Alondra is a full time student. Through her career at LeTourneau U, Alondra has been able to complete all her pilot certificates from private to commercial. She is also in the A&P program and really enjoys working on planes!

She flies the Derby to build experience, sharpen her flight skills and continue to improve her team building skills. When not flying, the activities she enjoys include playing pickle-ball, hanging out with friends, going to the pool and going to church. She also really enjoys flying and being with her family back home in Puerto Rico.

Dalton (Longview, TX) is flying his first Derby. Dalton holds a CPL, CFI/CFII, with Complex, High Performance and Tailwheel endorsements. He has 583 hours logged.

Dalton has been a Flight Instructor at LeTourneau since January and has been enjoying passing on his aviation

knowledge to others. He earned his bachelor's degree in aviation management with professional flight, allowing him to obtain all of the ratings her currently holds.

He is flying the Derby because it sounds like a fun experience where he gets to apply his skills and knowledge. Outside of aviation, he enjoys the outdoors such as camping, hiking, and fishing. Dalton says aviation has allowed him "to gather a new perspective of God's beauty of his creation".

This is also the first ARC Derby for Garrett (Longview, TX). Garrett holds a CPL, with Complex and Tailwheel endorsements, and 188 hours logged.

Garrett is a full time student in his senior year of classes at LeTourneau, where he is studying Professional Flight and Aviation Maintenance. He has been able to intern with two Fortune 250 flight departments as a maintainer and pilot. He is excited to challenge his team to grow in their flight skills and promote more women in aviation, and to make fun memories this year.

Coming from the Pacific Northwest, Garrett loves to be outdoors in any capacity, whether hiking, going to the coast, or flying. His friends are important to him, and you can find him having late night campfire conversations whenever he has the opportunity.

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MORGAN ROSENBERGER, ANDREW SCHULZ & MACKENZIE (KENZIE) FESSLER
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Welcome flyers Morgan, Andrew and Kenzie to thier first Derby!

Morgan (Keller, TX) is flying her first Derby! She is a Commercial Pilot, CFI/CFII with 964 hours.

Morgan has been a flight instructor for just over one year. The school she teaches for trains in a vast variety of aircraft, including Citabria's, Skyhawk's, and Seminole's. She says, "My students have taught me a lot about patience in the past year, and I am excited to see what I learn in this next year."

Although this is her first Derby, she has flown in the Air Race Classic before. She had a great time and made so many friends along her journey with her team as they flew from North Dakota to Florida.

Morgan enjoys all things involving the outdoors, as well as flying on long cross countries to new places. She became interested in aviation at a very young age, and her passion for aviation has continued to evolve as her experience level has increased over the years.

This is also the first Derby for **Andrew** (Longwood, TX). He holds a CPL with Complex, High Performance endorsements, and an RPC-Drone certificate. He has 265 hours flown.

Andrew is seeking a Professional Flight with Aviation Maintenance degree at LeTourneau University. He has enjoyed competing on his university flight team and is currently training for his CFI, which he plans to use as an instructor at LETU. His goal is to become a missionary pilot. One highlight of his aviation journey has been flying precision navigation with paper charts and stopwatches on LETU's flight team. Andrew says, "It's an honor to again compete with so many fellow aviators and I'm grateful for



the opportunity!"

He also has experience in filmmaking and enjoys using his cinematography skillset to tell the incredible stories of aviators and their airplanes. Working with a jungle aviation organization to showcase their precision flying and their mission to help unreached people is a highlight of his time in college.

Kenzie (Keller, TX) is flying the Derby for the first time! She is a Commercial Pilot, CFI with Complex, High Performance, and Tailwheel endorsements, and A&P certificate. She has flown 336 hours.

Kenzie is a flight instructor at LeTourneau. She is super excited (and nervous) to be a new flight instructor at LeTourneau University! She grew up in aviation but had zero interest until a few years ago when she started training. Ever since then, it's been the best surprise from God to find out how much she actually loves it.

She has raced in the Air Race Classic twice and gained so many valuable experiences and made such great memories both times, so she is excited to take on a new kind of challenge with the Derby! She is looking forward to gaining some interesting new experiences.

Kenzie says she has always loved art and music, specifically realistic graphite sketching and playing around on keys and guitar. She also loves the outdoors and unfortunately she longboards enough to have disproportional quad muscles!





106 | Skyhawk Wranglers

BRENDAN PETRY & ELENA JURADO
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Brendan (Canby, OR) is flying his first ARC Derby!

He holds a CPL and CFI with Complex and Tailwheel endorsements. Brendan has flown 1423 hours.

