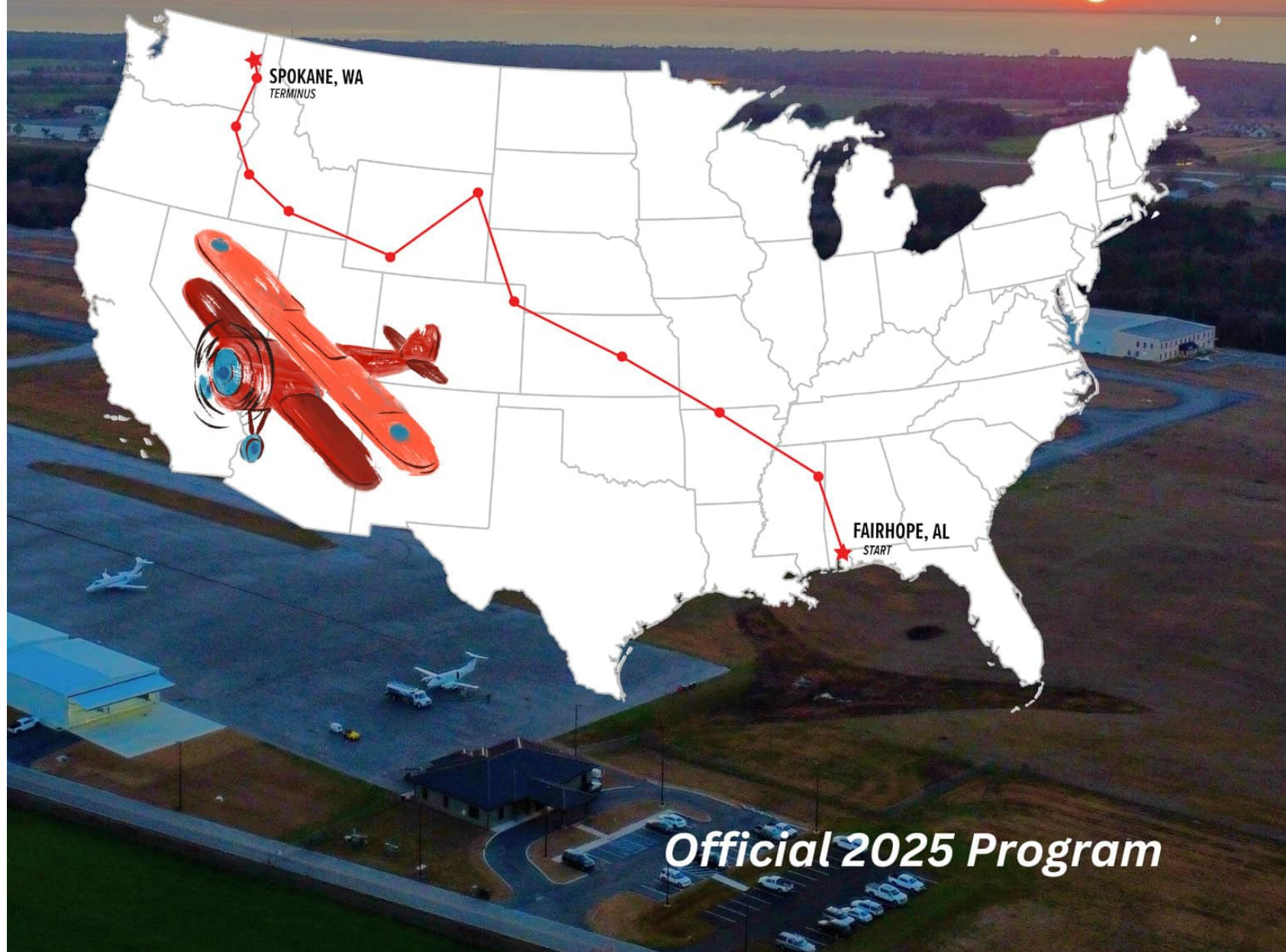


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## President's Welcome

I take great pleasure in welcoming each of you to the 48th Annual Air Race Classic. This year, we celebrate the 96th anniversary of the first 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. Each year, the Air Race Classic visits new airports and communities during our annual race. This year's race starts in Fairhope, AL at the HL "Sonny" Callahan Airport. The Terminus is at Felts Fields, Spokane, WA's first airport. It is my honor to work with each of the Air Race Classic Directors, Assistant Directors and Race Officials who volunteer thousands of hours annually planning, executing and managing the race. I am truly thankful for their generosity, talent, and commitment to all aspects of this event. Just as the original participants of the 1929 Women's Air Derby represented some of the best women aviators of their day, the lady racers who participate now embody some of the finest female aviators flying today, representing multiple facets of women in aviation in our country.

In addition to the ARC Board of Directors and racers, the Air Race Classic would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the hundreds of volunteers throughout the country. Committees across the United States have been planning for several years to welcome the ARC teams at this year's Start, Terminus, and each of the enroute stops. Enroute stops allow for flyby timing points, refueling, and planned overnight stops for the race teams. Since the race route changes every year, new and returning volunteers are recruited for each race. Those individuals may work as timers, shuttle drivers, safety check inspectors; anything that needs done to make the race 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. 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 for their enthusiasm and support; the perpetuity of this one-of-a-kind race is due to the dedication and efforts of everyone involved! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you who contribute to the success of the Air Race Classic, the premier transcontinental cross-country competition for women pilots!

**Air Race Classic, Inc. President,  
Donna Harris**



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

**KCQF** Fairhope, AL  
**KSTK** Sterling, CO

**KSTF** Starkville, MS  
**KGCC** Gillette, WY  
**KLGD** La Grande, OR

**KHRO** Harrison, AR  
**KRKS** Rock Springs, WY  
**KSFF** Spokane, WA

**KMPR** McPherson, KS  
**KJER** Jerome, ID

# The Air Race Classic, inc.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ALL THE LOVLEY LADIES...

The Air Race Classic Board of Directors is a diverse group of volunteers who plan and organize each year’s race. Each board member donates energy, time and resources to continue and enhance the traditions of the Air Race Classic. They cover all their own expenses related to the race and any associated meetings.

Members of the ARC Board are bound by a Code of Conduct and a Code of Ethics. These codes dictate the behavior expected of Board members as they interact with other members and with those outside the organization and set out principles to mitigate conflicts of interest when Board members are racing or serving as race officials. Board member adherence to these codes is taken very seriously, and a member can be removed for non-compliance.

The Board is composed of 9-12 directors plus assistant directors, with support from 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.

## Board of Directors

|                                                        |                                                      |                                                      |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
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# 48th Annual Air Race Classic

## 2025 GENERAL INFORMATION

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FRI JUNE 13</b>  | <b>START: H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport (Fairhope, AL)</b><br>Airplane Safety Checks<br>ARC Credentials<br>Start Check-In, Hospitality                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0800-1700 CDT<br>0800-1700 CDT<br>0900-1700 CDT                                                                |
| <b>SAT JUNE 14</b>  | Airplane Safety Checks, ARC Credentials<br>Start Check-In, Hospitality<br>Racers Arrival – <b>DEADLINE</b><br>Youth Aviation Event<br>Airplane Safety Checks, ARC Credentials – <b>CLOSE</b><br>"Meet the Racers" Welcome Reception                                                                                                          | 0800-1600 CDT<br>0800-1500 CDT<br>1000 CDT<br>1300-1500 CDT<br>1600 CDT<br>1800-2000 CDT                       |
| <b>SUN JUNE 15</b>  | Start Check-in – <b>CLOSE</b><br>Collegiate Racers Meeting – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>All Contestants Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Safety Officer's Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Timing, Technology & Judging Briefing/Q&A – RECOMMENDED<br>Group Photos – All Racers – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Social Hour & Take-off Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b> | 0800 CDT<br>0800-0900 CDT<br>0900-1100 CDT<br>1100-1200 CDT<br>1300-1400 CDT<br>1430-1500 CDT<br>1800-2100 CDT |
| <b>MON JUNE 16</b>  | Racer Flyby Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Race Start/Terminus Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Weather Briefing – RECOMMENDED<br>First Time Racers Clinic/Q&A – RECOMMENDED<br>Race Officials Meeting                                                                                                                                         | 0800-0945 CDT<br>1000-1100 CDT<br>1100-1200 CDT<br>1300-1400 CDT<br>1430-1530 CDT                              |
| <b>TUES JUNE 17</b> | Take-off Breakfast<br>All Contestants Final Briefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br><b>START TAKE-OFF!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0600-0630 CDT<br>0630-0700 CDT<br>0800 CDT                                                                     |
| <b>FRI JUNE 20</b>  | <b>TERMINUS: Felts Field (Spokane, WA)</b><br>Terminus Check-in, Hospitality<br>Racers Finish – <b>DEADLINE</b><br>Meltdown Party – <b>MANDATORY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0830-1700 PDT<br>1700 PDT<br>1800-2100 PDT                                                                     |
| <b>SAT JUNE 21</b>  | Airplane Safety Checks<br>Terminus Check-in, Hospitality<br>Score Sheet Signing<br>Meet with Judges<br>Youth Aviation Event – Meet the Racers                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0800 PDT<br>0830-1800 PDT<br>0800-1000 PDT<br>1000-1900 PDT<br>0900-1500 PDT                                   |
| <b>SUN JUNE 22</b>  | All Contestants Debriefing Breakfast<br>All Contestants Debriefing – <b>MANDATORY</b><br>Collegiate Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED<br>First Time Racers Debriefing – RECOMMENDED<br>ARC Board Meeting<br>ARC Awards Banquet – <b>MANDATORY</b>                                                                                              | 0700-0845 PDT<br>0900-1030 PDT<br>1045-1130 PDT<br>1130-1215 PDT<br>1330-1500 PDT<br>1800-2130 PDT             |

***ALL times above are subject to change***

# 2025 Airplane Qualifications, Race Handicaps, and Scoring

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

Competition and Intercollegiate classes include stock and modified stock, normally aspirated, piston-powered airplanes, rated for continuous operation at maximum engine speed. Intercollegiate Class also include 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. Each class follows the same rules and enjoys similar flying adventures over the 2400+ statute-mile course.

Handicaps are the basis for the ARC competitive races. This is 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 any applicable penalties.

Once the first plane launches from the Start, the teams have four days to fly all race legs and to arrive at 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 the Follow ARC Racers to the Finish link.

## ARC Judges



**Susan Larson**  
Santa Fe, NM



**Brian Schiff**  
Keller, TX



**Cathi Sweatt**  
Terre Haute, IN

## Race Officials

### SAFETY INSPECTION

**Vern Conley**  
Lehigh Acres, FL

### RACE CENTRAL

**Lorraine Denby**  
Berkeley Heights, NJ

**Theresa White**  
Concrete, WA

### SCORING

**Shelly Ewalt**  
Princeton, NJ

**Amy Myzie**  
Flemington, NJ

## ARC Past Presidents



**VELDA KING MAPELLI**  
1977-1984



**PAT JETTON**  
1985-1987



**ESTHER LOWRY SAFFORD**  
1988-1990



**BARBARA LEWIS**  
1991-1993



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1994-1996



**GENIE RAE O'KELLY**  
1997-1999



**DOTTIE ANDERSON**  
2000-2002



**JUDITH BOLKEMA-TOKAR**  
2002-2005



**VICKI HUNT**  
2005-2006



**VALDEEN WOOTON**  
2006-2007



**MAROLYN WILSON**  
2008-2014



**LARA GAERTE**  
2015-2023

## Air Race Classic Mission

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



## 2025 Leg Lengths

|                                     |      |                                                       |                  |      |     |        |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------|-----|--------|
| 1                                   | KCQF | H L Sonny Callahan Airport   Fairhope, AL             | ---              | nm   | --- | sm     |
| 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  | 2426sm |

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-- Mayor Sherry Sullivan

# Fairhope, AL

## H L Sonny Callahan Airport | KCQF

The H. L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport (KCQF) is excited to welcome you to the start of the 2025 Air Race Classic! Originally dedicated in 1964, the airport has served Fairhope and the greater Baldwin County area, growing over the years as the area has. The current 6,604-foot runway was built in 2001, and expansion of ramp space and new hangars continues, primarily on the east side of the runway. A state-of-the-art general aviation terminal was opened in 2024 and is furnished in an artistic, functional, and contemporary style. The airport has instrument approaches to both runways and is augmented by an AWOS system, allowing for a wide variety of aircraft operations.