Brendan currently serves as a certificated flight instructor (CFI) at LeTourneau University. He has been flying since 2018, and falling more and more in love with general aviation flying and flight training since he earned his instructor certificate in 2022. He was a NIFA team participant throughout his four years of university.

He was super excited to hear of the announcement from last year's 2023 Air Race Classic that the fall Derby was going to become co-ed, as he would love to work alongside his female peers and colleagues and help them succeed in their flying endeavors, and he wants to be a part in their success.

Brendan enjoys running and walking outside on bluebird sunny days, skiing, surfing, rock climbing, pretty much anything outside. He also enjoys teaching people how to drive stick shift (manual) in his car!

This is the first ARC Derby for Elena (Childress, TX).

Elena has her PPL with a Tailwheel endorsement and 76 hours in her logbook.

Elena is a student at LeTourneau University pursuing a degree in Aviation Management. She recently earned her PPL in an American Champion Citabria, also earning



her tailwheel endorsement. She is now beginning her commercial flight training in a 172 Skyhawk.

She is so excited to fly the Derby, to work together with her team to build lasting memories and build flight experience. She loves that it is an integrated community of women and men, promoting friendship and teamwork.

Elena is on LeTourneau's Women's Golf team. She participated in LeTourneau Student Ministries (LSM) mission trip to JAARS over spring break, traveled to Oshkosh, Wisconsin as a representative of LeTourneau, is in the LETU Aerobatics Club, and is the secretary of the Women in Aviation Society.



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JENNIFER DONNELLY & SHANNON OSBORNE CESSNA SKYHAWK 172L

Jennifer (Hackettstown, NJ) is flying her second Derby! She holds a PPL and 2855 hours.

Jennifer is a Civil Engineer. She worked in the construction industry for 40 years in the structural steel fabrication and erection business, retiring in 2017.

When she flew the Derby before, it was a challenging experience. It is a way of sharpening her pilot skills, and also a fun day flying with friends.

Flying is her number one hobby. She started flying in the 1970's and she says, "to this day it thrills me". She loves to travel. It has expanded her view of humanity, continued her education beyond formal schooling, and has brought her much joy. She also loves reading, live theatre and Celtic music.

Shannon (New York, NY) is flying her third Derby. She holds a PPL with Complex and High Performance endorsements and has flown 900 hours.

Shannon's career was in cable television for just over 30 years. Since retiring 5 years ago, she focused on volunteering in the aviation industry and improving her flying.

She flies the Derby because she enjoys getting to know other female pilots in different geographic areas and to continue to stretch herself. The first race she flew only two legs due to weather, so she is looking forward to picking her day to fly out of two weeks!

Shannon loves to travel with her husband and discover new places. Unlike most folks that go on vacation, they love to have no agenda. They tend to travel to places that you walk a lot. They figure out what neighborhood to explore each morning and go to it.

Shannon is a member of the Greater New York 99s and volunteers in her chapter and section. She is also a Director for the Air Race Classic.

108 | Drag'nFly

CHERYL MCCORD & MOLLIE O'MARAH
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172XP

Cheryl (Kuna, ID) is flying her second Derby! She holds a PPL with High Performance rating and RPC-Drone Certification. She has 600 hours in her logbook.

Cheryl is a Financial Analyst, recently retired from a 28 year career at HP, where she held varying roles in many aspects of the business, from supply chain and operations to marketing. Her teams were in countries around the world, giving her opportunities to travel and live abroad. She flies the Derby to learn more about her plane, fly to new places, get to know other pilots and hone her skills. She thinks this race format is exciting because it offers flexibility, along with a new set of challenges, to more participants.

Although she has not been able to commit the time to fly the Air Race Classic, she decided to live the race through those who have flown it before and created the presentation, "Idaho's Role in Women's Air Racing", in 2019, the 100th anniversary of women's air racing.

Flying became an important part of her life a few years

ago. She had not planned on getting her pilot's license, when she enjoyed trips with her husband in their Cessna 185. However, in 2016, she earned her certificate and purchased her 172 about 2 years later. She enjoys flying, camping, biking and cross country trips. Cheryl is a member of the Idaho Chapter of the 99s.

Mollie (Nampa, ID) is a first-time Derby contestant. She holds a SPL and has 83 hours in her logbook.

Molly currently works as Administrative Assistant for an Idaho flight school, where she schedules helicopter tours and charter experiences in the beautiful state of Idaho. She also provides support to their students and CFI's, and considers herself a GA ambassador to the community. Mollie has performed in over 50 musical theatre and opera productions, was a high school drama teacher for 15 years, and has narrated audio books – one is on Audible!