The airport averages over 65,000 annual operations and is home to several key tenants. Flightline First is the full service FBO operating from the terminal building. Aspire Aviation recently opened a flight school. Continental Services provides avionic and airframe maintenance as well as engine overhaul services.

Fairhope is a popular destination for people looking for southern charm and hospitality. We hope you enjoy your stay and experience all that Baldwin County has to offer!

**Stop Chairs** Dave Friedel, Pam Caudill



# Starkville, MS

## George M Bryan Airport | KSTF

Welcome to George M. Bryan Field and Starkville, Mississippi! George M. Bryan Field (KSTF) serves as the gateway to Starkville, a vibrant community known as “Mississippi’s College Town.” Named in honor of World War II veteran and Starkville native George Martin Bryan, the airport has a rich history dating back to its opening in 1934. During World War II, it played a crucial role in glider training, and today, it continues to support aviation with modern facilities and services.

Located just three miles southwest of downtown Starkville, the airport features a 5,550’ x 150’ runway, a full-service FBO, and both Jet-A and 100LL fuel (self-serve and full-service options). A fixed-wing flight school operates on the field, contributing to the next generation of aviators. The FBO offers a pilot rest room and three courtesy vehicles for racers to use. Longtime Starkville residents, Rodney Lincoln serves as the Airport Director and Rusty Bouchillon (ATP, CFI, MEI, CFII) serves as the Operations Manager, ensuring smooth operations and exceptional service for pilots and visitors.

This stop is co-chaired by Hannah Thach, a helicopter CFII and Director of the FAA’s Center of Excellence for UAS at Mississippi State University (MSU), alongside Rod-

ney Lincoln. The race enjoys strong community support, with Starkville Mayor Lynn Spruill, a former U.S. Navy aviator and the first woman to qualify for aircraft carrier operations in a fixed-wing aircraft, joining as a volunteer. She is joined by several local female pilots and aviation enthusiasts who are eager to support the event.

Starkville is home to MSU, a leader in aerospace, engineering, and autonomous systems research. MSU hosts the FAA’s Center of Excellence for UAS, driving advancements in aviation safety, policy, and technology. Beyond research, MSU fuels the city’s vibrant energy with SEC athletics, performing arts, and a dynamic student-driven culture. The university’s presence makes Starkville a hub of innovation and Southern hospitality, offering visitors local restaurants, live music, and historic charm.

We invite you to explore Starkville’s rich aviation heritage, thriving university culture, and welcoming community during your stop!

**Stop Chairs Rodney Lincoln, Hannah Thach**  
**Head Timer Lois Horne**  
**Airport Director Rodney Lincoln**



**STARKVILLE AIRPORT**  
**GEORGE M. BRYAN FIELD**



# Harrison, AR

## Boone County Regional Airport | KHRO

Nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Boone County Regional Airport (KHRO) is proud to be a stop on the 2025 Air Race Classic. Serving as the aviation gateway to Harrison, Arkansas, our airport offers a welcoming atmosphere, excellent facilities, and a dedicated team excited to host this year's racers.

Boone County Regional Airport has a long history of connecting travelers to the beauty of the Ozarks. With a well-maintained 6,160-foot grooved runway, full-service and self-serve fueling options, and an experienced team providing top-notch service, KHRO is a key aviation hub in northern Arkansas. The airport is home to Southern Airways Express, offering daily Commercial flights to Dallas and Memphis, as well as a thriving general aviation community. Our airport personnel and dedicated volunteers are eager to welcome racers with Southern hospitality, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience during their stop in Harrison.

Beyond the airport, Harrison is a charming and vibrant city, known for its stunning outdoor landscapes and warm, small-town feel. Visitors can explore the breathtaking Buffalo National River, hike scenic trails, or enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of downtown Harrison, filled with unique shops, local restaurants, and cultural attractions. The city's location, just a short drive from Branson, Missouri, makes it a perfect spot to experience both outdoor adventures and entertainment.

As a proud host city for this year's ARC, Harrison and Boone County Regional Airport are ready to provide an unforgettable stop for racers, supporters, and aviation enthusiasts alike. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

**Stop Chair Matt Bell**

**Head Timer Laura Berry**

**Airport Manager Judy McCutcheon**



# McPherson, KS

## McPherson Airport | KMPR

Welcome to McPherson, 2025 Air Race Classic competitors! We are thrilled to host this event!

McPherson Airport is situated in Central Kansas, was built in 1946 by Flying Farmer Bill Janssen, and plays an important role in supporting our local industries.

We offer pilots a comfortable lounge, kitchenette, planning/conference room, crew car, snooze room, and overnight accommodations for small aircraft. CFIs, A & Ps and an IAs are available on the field; and we have Jet A, 100 LL, and 91 Octane fuels. Camping is also available near our terminal. Our EAA Chapter 1344 hosts a Young Eagle Rally each year after the annual All Schools Day parade, and we are a handy location for K-State flight students and military pilots from KSLN to hone their skills. MPR is also as easy stop for Oshkosh and other cross-country travelers.

Attractions within McPherson include our Community Building-which served as home court for the Globe Refiners Basketball team- ix members of which were part of the Universal Studios team which won gold at the 1936 Olympics, several murals in the downtown area, a beautifully restored opera house, and the only automotive restoration degree program in the United States! Great spots to visit within the County are Marquette's Kansas Motorcycle Museum, and Lindsborg-aka-Little Sweden, USA, with its multitude of intriguing shops, Birger Sandzen Art Museum, and the Svensk Hyllningsfest and Messiah events. Blue Skies and Tail Winds to each of the ARC teams!

**Stop Chairs** Cynthia Peterson, Carole Sutton

**Head Timer** Laura Burnham

**Airport Manager** Cynthia Peterson



# Sterling, CO

## Sterling Municipal Airport | KSTK

Welcome Air Racers to Sterling Municipal Airport/ Crosson Field, in Sterling, Colorado! Located 100 miles from Denver, in the NE corner of Colorado, the area is rich in the history of aviation. Crosson Field was named in honor of a local brother and sister, Joe and Marvel Crosson, who became early pioneers in aviation. Marvel Crosson lost her life in the 1929 Women's Air Derby which has evolved into the Air Race Classic. She was 29 years old and Alaska's first female pilot.

Sterling Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport sitting at an elevation of 4,037-ft, offering a 5,200-ft. paved runway and a 2,809-ft. grass and gravel crosswind runway. The airport is home to 32 based aircraft housed in 10 box hangars and 16 T-hangars. We offer full service fueling 24/7, crew cars for trips to town, flight training, comfortable pilot lounge and snacks in the terminal. This makes Sterling Municipal Airport a great stop when flying in the area and a destination for many pilots looking for a fabulous meal or a soft bed.

There are several recreational sites within 20 miles of Sterling, including the North Sterling State Park and Prewitt Reservoir. The Overland Trail Recreation, just six miles from the airport, provides a nice stop for residents and visitors to picnic in a natural surrounding or casually stroll through nature around a natural pond filled by the South Platte River. New walking and bicycle paths and trails are also being developed along riverside property. Along with an indoor swimming pool, two 18-hole golf courses, a bowling alley, a five-screen movie theatre and Northeastern Junior College, Sterling also has over 17 parks, five with concrete walking paths. Pioneer Park, the largest city park, located on the West edge of town has a wooded walking area, basketball and tennis courts.

**Stop Chair** **Charlie May**  
**Head Timer** **Kate Yorga**  
**Airport Manager** **Charlie May**



# Gillette, WY

## Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport | KGCC

Welcome to Gillette, Wyoming, one of the most wild and picturesque regions in the world. Dubbed the Energy Capital of the Nation, this area reveals some of the most authentic Western experiences across the state. We are excited to share our home with the 2025 Air Race Classic teams!

Welcome to small-town hospitality infused with fascinating history, natural beauty and all the wonderfully wild things to do in and around Gillette. There is so much more happening in our quaint Wyoming town that you have to see to believe. The Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport is located 4 miles north of Gillette, Wyoming in a major energy producing region known as the Powder River Basin. Our community is proud of its natural resources and has been dubbed the Energy Capital of the Nation with 16 coal mines, one of which, North Antelope Rochelle Mine, has been recorded as the world's largest open pit coal mine. Gillette is set amongst rolling hills and open plains giving you an unobstructed view for miles. It is a convenient drive to Devils Tower National Monument, the Durham Buffalo Ranch, and the Bighorn Mountains revealing more of what Wyoming has to offer.

Welcome to a foodie frontier and one of the premier destinations for the pickiest palates. Don't believe it? Here's a sampler platter: wood-fired pizzas with raspberry jalapeño compote and ricotta cheese, bison steak raised right here in Wright, the region's largest selection of fine wines or mead sipped straight from a horn. Our mines power the country but our local chefs and restaurateurs are what fuel our community. This is where you come to get a taste of the West, and the flavor of Gillette is the very best.

Welcome to Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport which offers the flying public the ability to park their planes in T-hangars along the northeast side of the field. The airport

boasts two crossing runways for those ficklest of winds. Runway 16/34 is 7,501'x150', while runway 3/21 is 5,804'x75', plenty long for even a CRJ200. Easy access, restroom facilities, and security gates are among the amenities that the airport offers to its tenants. Want to have a meeting with a view? Call Thunder Basin Aviation and have a meeting or seminar with a bird's eye view of the airport. Services include aviation fuel, de-icing service, tie-downs, and 29,772 square feet of hangar space that can accommodate up to a Gulfstream. There is a crew and passenger lounge, flight planning area, crew rest facility, and a fully-equipped conference room with seating for 12.

Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport offers its passengers many different amenities in preparation for travel. From the business center and conveniently-located ATM in the terminal, to free parking at the airport, we do our best to make Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport the number one choice for our guests. Home Fire Foods is a locally owned and family operated business located in the Northeast Wyoming Regional Airport. Mobile concessions and onsite catering are also available. They offer a wide range of made-to-order foods or you can call ahead and they will have your order ready for pickup or curbside delivery. Your journey out West is about exploration and discovery, so if you stick to the well-traveled paths, you'll miss much of the adventure. Find where we can take you. Whether Campbell County is a stop along the way to your dream western vacation, or it's your weekend getaway destination, we can't wait to welcome you.

**Stop Chair Toni Brown**  
**Head Timer Scott Harris**  
**Airport Manager Todd Chatfield**



# Rock Springs, WY

## Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport | KRKS

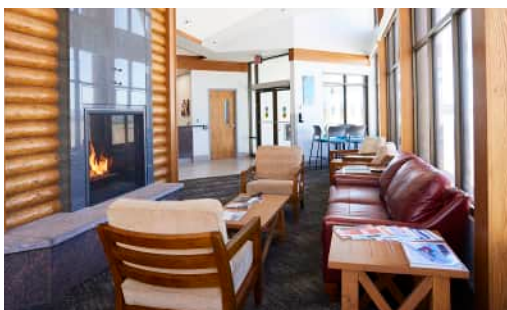
The Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport (RKS) team is excited to welcome you to the beautiful high desert landscapes of Southwest Wyoming. As you race across our beautiful landscapes, we are honored to host you as the 6th stop in the 48th Annual Air Race Classic. RKS last hosted the ARC in 1984. Over the last 41 years, quite a bit has changed at the airport and in our community. Sweetwater County, Wyoming is the 8th largest county in the country covering 10,491 square miles, making it the largest county in Wyoming and larger than six states.

This high-desert oasis provides adventure around every corner. Our charming downtown, including Rock Springs' award-winning main street, feature great shopping opportunities and locally revered restaurants. The Killpecker Sand Dunes, just a few miles north of Rock Springs, are the largest sand dunes in North America and the second largest in the world. Explore Boar's Tusk, a long-extinct volcanic core standing above the dunes or explore the White Mountain Petroglyphs. Drive south of town to boat, fish, swim, and mountain bike at Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Just west of Rock

Springs sits Green River. With its beautiful scenery, rugged outdoors and abundant recreation, Green River attracts thrill-seekers and nature-lovers of all types. From world-class fishing and wildlife watching to family sports complexes, river rafting, kayaking and swimming, you will find everything you need to enjoy this unique corner of Wyoming.

RKS sits at 6,750 feet ASL atop a mesa overlooking the beautiful high desert of Sweetwater County. Located just east of Rock Springs, RKS began its story as one of the original Air Mail stops and was later frequented by Amelia Earhart in various aircraft. Decades later, aviators are greeted by robust airfield infrastructure, a modern FBO, and a new Commercial terminal nearing completion in August 2025. In Southwest Wyoming, where memories are measured in miles explored, adventure is waiting. We can't wait to host you on your ARC adventure!

**Stop Chair Shannon Lucero**  
**Head Timers Travis Archibald, Daniel Bryant**  
**Airport Manager Devon Brubaker**



# Jerome, ID

## Jerome County Airport | KJER

Welcome to Jerome and the Magic Valley of Idaho!

Jerome and the surrounding Magic Valley are “magic” because of the Snake River and its treasured water that gives life to millions of acres of farmland, communities, and recreational activities.

The ARC route from Rock Springs, Wyoming, enters the southeast corner of Idaho over the beautiful, turquoise Bear Lake. After passing near Paris Peak and Oxford Peak, both over 9,000 feet, the route gradually descends into the Snake River Plain at Burley. Near Jerome, the Snake River drops 212 feet over Shoshone Falls and flows under the 1,500-foot truss arch Perrine Bridge. The Snake River continues its way through southern Idaho, through Hells Canyon, bordering Idaho and Oregon, and to Lewiston where it turns west into Washington on its way to merge with the mighty Columbia River.

Jerome County has a thriving agribusiness sector. Potatoes are one of the largest crops followed by alfalfa, corn and sugar beets. Dairy farms supply five plants in Jerome County that process about 16 million pounds of milk every day.

Jerome County Airport opened in 1934 for glider training during World War II. It has grown to support local

business travel, firefighting, crop spraying, and 50 private planes. A major expansion of the airport is underway to extend the taxiway to the west and add 28 new hangars including large hangars for UPS and FedEx. The Jerome airport is near Twin Falls and just an hour from Sun Valley.

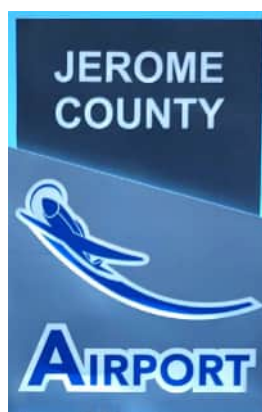
Precision Aviation has served southern Idaho since 2002. They opened their FBO in Jerome in 2019. Services include full-service fueling, aircraft maintenance, charter services, flight training, and aircraft management. Precision Air has a spacious lobby, pilot lounge, quiet room, showers, and conference room.

We look forward to hosting the ARC racers and hope you will plan to visit again soon.

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**Stop Chair Cheryl McCord**  
**Head Timer Kathy Hughes**  
**Airport Manager Mary Luhr**



# La Grande, OR

## La Grande-Union County Airport | KLGD

Union County Airport is located 4 miles southeast of La Grande, Oregon. This Oregon Urban General Aviation Airport has been in operation since 1940 and was home to a military flight training program during World War II. The FBO is open daily, offering 100LL, JET-A fuel, hangars, and tie-downs.

The airport is currently used for general aviation, air taxi services, medical evacuation flights, and serves as a U.S. Forest Service base of operations for firefighting aircraft combating wildfires in the nearby Blue Mountains and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The North-eastern Oregon Flying Club and EAA Chapter 1575 call this airport home.

La Grande, Oregon was founded in 1861 and became a major trade center with the arrival of the railroad in 1884. La Grande is home to the Eastern Oregon Uni-

versity Mountaineers and serves as a gateway to Hells Canyon, North America's deepest river gorge.

While the Air Race Classic might serve as just an over-night stop for participating pilots, we hope you'll come back for a visit to experience the year-round recreational opportunities our nearby mountains provide: fishing, camping, hiking, skiing, and sled dog racing. The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Elgin Opera House, natural hot springs, and the public art mural outside of Cook Memorial Library are area gems that should not be missed.

**Stop Chairs** Dennis Holmquist, Michelle McEntire  
**Head Timer** Craig Dixon  
**Airport Managers** Doug Wright, Jake Culver





# FELTS FIELD (SFF)

*Spokane, Washington*

Felts Field's origins trace back to the beginning of the 20th century. As one of the most popular airfields in the region in the wake of the emerging era of aviation, it was regularly used for commercial and recreational flying and played a significant, lasting role in shaping aviation as we know it today – serving as the terminus for the renowned 1927 National Air Race, the birthplace of aerial refueling and more!

Today, Felts Field is primarily used for general aviation. Situated along the idyllic Spokane River, the airport features two paved runways, a turf landing strip, and the unique ability to accommodate water landings on the adjacent river. Felts also boasts a 35,000-square-foot Aero Centers FBO facility and several art deco-era motifs visitors can spot upon their arrival.

As we like to say, “Our History is Our Future”. The 2025 Air Race Classic not only builds upon Felts Field’s rich aviation tradition of encouraging pilots to seek out new horizons, but importantly creates new opportunities for the next generation of women aviators to refine their craft and define their own legacy.

On behalf of the entire Felts Field airport team and Inland Northwest aviation community, welcome!





Over the past 100 years, Felts Field has been host to some of the world's most iconic aviators - from Charles Lindbergh to Nick Mamer and Dorothy Fowler - and home to some of the most spectacular displays of aviation skill and innovation.

The Spokane Airport Board recognizes and congratulates all the local Spokane/North Idaho-based teams participating in the 2025 Air Race Classic, for their continuing pursuit of adventure and aviation excellence.

### **All Sports Aviation Ladies**

Kathy Main & Lisa Martin

### **Felts Field Sky Queens**

Rachel Skirvin & Sarah Roark

### **Idaho Skies**

LaDonna Beaumont & Lisa Dodd

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# Meet the 2025 Air Race Classic Racers

## 01 | Felts Field Sky Queens

RACHEL SKIRVIN & SARAH ROARK

PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-235

**Rachel Skirvin** is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a high-performance endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument and Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; and 4,605 hours in her log book.

Rachel is a full-time flight instructor at Northwest Flight Service, teaching private and instrument students. She leads ground school, mentors Junior ROTC students, and volunteers with Angel Flight, Elevated Access, Women in Aviation, and 99s. Her goal is to fly a Pilatus PC-12 for Life Flight. When asked why she is racing, Rachel says, "The Air Race Classic is a thrilling way to push my skills, connect with incredible women pilots, and honor aviation's pioneers. I race to inspire future aviators, embrace the adventure, and celebrate the camaraderie that makes aviation so special. As a first-time racer, I'm expecting a mix of excitement, learning moments, and laughter." In addition to flying, she loves hiking, camping, and traveling with her spouse and kids. She is also remodeling her home and mentoring future aviators. Rachel is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Sarah Roark** is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine and sea, and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; a jet type rating; and 1,300 in her log book.



**Welcome to the first-time team of Rachel Skirvin (Spokane Valley, WA) and Sarah Roark (Spokane, WA)!**

Sarah is a corporate pilot based at KOAK. The company she works for owns a Dassault Falcon 50, and Sarah recently upgraded to PIC in December, 2024. Previously, she worked in aircraft records, maintenance, and technical publication support roles. Sarah says of racing in the ARC, "I researched and wrote about early air races during my undergraduate studies. Learning about historical aviatrixes was inspiring, and I never thought I would be a pilot and be able to race, but I am so excited to have changed my career path leading to this opportunity!" Sarah says she loves flying a jet, but flying small GA aircraft is where her heart is. Sarah also says her happiest days are spent flying in the Washington, Idaho and Montana backcountry, landing on dirt or grass strips and camping overnight with friends and family. She is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s.

## 02 | All Sports Aviation Ladies

KATHERINE MAIN & LISA SMITH

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172M

**Kathy Main** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land and sea, with 321 hours in her log book.

She is a real estate broker in Washington and Idaho and loves it! Her dad was a developer; one of her brothers owns Remax; and her other brother is a retired land developer. Kathy also owns All Sports Aviation with her business partner, Gary Brook. They are a flight school and airplane rental in Sandpoint and Deer Park, hoping to be at Felts soon! Kathy loves flying as it's a great way to see the United States! She is racing "to hone my techniques and flying skills. It's a wonderful experience and it's also on my bucket list!" Kathy has 3 kids, and 8 grandchildren. For Kathy, family is her number 1! Then aviation and real estate. She has a cabin at Priest Lake, her favorite place to be, and is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s.

**Lisa Smith** is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea; multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; a glider rating; A&P credentials; and 4,078 flight hours.



**Welcome to the first-time team of Katherine ("Kathy") Main (Spokane, WA) and Lisa Smith (Sheridan, WY)!**

Lisa is an instructor, flies a KingAir, is a Casa 212 SIC smoke-jumper; A&P mechanic; and self-employed doing business management. She has been involved in aviation since she was in high school and is racing "because I like the new and interesting motivation to enjoy flying and the camaraderie of other women pilots." In addition to flying, Lisa enjoys hiking, cross country skiing, running, camping, dogs, horses, working on airplanes, and working on houses.

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### 03 | Blue Raiders

HAILEY HARRISON, CASEY DAVIS & EZRI FAIVRE  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
DIAMOND DA40

Welcome back, **Hailey Harrison** (Lakeland, TN), to her 2nd Air Race Classic! Hailey is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 350 flight hours.

Hailey is currently a student and flight instructor at Middle Tennessee State University. She is a senior, majoring in Aerospace: Professional Pilot & Flight Dispatch. On her days off, she is also a substitute teacher. Hailey is racing "for the amazing experience and the opportunity to meet some amazing fellow women aviators from across the country." In her prior ARC, she was staying in a Super 8 with her teammates because it was the only hotel in the town. They had to bribe the van driver to pick them up before the sun rose! Hailey enjoys skiing, going to the gym, playing pickleball, and hanging out with friends. Her discovery flight was with a former Blue Angels pilot in his own personal plane! Hailey is a member of the Nashville Chapter of 99s and the Air Raiders Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Casey Davis (Murfreesboro, TN), to her 1st Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 580 hours logged.

Casey is currently a Masters student, flight instructor, and Aerospace Safety Analyst at Middle Tennessee State University. Her undergrad degree is Aerospace Professional Pilot and her Masters is focused on Aviation Safety and Security Management. Casey says, "Racing is a unique opportunity to foster community and



unity amongst women pilots from various parts of the country." Casey grew up in Connecticut and moved to the Middle Tennessee area to attend MTSU as a non-traditional student pursuing her second career. She likes to play pickleball and spend time with her dog, Rae!

**Ezri Faivre (Murfreesboro, TN) is also flying her 1st ARC!**

She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 650 hours in her log book.

Ezri is a flight instructor at Middle Tennessee State University. She has been instructing for over a year and continues to be impressed with how much she learns, not only from her peers, but also her students. Ezri is racing because "I believe that the Women's Air Race Classic is a testament to all the talented, driven and inspirational women in aviation. Having the opportunity to be a part of that is not only humbling but also empowering." Some of Ezri's favorite activities include playing pickleball, hiking with friends, and going to the local Mexican restaurant for one-dollar tacos and trivia. She is a member of the Air Raiders Chapter of WAI.

### 04 | Aviatix Avengers

ANGELA DRABEK & ALLISON SCHLOTTHAUER  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Angela Drabek** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 755 flight hours in her log book.

Angela is self-employed, in the advertising business since 1997. She specializes in web development, design, site management, graphic design, hosting and marketing. Angela is racing "for the experience to see new airports and parts of the country that I have never been to, and to meet other women racers that are passionate about flying. I think it will also give me great experiences to learn more about my plane and about myself." Angela's hobbies are flying, as well as anything related to dogs. She has two dogs that are like her kids. She also loves to fly Pilots and Paws flights to support rescue animals. Angela loves traveling to new places, and hiking in the national parks. She is a member-at-large of WAI.

**Allison Schlotthauer** is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, and Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 546 flight hours.

Allison is currently working as a flight and ground instructor



**Welcome to the first-time team of Angela Drabek (Moore, OK) and Allison Schlotthauer (Purcell, OK)!**

in central Oklahoma. She plans to have a career in aviation, and wants to experience all divisions of flying. Allison would love to eventually work in the seaplane industry. She is racing "to prove that I can. I also want to fly in as many states as possible, and the Air Race goes through many states with a variety of different terrain." Outside of flying, Allison enjoys rock climbing and distance running. She has never particularly enjoyed sitting still and tends to like activities that keep her moving and active. Allison is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of 99s.