The WhizWheel she once threw across the room into a wall when she was a student pilot has now become a cherished little buddy. Using two knowns to solve for an unknown has become a metaphor for things beyond aviation! Molly is a member of the Idaho Chapter of the 99s.



109 | Wile E Coyotes

SHERRY KANDLE & DOUG KANDLE
CESSNA SKYLANE 182K

Sherry (Boise, ID) is back for her second Derby! She holds a PPL, with High Performance, and 1250 hours.

Sherry retired from her career as a software engineer and project manager for government, manufacturing and aviation applications, then she and Doug started an airplane maintenance business where she was a managing partner for 5 years. Working at the airport made it much easier for her to finally finish her PPL.

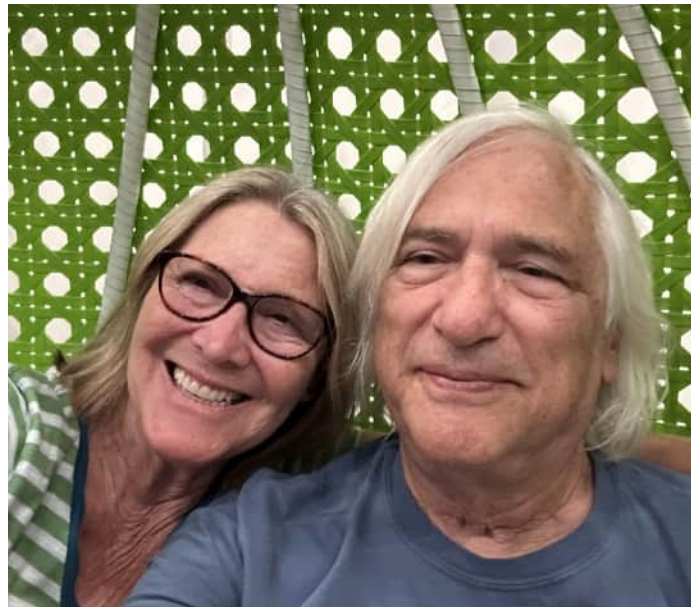
She flies for adventure, races for the excuse to fly and the Derby is an easy one day flight around Idaho. When not flying, she likes to hang out and go for walks with her buddies, Ranger (Aussie) and Wiley (Border Collie). She enjoys hiking, sleeping under the stars, books, bikes and tennis.

Sherry is a member of the Idaho 99s and volunteers as a Director for the Air Race Classic.

This is the first Derby for Doug (Boise, ID). He holds a CPL, CFI, with Tailwheel, High Performance, Complex endorsements, A&P, and IA. He has 5800 hours.

Doug is a mathematician and system engineer, who worked in signal processing, designing surveillance systems for government agencies.

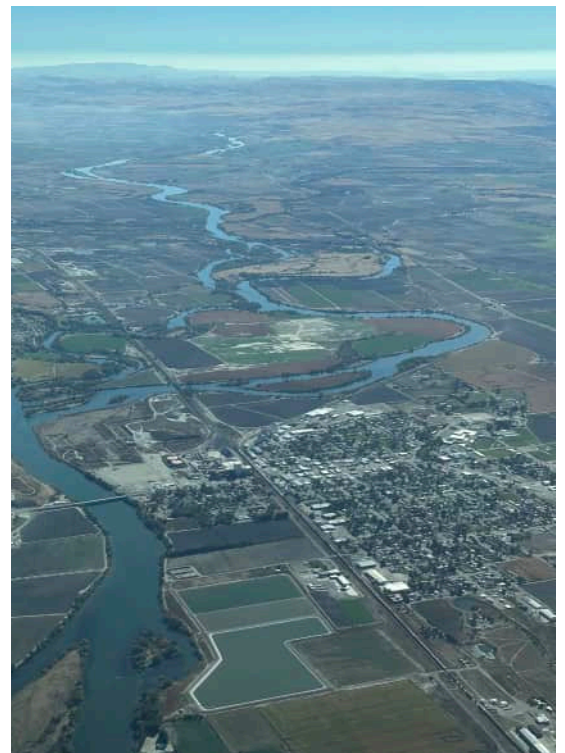
He is flying the Derby because his wife needed a co-pilot. Doug spends most of his spare time involved in



aviation. During graduate school, he taught flying at the local FBO. He has built two airplanes, a Zenith 701 and a Backcountry Super Cub SQ2. His "real" plane is a Cessna 206 that he has been flying forever. His motto: "become one with the airplane."