## 05 | Idaho Skies

LADONNA BEAUMONT & LISA DODD  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172M

**LaDonna Beaumont** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 625 flight hours.

2025 marks LaDonna's 30th year in the Investment Services industry. She considers herself very fortunate to work alongside a cast of incredible characters, in several exceptional firms, to serve the best clients in the world. As happy as she is, though, she "might have reconsidered if I had found aviation first!" When asked why she is racing, she says, "I am racing for the adventure. I am also racing for the inevitable lessons I'll learn; the experience you can't get in your home airport environment. But most of all, I am racing for the new friends I am sure to make in the process." LaDonna is a traveler, a scuba diver, a reader, a Rotarian, a mother, a grandmother, a fiancée, an extrovert, and a writer. She is also a late bloomer who really fell in love with her life relatively recently. She wants the same for her family and friends. "My people are everything to me." LaDonna is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s.

**Lisa Dodd** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, and has logged 238 flight hours.

She is retired from bookkeeping/accounting for a law firm, vet offices, and a construction company; was a stay-at-home mom,



**Welcome, first-time team of LaDonna Beaumont (Coeur d'Alene, ID) and Lisa Dodd (Sandpoint, ID)!**

homeschooling her kids while managing a multi-state real estate portfolio. Lisa and her family "flipped" houses and had fun doing it all. She is racing "for the adventure and learning. I would like to model for my adult kids that pursuing interests and passions are important and that you won't know what you are capable of unless you push yourself." During the summertime, you can find Lisa in her garden, and on the lake boating and waterskiing. In the winter, she does a bit of snow skiing, but will follow the sun for sanity and beach activities, like snorkeling and diving.

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## 06 | Purple Tails

ARIANNA MOORE, MARLEE WALKER & ANGELICA GUZIK  
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
PIPER ARCHER III PA-28-181

**Arianna Moore** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 226 hours logged.

Arianna is a third-year student at Minnesota State University, Mankato pursuing her Commercial Multi-Engine rating. All of her training has been in Piper Archers and Seminoles, and she has loved the challenge of flying a new aircraft. Arianna also works at her university, balancing academics, work, and flight training daily! Arianna is competing in the Air Race Classic "to challenge my flying skills, gain confidence, and push myself to grow as a pilot while creating unforgettable memories. It's also an incredible way to connect with other aviators and celebrate women in aviation." Arianna is involved in the ALPA Ace Club at her school. She also spends a lot of time studying for her classes and volunteering in and outside of the aviation community. Besides that, Arianna loves reading books, doing yoga, spending time with loved ones and of course, flying!

**Marlee Walker** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 200 flight hours.

Marlee is a 2nd year student at Minnesota State University, Mankato studying Professional Flight. She is currently working on her Commercial multi-engine license, and has dreams of one day flying for the airlines. Marlee is racing this year "because of the friendships and experiences I will gain. Getting to work with other strong women, and making those connections are so important. The experience of the race is also a 'once in a lifetime event,' with this year's race flying into my hometown of Sterling, Colorado!" Outside of flying Marlee has many different interests, like skiing with friends and family. She enjoys reading as well; her



**Welcome to the first-time team of Arianna Moore (Shakopee, MN), Marlee Walker (Saint Michael, MN), and Angelica Guzik (Chisago City, MN)!**

favorite genres are romance, mystery and historical nonfiction. Marlee also enjoys traveling, and has been to Mexico, the Caribbean and all over the USA!

**Angelica Guzik** is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with 275 in her log book

Angelica is dedicated to pursuing her dream of someday being an airline pilot. With a deep love for aviation sparked at a young age, she began her flight training at a Part 61 school in rural Wisconsin and later enrolled at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is beginning training for her multi-engine instrument rating. When asked why she is racing, Angelica states, "I believe it is imperative for women in this industry to have something of our own. This broadens our horizons and allows us to meet other like-minded women with a love for aviation." In addition to flying, Angelica has a love for theater and films. She is a huge theater/film nerd and is one of "those people who will annoy you" until you watch her favorite movies. Angelica is a member-at-large of WAI.

## 07 | NOCO Flyers - Scratched

LYDIA BALDWIN & JACEPINE HOKANSON  
PIPER CHALLENGER PA-28-180

Welcome back, **Lydia Baldwin** (Fort Collins, CO), to her 11<sup>th</sup> ARC! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 540 flight hours.

Lydia is recently retired from a professional career as an intensive care nurse and hospital manager. The work she performed contributed to skilled, compassionate care and was a very satisfying profession for Lydia. She races "to enjoy an adventure with teammates, and 50+ more of my aviatrix friends. I race to challenge myself to think about the opportunities, possibilities and potential for success. I race because those who did so before me raced with grace, skill and poise and I admire their achievements." In ARC 2013, the Baldwin Family Flyers were weather-grounded at beautiful ridgetop Ogilvie Field in John Day, Oregon. It became a fun, challenging experience for Lydia's team. "We enjoyed the camaraderie of two other race teams, and camped out in the pilot lounge at the FBO hoping for clear skies the next day." Lydia loves living in beautiful northern Colorado with her husband Marc, who is also a pilot. They enjoy biking, hiking and flying out of KFNL. Lydia was inspired to earn her Private Pilot certificate by her mother, Caroline, a former air racer, who has always inspired her to be confident, positive, thoughtful, and to enjoy life. Lydia is a Director and Treasurer of the Air Race Classic and a member of the Colorado Chapter of 99s.



Welcome, **Jacepine Hokanson** (Fort Collins, CO), to her first Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 124 hours in her log book.

After walking across a virtual stage in 2021 to graduate from Colorado State University, Jacepine had the itch to fulfill her passion as a pilot. She currently works as a caregiver while she expands her professional aviation career. Jacepine says, "After volunteering for the '24 ARC, I saw the work, dedication, and passion that went into the races. I felt the connections not only to aviation, but to women that have just as much fire in their soul for flying as I do. I am so excited to race over the mountains where I have grown up skiing, hiking and exploring the outdoors." Jacepine met her race partner through the '24 ARC, and she was "over the moon" when she was invited to race with her! Jacepine is a member of the Colorado Chapter of 99s, and a member-at-large of WAI.

## 08 | Tropic Thunder

VICTORIA CZYSZCZON & SAMANTHA INGUANZO  
PIPER CHEROKEE SIX PA-32-260

**Victoria Czynszczon** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; and has logged 1,000 hours.

Victoria is a dedicated flight instructor with a 100% pass rate and serves as president of the Boca Raton Flying Club. She demonstrates exceptional skill, leadership, and a passion for mentoring aspiring pilots, fostering success in both her students and peers. Victoria is racing because "I want to race in the [Women's] Air Race Classic because it's the ultimate adventure. Combining flying, friendly competition, and the chance to connect with incredible women who share my passion for aviation. It's not just a race; it's a journey filled with new horizons and lifelong friendships!" Victoria is fluent in Portuguese, Polish, Spanish, and English. As president of the Boca Raton Flying Club, she manages two planes, and oversees maintenance, scheduling, and operations. She is passionate about aviation, leadership, and fostering a supportive community for fellow pilots. Victoria is a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of 99s, and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Samantha Inguanzo** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a tailwheel endorsement; Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; and 198 flight hours.



Welcome, first-time team of **Victoria Czynszczon** (Boca Raton, FL) and **Samantha Inguanzo** (Hollywood, FL)!

Samantha is a business analyst who fell in love with flying and is currently working as a ground instructor for Private Pilot students, part-time bartender and yacht broker. She is building hours and experience towards a future career as a professional pilot. Samantha says, "I race to honor the legacy of women who blazed a path forward for us ladies to enjoy aviation, meet new friends, experience the wonders of flight in diverse locations, be in awe of divine beauty, and have fun while making lifelong memories!" Her interests include calligraphy, photography, writing, and community service. She loves to volunteer with her Treasure Coast Chapter of 99s sisters and the WAI Great Lakes Chapter. She also enjoys surfing, hiking and traveling, as well as training horses and puppies.

## 09 | Sight Seein'

TERESA CAMP & DENISE ROBINSON  
MOONEY 201 M20J

**Teresa Camp** (Newalla, OK) is back for her 5th ARC! Welcome! Teresa is a Private Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 1,565 flight hours.

Teresa retired from Project Engineering in 2023. Over her career, she worked on several Boeing projects, military engines at Pratt & Whitney, and various Rockwell projects. Teamed up again, after helping Denise to fulfill a personal flying goal, Teresa is racing "to see how competitive we can be...just another adventure! In 2010, we almost flew Roy Clark's Tri-Pacer as a publicity stunt for Wings of Hope. It was so slow at 80 kts, my partner & I bought Depends to wear because of the long leg durations! Fortunately, the plane was scratched for maintenance issues and we were able to substitute a faster C-182!" Teresa started flying in 2000, and helped establish the Boeing Employees' Flying Club in St. Louis. She has painted 11 compass roses in five states, and in 2019, she earned an SA Pilot Certificate to self-fly to four safari camps in South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe. She's also flown in nearly all the states in USA. Teresa is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

Welcome back, **Denise Robinson** (Middletown, CT) for her 3rd Air Race Classic! Denise is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 940 hours in her log book.



Denise has been an LPN for the last 40+ years. She is currently working in a health care clinic inside CVS, caring for children age 6 months and up to 100 years old, doing every kind of basic urgent and chronic care needs from vaccines to DOT physicals. Denise is racing "for the fun of it. I love racing... You will never meet nicer, more accommodating heartwarming people ever." One of her mottos is, "Never waste an opportunity to learn, experience and enjoy life." During one race, their plane needed to have its rudder replaced, in the middle of a race. They went to a mechanic and told him they would use any rudder begged, borrowed or stolen. He called owners on the field and a man she had never met said yes. That mechanic and two others stayed up all night to replace the rudder. At sunrise we flew on." Denise has flown an African safari in a Cessna 182 into "the most beautiful and yet primitive facilities on earth." She has flown over Victoria Falls and watched the mist turn to rainbows, circled the Statue of Liberty, and landed on an ICE runway at Alton Bay NH. Denise is a member of the Connecticut Chapter of 99s.

## 10 | Over the Moon!

ALICIA SIKES & NANCY ROHR  
MOONEY M20J

**Alicia Sikes** (Quakertown, PA) is racing her 8th Air Race Classic! Welcome back! She is an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; jet and DC3 type ratings; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Basic, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 26,320 flight hours.

Currently a captain flying for American Airlines, Alicia has flown over 65 types of airplanes, including the MD80, B727, B737, B757 and B767 for TWA, North American Airlines, Air New Orleans, and Napier Air Service. She was the one and only female B727 Captain in TWA's history. Alicia is racing because, "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." In one race, it was super windy heading into Abilene KS, but her team only realized while taxiing out just how windy that place really was as the wind sock at the departure end was nothing but tattered, faded pieces of fabric! Alicia has an undergraduate degree from University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science with honors; 3 Master's degrees including Space Studies from UND, Systems Management/Information Systems from FIT, and Digital Forensics from Champlain College. In her spare time, she plays tennis, is a Director with ARC, and a LOSA observer for AA. Alicia is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of 99s.

Welcome back, **Nancy Rohr** (Bear DE) to her 7th Air Race Classic! Nancy is an ATP, with a current instrument rating; single- and



multi-engine land; complex and high-performance endorsements; a jet type rating; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Basic, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 4600 flight hours.

Nancy flies for fun and transportation. She works for FlightSafety International in the Regulatory Affairs department to ensure the company complies with foreign aviation regulations. Nancy deals with aviation authorities all over the world. She is racing "for the spirit and love of flying as well as the camaraderie of like-minded women pilots!" "In 2012", Nancy relates, "weather kept us overnight in Goodland KS. Cynthia and I got together with Team DC3, borrowed the airport car and went into Goodland to explore. We had a great time in an antique car lot pretending to be gangster women!" Nancy loves to fly and is working on her Maryland and Virginia Passports. She spends her free time in her garden, and also loves to read about solar technology. Nancy is a member of the Delaware Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 12 | Freakin Awesome

MALINDA CAYWOOD & SUSAN BEALL  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182T

**Malinda ("Lin") Caywood** (Frederick, MD) is back for her 12<sup>th</sup> ARC! Lin is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, as well as Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; and 3,450 hours logged.