Outside of aviation, Doug supports animal rescue organizations, recently flying his first dog transfers. He also builds extra-large dog traps that are needed to rescue guardian dogs in the mountain west.

Doug has been active with the local EAA chapter for 25 years. He also volunteered for the Air Race Classic to develop the scoring program.





110 | BETA Babes

LUCY FREEMAN & TYLER PRATHER
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172N

Lucy (Burlington, VT) is flying her first Derby! She holds a CPL with High Performance endorsement and 373 hours.

Lucy is a Liaison Engineer – Structures/MRB, with BETA Technologies, an aerospace manufacturing company that makes electric airplanes. She previously worked for Piper after graduating from Florida Tech. Since moving back to the northeast, she has started working on her CFI rating at BETA.

After competing in the 2024 Air Race Classic, Lucy wanted to re-experience the fun of cross country air racing from her new home in Burlington, VT. She says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for me to explore local airports in the New England area."

During the ARC 2024, whenever successfully navigating a difficult situation (weather, traffic, busy departure flyby, airspace), she and her pilot would play Chappel Roan's "HOT TO GO!". Lucy participates in a number of

hobbies, including hiking, climbing, and running. One of her lifelong goals is to run a marathon in all 50 states!

Lucy is a member of the New England 99s and the Central Florida WAI chapter.

This is also the first Derby for Tyler (Winooski, VT). She holds a CPL, AMEL, with Complex endorsement and has flown 270 hours.

Tyler is a human factors engineer at BETA Technologies. She evaluates and designs the flight deck and pilot interfaces of new and novel electric aircraft. Prior to BETA, she was a Human Factors Engineer at the Boeing Company working on the 777X flight deck.

She races to push herself and fellow women in aviation to fly better, farther and have fun while doing it! She has seen friends race in prior years, and she has always wanted to do the full Air Race Classic. Tyler says, "The derby feels like the perfect place to start!"

She likes getting outside, whether it's running, hiking, traveling. She enjoys going wine-tasting and loves being around other women in aviation and flying general aviation.

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111 | Humming Along

LYNN HARBINSON & SANDRA PHENNING
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172N

Lynn (Richland, WA) is flying her first Derby! She holds a CPL, CFI, CFII, AGI, IGI, with High Performance, Complex and Tailwheel endorsements. She has 2181 hours.

Lynn is a veterinarian and a flight instructor. She has been a small animal veterinarian since 1995. She started flying in 2010, ground instructing in 2013 and earned her CFI in 2020. She now has the honor and joy of instructing part time, including initial CFI candidates.

This is her first time flying the Derby. She is doing it to share the joy of racing with a friend in a local environment. She and her teammate in the Derby, Sandra, previously flew the Palms2Pines Air Race. In that race, Chelsea, a pilot doll from Sandra's birthday cake accompanied them on their trip to the start of the race and all along the race. She had many great photo ops!

Lynn is honored to be able to fly a 1942 Boeing Stearman for the Pasco Aviation Museum and recently bought her first airplane, a 1957 Champ. Lynn says "Airplane ownership is quite a learning curve and it's fun to be able to go fly whenever I want."

Lynn is a member of the Mid-Columbia 99s.

This is also Sandra's (Leavenworth, WA) first Derby!

She holds a PPL and has flown 310 hours.

Sandra is a self-employed Life Coach. She loves coaching women to take back their brain to get what they want. She has been a librarian, a nutritionist, an economist, financial package salesperson, a substitute teacher, a co-op coordinator, and the list goes on. She loves variety.

She did the Palms to Pines air race in 2023 as a student

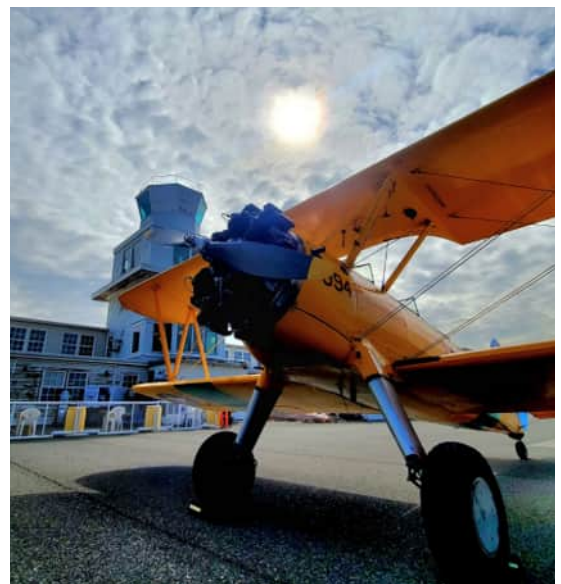


pilot. Sandra says, "I learned so much about flying overall and racing in particular. I also met such a fun, supportive group of 99's." The ARC Derby seemed like a great way to continue learning about air racing. Plus, it fits so easily into my schedule.