Lin has been a flight instructor since 2021 after a successful career in mortgage banking. She teaches independently and for Bravo Flight Training. In 2024, Lin was named Best Flight Instructor for the Eastern US by AOPA, and in 2025, was awarded a Distinguished Flight Instructor award by AOPA. Lin is racing because "It's so exciting to spend time with the highly motivated and accomplished women pilots who race. The camaraderie and the competition is thrilling. I've now landed my plane in 43 of the 48 contiguous US states with the race and I expect to complete landings in all 48 states after this year's race. We laugh, we cuss, we rarely shed tears, but it's always a fun and memorable experience!" Lin spends a lot of her free time volunteering with the ARC as the Vice President. She also volunteers with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) and the 99s to give back while flying. Lin is helping her husband build a Bearhawk Patrol. She loves crafts of any



kind. Lin is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of 99s and the Blue Ridge Chapter of WAI.

**Susan Beall** (Riva, MD) is flying her 7<sup>th</sup> ARC! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 796 flight hours.

As long as she can remember, Susan has wanted to fly. She is racing because, "This is a passion for me and I feel fortunate to participate in a historic event. The Air Race Classic is an amazing adventure. I finished my first air race at KFDK, sweaty and disheveled. I fell out of the plane on my face. My race partner distracted the media as I attempted a quick fix. Inspired by the first women racers, we got a decent newspaper photo, symbolizing the adventure." Susan keeps busy with her business, but in her free time, when not flying, she loves to water ski and snow ski with her family. They live on the water and love to boat. Susan is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of 99s.

## 13 | The Skunks

ANNABELLE KELLOGG & GRETCHEN JAHN  
MOONEY SUPER 21 M20E

**Welcome, Annabelle Kellogg (Cumming, GA) to her 1st Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 458 flight hours.

Annabelle is currently a student at Middle Georgia State University (MGA). She has experience working in the FBO at her school. She plans to volunteer at some of the airshows in her area this year. When asked why she is racing, Annabelle says, "I am racing to show other girls what is possible and what they can accomplish if they set their minds to it. I am racing to prove to myself what I am truly capable of. I am also racing for the experience, connections and friendships I will make along the way, and to have the time of my life!" In addition to flying her Mooney M20E, Annabelle likes to hike, camp and shoot archery. Some of her other interests in the aviation industry include aerobatics, seaplanes, airshows, and flying in Alaska (something she plans to do in the near future). Annabelle is a member-at-large of both the 99s and WAI.

**Gretchen Jahn** (Broomfield CO) is flying her 28th Air Race Classic. Welcome! She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land and sea; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 3,374 hours in her log book.

Gretchen is a retired businesswoman and entrepreneur, focusing on manufacturing, aviation, and management. She is a former



CEO for Mooney Airplane Company; a General Manager for Alpha Aviation (NZ); and COO REMOS Aircraft (Germany). Gretchen also founded a software company. Today, she spends her time with nonprofits. Gretchen races "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. It's fun to "collect" airports, become more proficient and go fast!" Gretchen is a member of numerous aviation groups, including being an Assistant Director with the ARC. She spends her time with ARC archives, history, and database, and completed two AEMSF research grants. Gretchen is a member of the Colorado Chapter of 99s and the Mile High Chapter of WAI.

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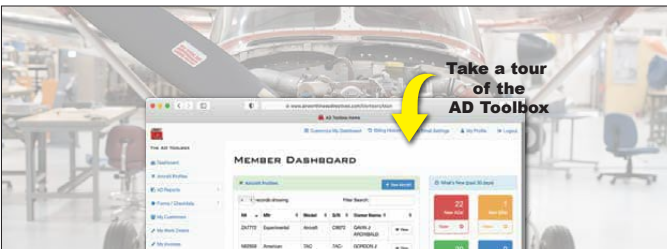
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## 14 | The Sky Waggin' Chicks

DEANNA BENDER & MICHAELA JOHNSON  
CESSNA SKYWAGON 180A

**Deanna Bender** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with high performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 636 flight hours.

Deanna was a single mother of 2 young children when she opened her own business as a restaurant owner and chef. After 23 years of hard pursuit of all things fine dining independent restaurant and raising her 2 children, she sold the business at the height of its success. Now six months after retirement, Deanna says it is time to pursue her own personal challenges and goals. She is racing "to meet and participate with fellow aviators, as well as become more proficient and confident in flying our beloved Cessna 180! What better way to do both than to fly her in the ARC in 2025. I've known of the ARC since I got my ticket, but this will be my first time signing up to participate. I have taken several across the country flying trips in our C180 with my husband and now I am looking forward to experiencing that as part of this historical race with my team-mate." Deanna earned her flight certificate at the age of 55 and is the first pilot in her family. She met her Private Pilot husband in 2016 and they had their first date in his C180. The rest is now her history, in the making!

**Michaela Johnson** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land; with complex, high performance, and tailwheel endorsements; and 323 in her log book.

Michaela is a PhD-level psychologist specializing in helping people navigate turbulent emotions and build healthier relation-



**Welcome, Deanna Bender (Sequim, WA) and Michaela Johnson (Lincoln, CA), to their first Air Race Classic!**

ships, blending her passion for aviation with psychology. These dual roles inspire her to explore, connect, and guide others, whether in the air or in life. As a former Palms to Pines air race winner, Michaela is racing because "I cherish the camaraderie of fellow pilots, the opportunity to sharpen my skills, and the adventure of exploring new horizons from the air. Every race is a celebration of connection, growth, and the awe-inspiring views only flying can offer." In addition to flying, Michaela is a mom to four incredible boys and a goofy Australian Shepherd, Walter. Life's an adventure with her incredible partner by her side, navigating challenges and joys. She loves hiking, eating healthy, artsy activities, and, on average, reads a book a week! Michaela is a Friend of the 99s and a member of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of Women in Aviation.

## 15 |

MARY WUNDER & SHANNON OSBORNE  
MOONEY EXECUTIVE M20F

**Mary Wunder** (Collegeville, PA) is flying her 15<sup>th</sup> Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; and 3,085 hours in her logbook.

Mary was an air traffic controller, what she considers "my best job ever! Where else can you tell people what to do and they have to listen to you!" She has been retired 17 years and now just flies and harasses the controllers. Mary is racing "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!!! During one of the races, I was on crutches - I know it was humorous to watch but no fun at all for me. I annoyed ATC at Huntsville and they told me to call when I got on the ground. Everyone was so worried - like I was getting called into the principal's office. I was fine!!!" Mary is a permanent trustee of the 99s Endowment Fund. She also teaches Homeopathy - a form of alternative medicine. She calls Bingo when she is in Florida - they call her "Fast Mary". Mary is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of 99s and a Director of the Air Race Classic.



**Shannon Osborne** (New York, NY) is back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 800 flight hours.

Shannon's career was in cable television for just over 30 years. Since retiring 5 years ago, she has focused on volunteering in the aviation industry and improving her flying. Shannon's reasons for racing? "Getting to know other female pilots in different geographic areas. Continue to stretch myself!" 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 where they can 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 Chapter of 99s.

## 16 | Is This Heaven?

MINNETTA GARDINIER & BRENDA FRYE  
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

**Minnetta Gardinier** (Iowa City, IA) is flying her 16<sup>th</sup> Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 2,803 flight hours.

Minnetta is an Associate Professor Emerita of Pharmacology and retired Associate Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Iowa. During her time at the University, she directed a laboratory for research in multiple sclerosis, taught medical students, pharmacy students, and nurse anesthetists. She has flown every ARC race since 2008 because "each race is a new adventure, and each race introduces me to new flying experiences and new aviation friends. I return to the ARC each year for the great fun, friendship, and flying that it offers. It's a blast to reconnect with past racers and meet new racers." Flying is Minnetta's #1 hobby, and she volunteers with EAA and AOPA. She is currently the Vice President of the 99s. Her other interests include travel (preferably in her own plane), reading, and sporting events. Minnetta is a member of the Iowa Chapter of 99s.

**Brenda Frye (Davenport, IA) is racing her 1st ARC!** Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 223 hours in her log book.

She is an Industrial Engineering (IE) Manager in the Aerospace industry, which was her catalyst for learning to fly. IEs are known for



time studies, process optimization and planning, and problem solving which makes aviation a great complement to her day job. Brenda says, "I signed up to race to fly in other parts of the country. My flying experience has been mainly in the Midwest with lots of wide-open spaces. I'm especially excited to fly in the mountains to see the scenery. This race will test my VFR flying and overplanning tendencies." Brenda's husband's great grandmother was a 99 and flew in air races in the 1930s. Her stories about always flying in a skirt and heels and making an emergency landing in a Florida swamp after the race are just fascinating. Brenda is excited to see what her adventure will be! She loves watching clouds and looking at the weather, and is most excited to learn more about them in preparation for the race. When she's not working or flying, Brenda is attending scout meetings, band concerts, and sporting events for her two children. She is a member of the Iowa Chapter of 99s.

## 18 | Golden Girls

CAROLINE YUSKA, OLIVIA ARNOLD & HUNTER ROMUALD  
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
CIRRUS SR20

**Caroline Yuska** (Carmel, IN) is back for her 3rd Air Race Classic! She is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 139 hours logged.

Caroline is a junior studying Aviation Flight Science at Western Michigan University with an Aircraft Dispatch and Scheduling Certificate. She is working on her Commercial multi-engine rating. Caroline is a member of WMU WAI and ALPA chapters and works as an Aviation Ambassador. Caroline says, "I race 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. The challenge of the race has pushed me to become a better pilot and I know it is something I will forever look back on with pride." Caroline enjoys the beach, baking, hiking, and has a dream of flying "heavies" across the Atlantic one day. Caroline is a member of the WMU Chapter of WAI.

**Olivia Arnold** (Wheatfield, IN) is flying her 2nd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight and Certified Flight Instructor credentials; with 596 in her log book.

Olivia works for Western Michigan University as a Certified Flight Instructor. She graduated from WMU in December 2023, and has been teaching there since October 2023. Olivia is racing this year "because of what a memorable time I had during the 2022 Air Race. I am so excited to hopefully see some racers from the past race and



connect with some new faces as well! The Air Race community is truly one of a kind!" In her free time from work and flying, Olivia loves to spend time with family and friends, including beach days in the summer, traveling, reading, and working out. She is a member of the WMU Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Hunter Romuald (Manitowoc, WI), to her 1st Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 76 hours logged.

Hunter is a full-time student in the Flight Science Program at Western Michigan University. Through the program, she obtained her Private Pilot certificate and is currently working on her instrument rating. She plans to graduate in the fall of 2026, then flight instruct at Western Michigan until she obtains her restricted ATP. Hunter is racing this year "because of the amount of experience and knowledge I will gain from partaking in this race. I'm also excited to make connections with women pilots across the country and learn their stories." Hunter loves to travel with her family when she's home and has been to 20 states so far. She also enjoys reading and baking in her spare time, as well as hiking. Her aviation background stems from her father who is currently a 757 Captain at FedEx and her uncle who is a Captain at Delta. Hunter is a member of the WMU Chapter of WAI.

## 19 | Team Midwest Bess

### JOYCE PARKER, TAMARA WILLITS & MEGAN RYAN BEECHCRAFT SIERRA B24R

Welcome back, **Joyce Parker** (Topeka, KS) to her 3rd Air Race Classic! Joyce is an instrument-rated Private Pilot; single-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 645 flight hours.

Joyce is a retired USAF Sargent after serving 25 years of active duty. Thank you for your service! She taught Air Force ROTC for 3 years and is currently in her 10th year teaching kindergarten and first grade. Joyce owns a reading tutoring business; is a manager/camp host at a Kansas RV Park; and owns a process serving business. Her first attempt at the Air Race Classic was in 2011, which she considers "my greatest aviation experience ever". She continues to race because "I want to develop into the best pilot I can be to one day become a missionary pilot and serve Christ through aviation. I believe flying the ARC again will bring me closer to realizing these goals." Joyce enjoys reading the Bible; playing the piano; singing in her church choir; and teaching students of all ages how to read; as well as swimming; playing with her two pooches; and living full-time in her RV. Her greatest pleasure and purpose in life is serving Christ and leading others to Him. Joyce is a member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of 99s and member-at-large of WAI.

**Tamara "Tammy" Willits (Lawrence, KS) is flying her 1st Air Race Classic!** Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a high-performance endorsement; and 1,046 hours in her log book.

Tammy is a pharmacist specializing in geriatric and palliative care. She loves to share her love for flying with her nursing home patients or patients currently in hospice care. She has provided first flights for people in their 90s, as well as flights for pilots who are no longer able to pilot a plane. Tammy is racing "to improve flight and crew resource management skills. I have worked the timing line of this race multiple times and finally have the oppor-



tunity to actually fly in the race and could not be more excited!" Tammy's father was a GA pilot and introduced her to aviation when she was about 12 years old. Her other hobbies include riding her bicycle and creating quilts. Most of her quilts are donated to her nursing home and hospice patients. Tammy is a member of the Northeast Kansas Chapter of 99s.

**Welcome, Megan ("M&M") Ryan (Quincy, IL) who is also flying in her 1st ARC!** M&M is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 439 hours in her log book.

Presently, M&M works for Homeland Security as a transportation security officer at the airport where she is flight training. It has been a great job to start out her career in the aviation industry. She is hoping to be flying full time soon! When asked why she is racing, M&M says, "I just didn't think that day would come so quickly! I am excited to race and share this experience with everyone." M&M got her start in aviation because of the Air Explorers. She grew up 30 minutes away from where Amelia Earhart was born and raised. M&M is also a Reverend and astrophile. M&M is a member of the Northeast Kansas Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 20 | DC3-1

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

**Deborah (“Debi”) Dreyfuss** (Potomac, MD) is racing her 14th Air Race Classic! Welcome back! She is an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance, tailwheel, and formation endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 4,300 flight hours.

After her divorce, Debi started and owned Designs Unlimited Architectural Graphics/Commercial Signage for 20 yrs, sold it in 1998, then had a second career selling advertising. She made some good investments and retired in 2007. Debi remarried in 2009 and continues to collect ratings. Debi is racing “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. Team DC3 loves the rush. Members may change but the thrill doesn’t!” Debi is retired and travels 2 weeks out of every month. She funds the “Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different” award for the local 99s chapters. Debi has a Texas taildragger, a glass panel 182, and a 2013 Piper Mirage. She has rescued over 300 animals thru Pilots N Paws, throughout the US and the Bahamas. Debi is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of 99s and the Capital Region of WAI.

**Joy Halcott** (Baltimore, MD) is flying her 3rd Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; Basic, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 568 flight hours.



Joy is an Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Director of Facilities Management, Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk Campus. She has worked for this organization approximately 14 years. Joy is racing, “For myself, to fulfill a dream; for others (especially young girls) to encourage; and for aviation to promote awareness and educate. In the 2024 race, I told everyone, every day, that my team was going to win. When we won, I said, ‘I can’t believe we won!’” She volunteers with Civil Air Patrol; is a member of the Max Lichty Essex Flying Club out of Essex Skypark; volunteers as often as she can with Girls In Flight Training week in Vernon, TX; and is currently pursuing an Instrument rating with Harford Flying Club. Joy is a member of the Maryland Chapter of 99s.

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## 21 | Free Rein

### SHERRY KANDLE & LYDIA BALDWIN CESSNA SKYLANE 182K

**Sherry Kandle** (Boise, ID) is flying her 9th Air Race Classic! Welcome back! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, and 1,267 flight hours.

As a software engineer and project manager, Sherry had the opportunity to combine aviation and engineering in development of a Commercial Flight Management System where she worked on FAA validation of the system. Sherry “races for the adventure, challenges, education, and to hang out with my flying friends. I appreciate all I have learned about my airplane by flying the race. I am proud to be part of this historic race that connects us to the women pilots who flew the first race in 1929.” Sherry’s husband, Doug, is also a pilot. Her favorite trip is to fly into the Idaho back-country to camp and hike. They have two rescue dogs to herd them. Sherry also loves books, movies, bike rides, and tennis. She is a Director and Secretary of the Air Race Classic, and a member of the Idaho Chapter of 99s.

Welcome back, **Lydia Baldwin** (Fort Collins, CO), to her 11<sup>th</sup> ARC! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with 540 flight hours.

Lydia is recently retired from a professional career as an intensive care nurse and hospital manager. The work she performed contributed to skilled, compassionate care and was a very satisfying profession for Lydia. She races “to enjoy an adventure with teammates,



and 50+ more of my aviatrix friends. I race to challenge myself to think about the opportunities, possibilities and potential for success. I race because those who did so before me raced with grace, skill and poise and I admire their achievements.” In ARC 2013, the Baldwin Family Flyers were weather-grounded at beautiful ridge-top Ogilvie Field in John Day, Oregon. It became a fun, challenging experience for Lydia’s team. “We enjoyed the camaraderie of two other race teams, and camped out in the pilot lounge at the FBO hoping for clear skies the next day.” Lydia loves living in beautiful northern Colorado with her husband Marc, who is also a pilot. They enjoy biking, hiking and flying out of KFNL. Lydia was inspired to earn her Private Pilot certificate by her mother, Caroline, a former air racer, who has always inspired her to be confident, positive, thoughtful, and to enjoy life. Lydia is a Director and Treasurer of the Air Race Classic and a member of the Colorado Chapter of 99s.



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## 22 | Frozen Force

HELENA LIND, CHARLOTTE FULLER & CAROLINE KELLEY  
 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
 PIPER ARCHER TX PA-28-181

Welcome back, **Helena (“Elizabeth”) Lind** (Grand Forks, ND) to her 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; a complex endorsement; and 283 hours in her logbook.

Elizabeth obtained her Commercial multi-engine certificate in July 2024 through the University of North Dakota. Elizabeth is racing because “I have always desired to race in the Air Race Classic because I admire the sense of both competition and achievement that comes with the event. The race provides a platform for me to showcase and test my skills and inspire the next generation of female aviators. On one of the legs in a previous race, all racers were sharing funny aviation jokes on the race frequency. It was a great way to pass time in the airplane and to keep the mood light and enjoyable.” Elizabeth enjoys staying active, whether that is going to the gym or hiking outside. She is also inspired by the arts and tries to incorporate it into her life daily through drawing, painting, and journaling. Elizabeth is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Charlotte Fuller (Grand Forks, ND), to her 1<sup>st</sup> ARC!** She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor credentials; and 290 flight hours.

Charlotte received her Private Pilot certificate in June of her senior year of high school. Charlotte says, “I want to race so that I can combine my love for flying with my competitiveness and ability to work under pressure. Along with the race itself, I would be honored to participate in a race of all female pilots who share my love for flying, who I can be inspired by, and learn more from. One of the most memorable experiences I have had at the race in the past was when the team arrived at the final destination, and we attended the Melt Down Party. It was so fun for us to be



reunited and to hear all the crazy stories from along the race and decompress.” Charlotte grew up on Long Island, so she has experience flying in multiple different environments. She has had her Boater’s License since she was thirteen years old and loves the water and beach. Charlotte is also an extrovert who loves working with others and challenging herself. She is a member of the UND Chapter of WAI.

**Caroline Kelley** (Lakeville, MN) is also back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 796 hours logged.

To gain experience toward her future career, Caroline currently instructs at the University of North Dakota, both in flight training and in-flight data analysis. She has found a passion in both areas of aviation, and she plans to continue to pursue them simultaneously while she progresses as an aviation professional. While there are many reasons that Caroline races, “one of my favorites is the camaraderie that racers share. I first felt that as a volunteer on the ramp in Grand Forks two years ago, and it inspired me to enter race myself. I love challenging myself with new skies while uplifting other women in the industry!” Outside of travel, her hobbies include reading, writing, and crocheting. She also loves playing with her cat and spending time with friends and family. Caroline is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of 99s.

## 23 | Sky Cats

CASSANDRA JONES & ISLEY STEGER  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Cassie Jones** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a high-performance endorsement; a current instrument rating; and 220 flight hours.

Cassie is a student at Kansas State University Salina and is currently working on her Commercial certificate. She does not have any career experience of her own, but has been blessed with opportunities to ride second chair for a private operator in their King Air. Of the Air Race, Cassie says, "I am so excited to race this year! I can't wait to learn more about my capabilities in the plane and grow in my aviation skills! I am also excited to be able to have those experiences with other females from my school!" Cassie loves to fly with her dad, who is also a pilot. They love going on random trips to get dinner anywhere that is not at home! She also loves to travel and scuba dive when she has the time! Cassie also enjoys being around her family and friends and sharing her love for aviation with them! Cassie is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

**Isley Steger** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 220 flight hours.

Isley is a student at Kansas State University Salina and is actively working on her Commercial certificate. She has also had



**Welcome to the first-time team of Cassandra ("Cassie") Jones (Warnego, KS) and Isley Steger (Broken Arrow, OK)!**

the opportunity to intern at QuikTrip Flight operations this past summer and learned so much about corporate aviation there. When asked why she is racing, Isley said, "I am so thrilled to be a racer this year, as I have always wanted to be a pilot since I was a little girl. I think this race empowers female aviators and is an exciting opportunity to be able to meet and connect with other female aviators! I'm hoping that this race gives me an experience of a lifetime." Isley is an avid aviator and tries to fly as much as possible. She loves to travel as well, and hopes someday to help others be able to travel the world as well!!! Isley is a member-at-large of both the 99s and WAI.

## 24 | Kitty Hawks

LORI BABCOCK & HEIDI GULICK  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Lori Babcock** is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor single-engine instrument and multi-engine credentials; and 1,200 flight hours.

Lori is an assistant chief flight instructor for Kansas State University Polytechnic. She was a flight attendant in her past life prior to flight school. Lori graduated from the United Aviate Academy and is on the path back to United. Lori is the KSU staff advisor for the university's Women's Air Race Team. Lori says, "I am excited to race with them this year and watch our ladies gain the confidence and experience for the race." Lori is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

**Heidi Gulick** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 112 flight hours!

Heidi is currently a student at KSU Technology and Aerospace Campus and is over half way done with her instrument rating. She loves having the opportunity to learn about the wonderful field of aviation and hopes to continue learning well past her graduation! Heidi says of this year's Air Race, "I am excited to



**Welcome to the first-time team of Lori Babcock (Salina, KS) and Heidi Gulick (Wellington, KS)!**

race because it will provide me the opportunity to race with so many wonderful women. I hope, while challenging myself in the race, I can make lasting connections with my fellow aviators!" While she loves flying and learning about aviation, Heidi also has many other passions! She enjoys traveling and seeing new places, meeting new people, exploring the outdoors, and staying active. Heidi is a member of the Kansas State University Polytechnic Chapter of WAI.

## 25 | Luv Flyers

ERICA PLOWMAN & LAUREN ROWOLD  
PIPER CHEROKEE 180

**Erica Plowman** is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; and 276 flight hours.

Erica has been a Flight Attendant for 11 years. She decided to make the move from Flight Attendant to Pilot and hoping one day it will be a complete career change! She enjoys the life style of the job and loves exploring new cities so she's looking forward to doing that more in the years to come. Erica is racing because, "My best friend Lauren and I found out about this opportunity and it sounds right up our alley! We are both adventure thriving individuals that love a good challenge!" Erica has a huge passion for traveling and love for aviation. She enjoys exploring new places and embracing new experiences. Whether flying through the skies or discovering hidden gems around the globe, Erica is always up for an adventure!

**Lauren Rowold** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; and 238 hours in her log book.

She grew up watching her dad work as an aircraft mechanic. His passion for fixing planes sparked her own love for aviation. Lauren became a flight attendant in 2016 and interest began ever



**Welcome, first-time team of Erica Plowman (Dallas, TX) and Lauren Rowold (Iving, TX)!**

since then, and led her to earn her Private Pilot certificate. Lauren hopes to inspire other women to follow their dreams in the sky. She has a love for horses as she grew up with them. Lauren has a small protein bar company that she started back in 2019 that keeps her busy. She enjoys being active and staying busy.