Since Sandra now has the bug, her hobby is mostly flying. She has wanted to fly since she was 17. Since they were building a KitFox, she realized NOW was a great time to learn. It was a long process; a road with many more curves and bumps than she expected. But, she persisted and received her PPL just weeks before her Medicare Card!

Sandra is a member of the Mid-Columbia 99s.

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112 | SCRATCHED

LIN CAYWOOD & HAZEL MALIK
CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

Lin (Frederick, MD) is flying her second Derby. She holds a CPL, ASEL/ASES/AMEI, CFI/CFII, AGI/IGI, with Complex, High Performance, and Tailwheel endorsements, and RPC-Drone cert. She has flown 3330 hours.

Lin was a realtor with over 30 years in mortgage banking. She is now self-employed as a Certified Flight Instructor. She also flies Part 91 for a family.

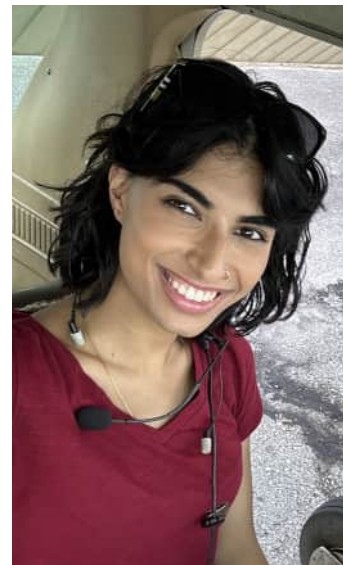
Lin was able to introduce two more ladies to the fun of the ARC thru the Derby in 2022 and will introduce another new person this year. Lin says, "Being able to share my passion with others is awesome." They had so much fun last year and laughed a lot.

She likes to do all kinds of crafts - sewing small quilts is her latest fun thing. She reads a lot and volunteers her time with the ARC, with Patient Airlift Services, and with the Ninety-Nines.

Lin is a member of the Sugarloaf 99s and the Blue Ridge WAI chapter. She is a Director with the Air Race Classic.

Hazel (Washington, DC) is flying her first Derby! She holds a PPL and has flown 103 hours.

Hazel is a student in law school. She is hoping to join the air force as a judge advocate general for a stint and then move into the nonprofit world of law. She also loves teaching and is considering becoming a professor of law. She also wants to get her CFI and teach.



Hazel says, "I've always had an immense passion for aviation, and I've wanted to fly for as long as I can remember". On 9/12/24 I finally made that happen and I want to enjoy the maximum benefits of my certificate, the Derby being on that list.

Flying is probably the biggest non-career aspect about her life, and she wouldn't have that any other way. Aside from flying, she has always had a passion for research and journalism, so while not her career she indulges when given the opportunity.

Hazel is a member of the Sugarloaf 99s and the Capital Region WAI chapter.

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113 | Hangar Hotties

WENDY FRAZER & MARY (MIMI) STEEL

Wendy (Meridian, ID) is flying her first Derby! She holds a CPL with Complex, High Performance, and Tail-wheel endorsements. She has logged 1336 hours.

Wendy is a computer consultant. She has been flying since 2000, earned her instrument rating in 2004 and Commercial in 2018. She did the ARC in 2013 and then the Palms to Pines in 2023.

She flies for the challenge and adventure! She says, "It will be fun to plan the course and see how close we come to flying it like we have planned." Wendy learned to fly in her Cessna 170B. It was her Dad's plane and he completely restored it in 1995. She loves to fly the Idaho back country and appreciates all the challenges and freedom it offers.

Wendy has been an active volunteer for years with the Idaho 99s. She also volunteers for the Idaho Aviation Association and is very active in the local flying community.

This is also Mimi's (Caldwell, ID) first Derby! She holds a PPL and has flown 1442 hours.

Mimi worked in high tech customer support in Cyber



Security. She worked in Silicon Valley for most of her career but moved to Idaho a few years ago.

Mimi flies the Derby to work on her pilot skills and challenge herself to be a better pilot. She flies for fun but the Derby appeals to her because it requires precision flying.

She competes in dog agility with her two Australian Shepherds. One is MOCI (for Minimum Obstacle Clearance) and the other is Top Gun Maverick. She also enjoys playing pickleball. Mimi is a member of the Idaho 99s.





114 | Lyss and Luce Flying with Goose

MADELINE GOUSSIOS, ALYSSA SHEEHAN & LUCY ALTWIES | CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Welcome to this team of first time Derby flyers from Kent State!

Madeline (Warren, OH) holds a CPL, AMEL, CFI, CFII, MEI, AGI with a Complex endorsement and 817 hours.

She is a student and flight instructor at Kent State University. She has the opportunity to work with amazing students and staff every day, which contributes to her enjoyment of aviation.

Madeline wants to fly the Derby to challenge her cross-country skills and work with an amazing team to discover new airports around their base. A hobby that she enjoys is running. She enjoys the early start of the day before coming to the airport and all of the local airport 5k's on the runway!

Madeline is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels WAI chapter.

Alyssa (Lockport, IL) a CPL, CFI, CFII, with Complex endorsement and Dispatcher Certificate and flown 395 hours.

Alyssa is a full time flight instructor at Kent State University working towards building experience and hours for the airlines. She has flown the Air Race Classic only once - this past summer - and it vastly improved her skills as a pilot along with her relationships with other women pilots in the industry..

She is flying the Derby for the first time this year because after flying her first air race in June, she was hooked! She knew she had to share her experience with other women pilots at her university. She feels that the Derby is the perfect way to do it!



Alyssa enjoys reading, going to the gym, and journaling in her past time. During her childhood, she was a competitive and synchronized figure skater. She loves to skate whenever she has free time!

Alyssa is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels chapter of WAI.

Lucy (Alexandria, VA) is a Student Pilot and has flown 57 hours.

As a Student Pilot at Kent State University, she is also an active member of the Kent State Precision Flight Team as part of the Computer Accuracy event. She really enjoys competing.

Lucy is flying the Derby to gain experience planning a cross country flight. Her instructor is the team pilot and competed in the Air Race Classic this year. The day that she left, she ended up having to turn around because she forgot her fuel card!

Hiking is something Lucy really enjoys, especially in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. She says, "I find it super relaxing and am excited to find more trails near my campus." In her spare time, she also enjoys baking, especially for the airport staff.



115 | M&M Crop Dusters

MEGAN BAKER & MICHELLE NOLAND
PIPER ARROW PA-28R-180

Megan (Cottage Grove, MN) is flying her first Derby!

She holds a PPL with an instrument rating and has flown 183 hours.

Megan is a Flight Attendant at Sun Country Airlines. She loves working in the aviation industry, and this career sparked her interest in becoming a pilot. As a private pilot with an instrument rating, she is currently working on her commercial license. She loves flying and learning new skills to help her become a better pilot.

She is excited to participate in her first Derby to challenge her cross country planning skills. Megan is a member of the Minnesota 99s and Stars of the North WAI chapter.

This is also the first Derby for Michelle (Farmington, MN). She holds a CPL, AMEL, AGI with Complex and High Performance endorsements and has flown 600 hours.

Michelle is currently a senior at Minnesota State University Mankato in the aviation management program. She has grown up around aviation. She has enjoyed her training and hopes to work for a major airline one day.

She wants to fly the Derby to help test her cross country knowledge and accuracy for flight planning. She is a current member of the Maverick flight team at Minnesota State University Mankato. Michelle enjoys flying with her Derby partner, Megan.

Michelle also enjoys riding and competing in dressage with her horse, Duke.

She is a member of the Minnesota 99s and Stars of the North WAI chapter.



116 | Vid Air

DAVID VIDOVIĆ & AVA VIDOVIĆ
TECNAM P2006T

David (Olmsted Township, OH) is flying his first Derby!

He holds ATP, AMEL, CFI, CFII, EI, CFI-Glider, AGI, IGI, CPL-Glider, with Jet Rating, complex and high performance endorsements and 18,000 hours.

David a pilot for United Airlines. Just like his daughter, he first flew at age 14, joining the local aviation Boy Scout post. He earned his private pilot at age 17, commercial pilot at age 18, and CFI at Kent State university by age 19, and started flying for a part 121 airline at age 22. And today, he is coming up on 20 years at United Airlines, flying the 737.

He wants to fly the Derby with his daughter.. David says, "It's been a great experience to see her mature and grow from student pilot into her role as an airline pilot. This will be a great experience to sit next to her as she races in the Air Derby."

David was a CFI back in his college days at Kent State University, but for the next 20 years of his career, he never thought he would CFI again. Ava sparked up an interest in aviation, so he had his flight instructor certificate reinstated and they have been flying together in training aircraft for over 5 years now

David is a Friend of the Lake Erie 99s.