## 26 | Lilac Ladies

MELINDA DENTON & ANNE ANDERSON  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182

**Melinda Denton** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 1,400 flight hours.

After 38 years in the real estate industry, Melinda is retired. She enjoyed owning and operating a family real estate business in Spokane and definitely is enjoying retirement! She is known as "BEBA" to two grown sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law and four grand kids. So far, she is the only pilot in her family, but she is hoping to change that! Melinda is "looking forward to meeting fellow pilots and learning more about air racing. I started flying to overcome a fear of flying which led to owning three airplanes, volunteer flying with AFW, and many great memories." Melinda retired from flying in the Fall of 2023 upon selling Norman, her beloved 182. However, she couldn't pass up the ARC since it's ending in Spokane, so she's back!!! Melinda also enjoys golfing, snow skiing, sailing, painting, hiking, and traveling. She is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s.

**Anne Anderson** is an instrument-rated Private Pilot, single-engine land, with complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 520 hours in her logbook.

Anne has owned her own real estate company for 25 years. Her company has 20 agents willing to assist people with their real



**Welcome, first-time team of Melinda Denton (Spokane, WA) and Anne Anderson (Coeur d'Alene, ID)!**

estate dreams. Prior to real estate, Anne was in Tupperware sales. Anne is a mom of four children and "Gram A" to six grandchildren. She enjoys flying to visit her grandkids. When asked why she is racing, Anne replied, "My flying friend and plane partner asked me to. The race terminates at our home airport and this is the year to make this happen. We have had amazing flying adventures together and this is the year to add in ARC." She has flown Cessnas thru various countries, such as Africa and Australia. Anne and Melinda flew their C-182 to Alaska. In addition to flying, Anne enjoys skiing, rowing and spending time with her grandkids. She is a member of the Intermountain Chapter of 99s.

## 27 | Boiler Up, Hangar Down

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

REYNA DODD & ALEXANDRA MARSH

PIPER ARCHER PA-28-181

**Reyna Dodd** (Mundelein, IL) is racing her 2nd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and tailwheel endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument multi-engine credentials; and 842 flight hours.

Reyna is an instructor for Purdue University's Part 141 program. She also works as a flight dispatcher for the university. Reyna flies survey flights for the Indiana DNR in a Sky Arrow at night. She learned about the race from her first instructor, and since then, participating has been a dream of hers. Reyna says, "It's an opportunity to connect with other remarkable women in aviation, find mentors, and forge lasting friendships. It will expand my abilities as a pilot by exposing me to new challenges." Reyna enjoys hiking, exploring new places, and also being at home cuddling with her cats. When she is not flying or studying, she is often trying out new workout classes or cooking new recipes. Her favorite airplane memories have been sunset flights in the Champ. Reyna is a member of the Purdue Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Alexandra ("Alexa") Marsh (Santa Monica, CA) to her 1st Air Race Classic!** Alexa is a Commercial Pilot, with a cur-



rent instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor credentials; and 474 in her log book.

Alexa is a current student dispatcher at Purdue University. She is also a student at the Purdue University School of Aviation and Transportation Technology and received her instrument rating, Commercial Pilot certificate and multi-engine ratings at the school. Alexa earned her CFI in January of 2025. Alexa says, "I race because it excites me, and I find that this is probably one of the most empowering and unique experiences I will have in my career. I look forward to learning a lot!" Some of her hobbies include playing trivia, trying new sports and she loves to travel. She also studies Spanish at school, and likes to practice speaking Spanish and listening to music. Alexa is a member of the Purdue Chapter of WAI.

## 28 | Two Girls One Plane

GIOVANNI GONZALEZ & KATRINA MCLEOD

PIPER ARCHER II PA-28-181

**WilBA Gonzalez** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance, tailwheel, aerobatics, and formation endorsements; and 621 flight hours.

WilBA recently separated from the Navy where she worked as a Naval Flight Officer on the EA-18G Growler. After spending 3 years forward deployed to Japan operating on the Growler, WilBA returned to the US and completed her service in the Navy as a Student Naval Flight Officer Instructor on the T-45C Goshawk. Thank you for your service! WilBA is racing because, "I want to compete in the Air Race Classic to challenge myself as a pilot, improve my skills, and travel to new places over differing terrain along the way. I'm excited to meet and bond with other women who share a passion for aviation and embrace the race's rich tradition!" Like everyone else in this race, WilBA's favorite hobby is flying (especially taildraggers and seaplanes)! She also loves traveling, hiking, camping, and pretty much anything having to do with the outdoors! WilBA is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of 99s

**Kitty McLeod** is an Airline Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with complex, high-performance, tailwheel, aerobatic, and formation endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument multi-engine credentials; and 2,000 flight hours.



**Welcome to the first-time team of Giovanni ("WilBA") Gonzalez (Pensacola, FL) and Katrina ("Kitty") McLeod (Mobile, AL)!**

Kitty is currently a Flight Examiner and Instructor Pilot in the HC-144B for the United States Coast Guard. Thank you for your service! Stationed in Mobile, Alabama, Kitty trains new students fresh out of Navy flight school how to fly the Casa. She was previously stationed in Miami flying search/rescue as well as drug/migrant interdiction flights. Kitty is racing "to keep the memory of the female aviators who precede us alive, as well to inspire the next generation of women. As a fellow military aviator, Jacqueline Cochran is such a huge influence in my life that we named our latest pup after her (who we met/adopted after a lunch stop at an FBO)." Kitty says she will always be on the quest to grow the most perfect tomato with the right balance of sweetness and acidity. Kitty is a member of the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the 99s, and a member-at-large of WAI.

## 29 | Poison Ivy

IVY STEINER & MISTY DYAS  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182S

**Ivy Steiner** is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 142 flight hours.

Currently, Ivy is a freshman at Auburn University, studying aviation management. She is working toward her Commercial rating and building hours at her local airport. After her first solo at sixteen, Misty was hooked; she had found her passion in life! Ivy is racing because "I am confident I will make lifelong friendship with women sharing similar goals and interests. I'm honored to have my mom as my co-pilot; we are thrilled to problem solve, navigate and fly together! I'm also yearning to better myself as a pilot!" Flying easily takes the top spot as her favorite hobby, but Misty also enjoys many other activities. She loves offshore fishing, mixed media art, scuba diving, snow skiing, traveling, the great outdoors (especially time on the water), and quality time with family and friends. Ivy is a member-at-large of the 99s.

**Misty Dyas** is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; and 352 in her log book.

Misty is a Nurse Practitioner with a background as a hospitalist at a rural hospital in Bay Minette, Alabama. In 2017, she opened



**Welcome, first-time team of Ivy Steiner (Fairhope, AL) and Misty Dyas (Fairhope, AL)!**

a Med Spa in Fairhope, Alabama with her partner and now husband, who is a general surgeon. Misty says of air racing, "It will be a once-in-a-lifetime kind of experience for my daughter, Ivy, and me. I plan to be her co-pilot and look forward to seeing the country and meeting women from all over who share our love for flying." Misty's number one hobby comes as no surprise, flying. She also enjoys scuba diving, and anything to do with a beach. Misty and her family started a tradition 3 years ago of flying their 182 to the Bahamas every summer. Their goal is to eventually land on every Bahamian island possible. Misty is a member of the Southeast Chapter of 99s.

## 30 | Flying Sycamores

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
LEAH SKINNER, KARYLLE LAUSA & LILY ANN KEUTZER  
DIAMOND DA40

**Leah Skinner** (Terre Haute, IN) is back for her 2nd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 870 hours in her log book.

Leah is currently a student at Indiana State University and works as a flight instructor helping students earn different certificates and ratings. Leah thinks air racing "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 county." Leah loved being a youth basketball coach for two years and played basketball throughout high school. She also briefly played rugby and grew up playing softball. Through the pandemic (when sports were cancelled), Leah found a love for aviation while looking for other ways to occupy her time.

**Welcome, Karylle Lausa (Des Plaines, IL) to her 1st Air Race Classic!** Karylle is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; a complex endorsement; and 305 in her log book.

While she doesn't have a lot of career experience in aviation, Karylle recently became an aviation simulator instructor at ISU's simulator lab. This gives her experience teaching students which will be helpful once she becomes a CFI. She says racing "would be a great learning experience for me, I'll get to meet a lot of cool people, and I think it will be a lot of fun!" In her free time, Karylle



enjoys hanging out with her friends. She also enjoys traveling and seeing new places. Karylle gets her love for flying and traveling from her dad who is also a pilot, and one of her favorite flight experiences is taking her dad, mom, and little brother flying!

**Lily Ann Keutzer (Princeton, IL) is also flying her 1st ARC!**

She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; and 290 flight hours.

Lily Ann is in her second year at Indiana State University studying Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Management. She earned her instrument rating last summer and is working on her Commercial license. She plans to flight instruct after graduating with a goal of flying for a cargo airline. Lily Ann is racing "because this is a unique opportunity to do something I am passionate about. I love the challenge of putting my navigation, decision making, and teamwork to real life use. I also enjoy the ability to promote women in aviation and have the chance to network with other pilots." Lily Ann was introduced to aviation by her grandpa who flew in general aviation, and her uncle who flew F-16s in the Air Force and now flies for UPS. He is her inspiration for wanting to fly for a cargo airline. A fun fact about Lily Ann is that she has played piano for 15 years! Lily Ann is a member-at-large of WAI.

## 31 | Whiskey Row Racers-Roadrunner

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY, PRESCOTT  
BELLA MEMEO & YUKA NOGUCHI  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Bella Memeo** (Deer Park, WA) is back for her 2nd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 361 flight hours.

Bella is a professional illustrator and multi-disciplinary artist studying for a dual degree in Aeronautical Science and Air Traffic Management at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Bella is racing because, "Racing aircraft has been a lifelong dream of mine, and I am honored to be able to compete in this year's race to Spokane, my hometown! I raced in ARC 2024 and am racing again this year, in hopes of inspiring other women to fly and meeting more racers and fellow women in aviation!" In her free time, Bella loves to draw and design everything from aircraft paint schemes to full-blown aviation illustrations, cooking, off-roading, gaming/making games, and taking care of her plants. She is also a Delta Propel Collegiate Pilot Pathway cadet! Bella is a member-at-large of WAI.

**Yuka Noguchi** (Prescott, AZ) is also flying her 2nd Air Race Classic! Yuka is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land and sea; complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; Certified Flight



Instructor-Instrument single- and multi-engine, and Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; and 3,606 in her log book.

Yuka has served as a Certified Flight Instructor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, teaching several courses, including Commercial Pilot (single and multi-engine) and Certified Flight Instructor courses. Her training was completed at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, Michigan. She is racing because "flying has always been a passion of mine, but the Air Race Classic has taken that passion to another level. This is my second year competing, and I'm even more excited to race again. My first experience taught me so much—about strategy, teamwork, weather, and, most importantly, myself as a pilot." Yuka has a multicultural background and was raised in Taiwan, mainland China, and Japan. Her passion for aviation was sparked as an interpreter at EAA Oshkosh. Yuka has been volunteering at the organization for nearly a decade now. Yuka is a member of the ERAU Prescott Chapter of WAI.

## 32 | Flying Phins

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY  
MONIQUE GUILBAULT & MYA LEE  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Monique Guilbault** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; and 185 flight hours.

Monique is a senior at Jacksonville University and has been flying for four years. She earned all her ratings and hours at JU and plans to be a flight instructor post-grad to earn 1,000 hours, then transition to Republic Airways as a first officer. Monique says, "I race for all the women before me who didn't have the opportunity to become pilots. I race for my parents, sisters, and everyone that's supported me throughout my aviation career. I race for the passion and love aviation fills me with." Monique is the captain of Jacksonville University's Division One cheer leading team, the JU Flight Team, and JU student ambassadors. Monique is a member of the Florida Firstcoast Chapter of 99s and the Jacksonville University Chapter of WAI.

**Mya Lee** is a Commercial Pilot, with an instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; and 234 hours in her log book.

Mya is currently a student at Jacksonville University working toward her flight certificates. She is an aviation ambassador at JU as



**Welcome to the first-time team of Monique Guilbault (Sterling, VA) and Mya Lee (Bel Air, MD)!**

well as an aviation tutor. At home, Mya was a nanny and a dance teacher. She is racing "for myself. Recently, I overcame this fear of flying. While participating in flight team, I learned that pushing myself is safer than being timid. This race will allow me to build the time, confidence, and experience I need to soon teach people and then fly people as a career." Mya is the captain of the Jacksonville University dance team, an aviation ambassador for incoming aviation freshmen, an aviation tutor, a part of the flight team, Alpha Eta Rho, and Tri Delta. Mya is a member of the Florida Firstcoast Chapter of 99s and the Jacksonville University Chapter of WAI.