Ava (Olmsted Township, OH) is flying her second Derby! She holds a CPL, AMEL, IGI, CPL-Glider, complex and high performance, and Jet rating, and has flown 1300 hours.

Ava became a nineteen year old scheduled Airline Pilot with Contour Airlines in May of this year! She is also a commercial glider pilot and has completed her written exam for CFI.



"What a thrill to be a part of an air race that has its roots with such historical figures as Amelia Earhart, Poncho Barnes, Louise Thaden and all the other pioneering women of aviation", says Ava. She noted as humorous that, "Amelia Earhart flew to the starting airport of the very first air race in her shiny red five-passenger Lockheed Vega. It was decided the 300-hp Travel Air Opal Kunz had just bought was too much aircraft for a lady by the race officials. She had to rent a smaller 200-hp Travel Air to compete."

Ava was voted the 2023 'Woman Pilot of the Year' by the Lake Erie 99s. She is a Taekwondo Black Belt. She graduated Olmsted Falls High School Cum Laude. For 3 years, she has been an EAA Young Eagles Pilot. She volunteered at WAI Girls in Aviation Day and volunteered at the NGPA. She is also a volunteer with PAPA, NASA's Minority University Research Education Project aerospace academy.

Ava is a member of the Lake Erie 99s and the Cleveland WAI.

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REBECCA CUTRI-KOHART & BYRON RODGERS
MOONEY 201 M20J

Welcome first time Derby flyers Rebecca and Bryon!

Rebecca (Alexandria, VA) holds a PPL, ASEL with 700 hours flown.

Rebecca is an Attorney for SpaceX. Originally an aerospace engineer at NASA for Space Shuttle mission control, then a trial lawyer for the Department of Justice, Rebecca has most recently worked as a lawyer for SpaceX.

She flew the Air Race Classic, loves the challenge of the race and connecting with other awesome women pilots but has not flown the Derby before.

Rebecca's first general aviation flight was at a 99's event. She has been flying since she was 15 years old. She loves to read science fiction. And she dabbles in alligator wrestling!

This is Byron's (Alexandria, VA) first Derby! He holds ATP, AMEL, CFI, CFII, MEI, BGI, AGI, IGI, Jet rating, with complex and high performance and has flown 13,000 hours.

Byron is a pilot with United Airlines, an A320 captain. He previously served as a 737 FO, a 747 captain for a cargo airline, Regional jet and Beech 1900 captain. He also flight instructed and flew piston twins. He owns an airplane maintenance shop, RPM Aircraft Service, in the DC area.

His wife talked him into flying the Derby. He thinks it sounds like fun. Byron says, "I really got into the planning



and following the Air Race Classic this summer, more than I thought I would actually, so it seems like a good organization to be part of. And I am always up for a good air race."

In a previous air race they almost took a buzzard through a windshield at 200 mph. That was one lucky buzzard!

Byron loves airplanes of course, to wrench on them and fly them also. They have raced this plane for the whole 14 years they have owned it. They used to have a boat as well, and he has a Porsche 911 GT3 for twisty country roads.



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Air Race Classic History

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



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

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

Scoring techniques evolved over the years, and in 1952 the AWTAR began using the handicap system of scoring. The Air Race Classic has continued to use this type of scoring throughout its history. The '29-30's races flew shorter legs and made more stops than the current races. Now the legs are 280 to 320 statute miles, and seven or eight control stops are designated for either landing or fly-by. The race has been in 44 states, stopping in over 300

cities, and Canada. The races are open to all women with fixed wing aircraft from 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 downplay 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."

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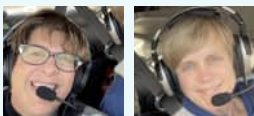
2ND | TEAM 100

Natalie Hirneisen & Jennifer Allsop



3RD | TEAM 104

Alondra Lopez, Dalton Jamison
& Garrett Willsea



4TH | TEAM 103

Linda Evans & Risa Altman



5TH | TEAM 114

Madeline Goussios,
Alyssa Sheehan & Lucy Altwies

Leg Winners of 2024

Leg 1

1ST | TEAM 105 Morgan Rosenberger,
Andrew Schulz, & Kenzie Fessler

2ND | TEAM 108 Cheryl McCord & Mollie O'Marah

3RD | TEAM 110 Lucy Freeman & Tyler Prather

Leg 2

1ST | TEAM 105 Morgan Rosenberger,
Andrew Schulz, & Kenzie Fessler

2ND | TEAM 107 Jennifer Donnelly & Shannon Osborne

3RD | TEAM 116 David Vidovich & Ava Vidovich

Leg 3

1ST | TEAM 110 Lucy Freeman & Tyler Prather

2ND | TEAM 107 Jennifer Donnelly & Shannon Osborne

3RD | TEAM 106 Brendan Petry & Elena Jurado

Leg 4

1ST | TEAM 105 Morgan Rosenberger,
Andrew Schulz, & Kenzie Fessler

2ND | TEAM 115 Megan Baker & Michelle Noland

3RD | TEAM 116 David Vidovich & Ava Vidovich

Leg 5

1ST | TEAM 105 Morgan Rosenberger,
Andrew Schulz, & Kenzie Fessler

2ND | TEAM 110 Lucy Freeman & Tyler Prather

3RD | TEAM 106 Brendan Petry & Elena Jurado

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TEAM 104 Alondra Lopez, Dalton Jamison & Garrett Willsea

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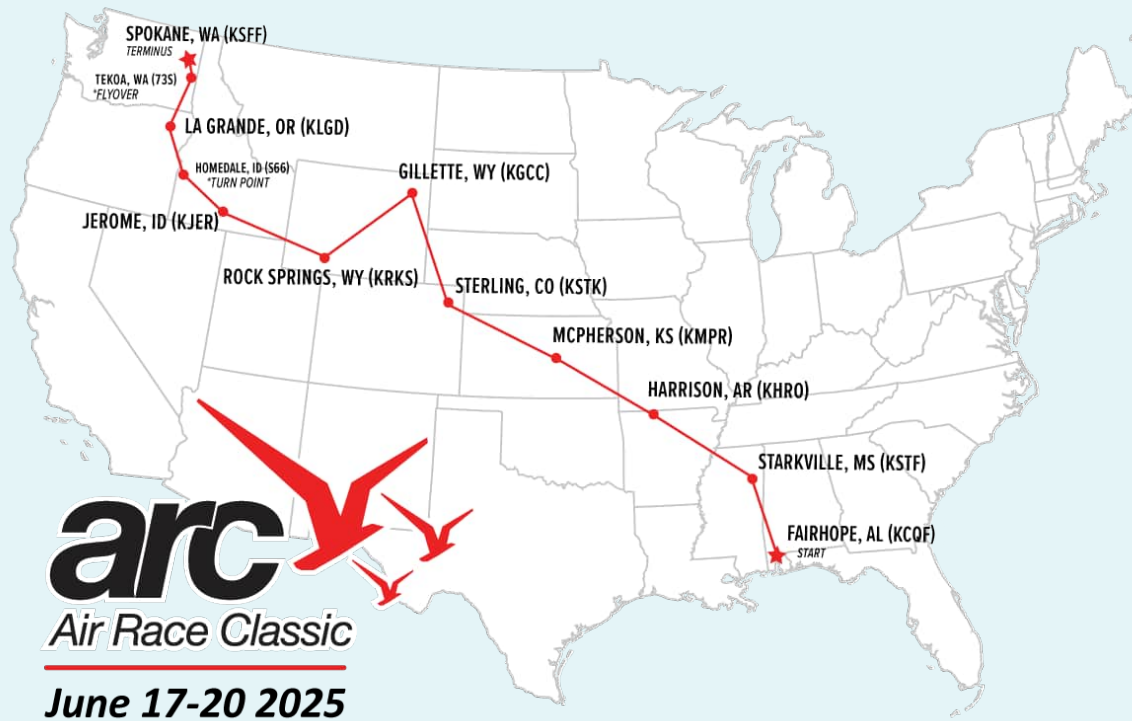
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2	KSTF	George M Bryan Airport Starkville, MS	185	nm	213	sm
3	KHRO	Boone County Airport Harrison, AR	272	nm	313	sm
4	KMPR	McPherson Airport McPherson, KS	251	nm	289	sm
5	KSTK	Sterling Municipal Airport Sterling, CO	292	nm	336	sm
6	KGCC	Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport Gillette, WY	246	nm	283	sm
7	KRKS	Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport Rock Springs, WY	227	nm	261	sm
8	KJER	Jerome County Airport Jerome, ID	250	nm	288	sm
9	S66	Homedale Municipal Airport Homedale, ID *	121	nm	139	sm
10	KLGD	La Grande/Union County Airport La Grande, OR	111	nm	128	sm
11	73S	Willard Field Tekoa, WA**	124	nm	143	sm
12	KSFF	Felts Field Spokane, WA	29	nm	33	sm
* Turn Point Only ** Flyover Only [Total Distance]			2106	nm	2426	sm