### 33 | Sky Sisters

JOELENE SMITH & AMY HILLS  
BEECHCRAFT BONANZA A36

**Joelene Smith** (Avon, IN) is back for her 3rd Air Race Classic! Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a current instrument rating; complex, high-performance, and tailwheel endorsements; and 1,147 flight hours.

As an agricultural researcher in R&D and production, Joelene supported farmers by performing research in biotechnology, pesticides and seeds. She was with her current employer for 28 years until she retired in 2024. Joelene's first race was in 2022 and, She says "I couldn't get enough! I raced in 2024 and I can't wait to race again. The race is a unique opportunity to meet and network with other female aviators and improve my skills" Joelene currently volunteers with a non-profit organization on a WWII PV-2 Harpoon. She is the current Treasurer and helps with maintenance. She is an Assistant Director with the Air Race Classic. She loves learning the mechanics behind her airplane by performing an owner-assist annual. Joelene also gardens, runs and swims.

**Amy Hills** (Avon, IN) is flying her 2nd ARC! She is a Commercial Pilot, single-engine land; with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, and Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 1,115 hours logged.

Amy is a former software engineer with mathematics and computer science degrees then decided she'd much rather be flying



than behind a desk. She is currently living her dream of being a career flight instructor. When asked why she is racing again, Amy says, "For history - many of the female pioneers of aviation participated in this race. For learning - I can learn so much from more experienced pilots. For growth - airports I wouldn't typically fly into, areas of the country I've never seen, and safely pushing the boundaries of what I can do. On one leg of the 2022 ARC, we had a stow-away wasp with us that we didn't discover until we were on the clock. Luckily, the wasp never bothered us. However, the very next leg was an exciting time swapping controls to take turns swatting at the BITING flies." Amy is a first-generation aviator walking a new path as a flight instructor, aircraft owner, and pilot for the EAA Young Eagles program. Outside of aviation, she is a mom of 2, a wife to her favorite person, and loves to be outside camping, hiking, or biking together as a family.

### 34 | Whiskey Row Racers-Ringtail

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY, PRESCOTT  
MEGAN AMOAKO & JULIE BENGOA  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Megan Amoako** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with a Dispatcher certificate; and 411 flight hours.

Megan is a senior at Embry-Riddle Prescott, working on her Commercial multi-rating. She is majoring in Aeronautical Science and minoring in Cyber Intelligence and Security, and Aviation Business Administration. Megan is a participant of Horizon's Pilot Development Program. Regarding air racing, Megan says, "Being able to represent my school is such a unique experience; I am super excited to meet other women in aviation and learn so much through this race and from others." Megan loves hiking, even though she sticks to only easy or moderate trails. She also enjoys reading, traveling, and learning about different cultures! One of her favorite adventures was watching a baseball game during the summer solstice in Fairbanks, Alaska. Megan is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of 99s and the ERAU Prescott Chapter of WAI.

**Julie Bengoa** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 1,255 flight hours.

Julie is a flight instructor at ERAU with over two years of experience. She worked at Cutter Aviation as a line service technician



**Welcome, first-time team of Megan Amoako (Prescott, AZ) and Julie Bengoa (Prescott, AZ)!**

prior to flight instructing. Julie is racing "to challenge myself, grow as a pilot, and represent the community that shaped me. It is a way to honor my journey, inspire others, and celebrate the passion for aviation that has driven me since I was a kid watching Patty Wagstaff at Oshkosh." Julie is going to be graduating with a Bachelors degree in aerospace engineering in December. She is working on a project aimed at making fire mapping drones. Julie also enjoys outdoor activities with her dog, Dash, named after the Dash-8. Julie is a member of the Phoenix Chapter of 99s and the ERAU Prescott Chapter of WAI.

## 35 | Whiskey Row Racers-Rattlesnake

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY-PRESCOTT  
GWENDOLYN PASTERNAKI & BRIANNA FRANCIS  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Gwen Pasternacki** is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with 143 flight hours.

A discovery flight in Camas, WA ignited Gwen's passion for flying. She pursued aviation through Cascadia Technical Academy in high school and began flight training to get her Private certificate during her senior year. So far, in her first year at Embry-Riddle, she has earned her instrument rating and begun Commercial training. Gwen is racing because "Seeing Embry-Riddle's previous competitors inspired me. Being selected to race my first year is a dream come true! Competing alongside women who empower each other will not only deepen my love for flying but also help build relationships that will help shape me into a skilled and well-rounded pilot." Traveling has been a big part of Gwen's life since before she can remember. With her dad working at Southwest, they were frequent fliers. Her most memorable trip has been traveling to four cities throughout Spain and Italy in 2024.

**Bri Francis** is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 641 in her log book.



**Welcome first-time team of Gwendolyn ("Gwen") Pasternacki (Prescott Valley, AZ) and Brianna ("Bri") Francis (Henderson, NV)!**

Bri is a flight instructor working at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. She has been instructing full-time since October of 2024. Bri graduated from ERAU Prescott in May of 2024 with a degree in Aeronautical Science with a minor in Applied Meteorology. Bri "loved the sense of community from interacting with other pilots at regional and national competitions with the flight team, and as a result, I want to continue meeting new people in the industry! Additionally, I enjoy friendly competition, and racing is perfect for that." In her spare time, Bri is a volunteer coach for the Golden Eagles Flight Team, of which she was a student member. She also enjoys playing the violin and guitar, and getting outdoors to hike and swim with her dog. Bri is very interested in learning about severe weather, specifically thunderstorms.

## 36 | Liberty Belles 1

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
MEGAN COTTER, ASHLEY ASSELIN & ISABELLA HAURI  
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Megan Cotter** (Lynchburg, VA) is back for her 2nd Air Race Classic! Welcome back! She is a Commercial Pilot, with an instrument rating, single-engine land; with 221 flight hours.

Megan is currently a student at Liberty University majoring in Commercial/Corporate Aviation. She became a Commercial Pilot in February 2025 and is so excited to begin her CFI flight training this summer! Megan says, "I am so blessed to be offered an opportunity to grow alongside so many other women aviators in a competitive environment! I am looking forward to the memories we will make together!" A humorous moment from last year's race, Megan and her two teammates were "screaming the entire chorus of 'The Final Countdown' (including the instrumentals) while crossing the GLL VOR to finish the race in Colorado!" Megan comes from a family that has always had a passion for travel, and, as a pilot, is thrilled to carry on that tradition.

Welcome back, **Ashley Asselin** (Chicopee, MA) to her 2nd Air Race Classic! Ashley is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 621 in her log book.

After six years of flying, four in the military, Ashley's journey as a pilot was cleared for takeoff at ERAU in 2019 and has taken her through 3 degrees and an army enlistment. (Thank you for your service, Ashley!) The sky was never the limit for Ashley, she flies for the thrill of the competition. "I trust God's plan in every journey, and each race presents a new opportunity to admire His creation



and chase after excellence in all I do. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty..." Ashley enjoys the beach and engaging in degenerate conversations with friends. She grew up in Massachusetts, wrestled her way through high school and college (literally) and has a personal vendetta against windmills. Jesus is #1 in her life.

**Welcome, Isabella Hauri (Peoria, IL), to her 1st ARC!** Isabella is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 146 hours logged.

Isabella earned her Private Pilot certificate through JROTC in high school and now attends Liberty University to finish her flight training. Her goal is to become a flight instructor and eventually fly for the airlines. Isabella also works as a dispatcher for Liberty's aviation program, which has been a very rewarding experience. Isabella says, "I discovered my love for aviation after reading about the first women's air race derby. Competing in this race allows me to honor the pioneers of aviation and grow closer to other women who share a similar passion. Most of all, I race to glorify God who has led me every step of the way." Isabella enjoys anything that lets her be creative. You can often find her sewing, playing piano, listening to old country music, and reading about history. She also loves taking her family and friends up for sky-high rides. Isabella is on Liberty's NIFA team and, unexpectedly, developed a love for the E6B.

## 37 | Liberty Belles II

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

MORIAH LANGFORD, ASHLEY LEGOAS

& ISABEL FRANKLIN

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Moriah Langford** (Clermont, FL) is racing her 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; and 216 flight hours.

Moriah is a sophomore in the School of Aeronautics at Liberty. She became involved with aviation in high school and earned her Private Pilot certificate in April, 2023. She recently obtained her instrument rating this spring. For Moriah, this race is “an opportunity to learn from others and become a better aviator. I competed with the Liberty Belles last year and fell in love with the Air Race Classic. The people, atmosphere, and competition make the race an exciting experience to be a part of.” Moriah enjoys being outside as much as possible, whether that is running in the sunshine, taking a hike, or being at the pool. She also loves to travel, especially with her family of six. She is the oldest of four sisters who are some of her best friends.

Welcome back, **Ashley Legoas** (Lynchburg, VA) to her 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Race Classic! Ashley is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 400 in her log book.

Ashley graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Business Administration, and now is on her aviation journey as a student at Liberty University! She is rac-



ing because “I’m always up for a challenge, and I love being in an environment that supports women.” Ashley is a lover of the outdoors! From riding horses to rock climbing and fishing, you can often find her on a fun adventure exploring somewhere new. Ashley is a member-at-large of WAI.

**Welcome, Isabel Franklin (Rochester, MN) to her 1<sup>st</sup> ARC!**

Isabel is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 185 logged hours.

Isabel is a senior attending Liberty University. She has obtained her Private Pilot certificate through their program and is currently working on her instrument rating. Upon graduation, she plans to flight instruct and eventually fly corporate. Isabel says, “I am participating in this race because I believe this is an incredible experience to fly with some talented aviators and make some amazing connections! This unique opportunity to race against other women in my field is something that I am excited to take advantage of!” Aside from aviation, Isabel loves to travel and explore as many beautiful places as she can! She loves spending time with family and friends and getting out in nature, hiking, and going to the gym.

**Sponsor – Liberty University**

## 38 | Penguin Power

ELIZABETH MENOZZI & SAMANTHA BRAIN

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172C

**Elizabeth Menozzi (Eastsound, WA) is racing her 1st Air Race Classic! Welcome!** She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a complex endorsement; and 330 flight hours.

Elizabeth is a fantasy fiction author and former APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional with experience in demand and supply planning, finance, and project management across a diverse set of industries: software, professional services, computer hardware, energy conservation, aerospace, and consumer goods. Elizabeth is racing because “I love cross country flying and enjoy meeting other women in aviation, making new friends, and challenging myself.” She lives on a small island in the Pacific Northwest. When she’s not flying, she enjoys trail running and writing fantasy and science fiction romance books. Elizabeth is a member of the Western Washington Chapter of 99s.

**Samantha (“Samy-Rae”) Brain**, (Tuscumbia, AL) is back for her 2nd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea; multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified



Flight Instructor, single- and multi-engine land, and single-engine instrument credentials; and 1,200 flight hours.

Samy-Rae started flying at the end of 2021 and, in 2022, had earned all of her ratings, in about 10 months time. She is 4 students away from being a Gold Seal instructor, and is a Cadet with Frontier Airlines. Since she started flying, “I’ve heard about the race but it wasn’t till recently that I met ladies who actually did it in my local 99s chapter and they encouraged me to ‘go for it!’” Outside of flying, she owns a seasonal popsicle food truck “Itty Bitty Pop Shop” and is always looking for new recipes. She and her partner have ventured into making “Pup Pops”. Samy-Rae is a member of the Alabama Chapter of 99s.

## 39 | Ope Just Flyin'

MICHELLE NOLAND & REBECCA JUAREZ  
PIPER ARROW PA-28R-180

Welcome back, **Michelle Noland** (Farmington, MN) to her 3rd Air Race Classic! She is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; Advanced Ground Instructor credentials; and 600 flight hours.

Michelle first started flying when she was a senior in high school and is currently a senior at Minnesota State University Mankato, studying Aviation Management, expecting to graduate this May. Michelle is racing "to meet new people and to gain the experience and knowledge that you get from competing in the air race, as well as better my cross-country planning and flying abilities." Outside of her academic studies, she is passionate about building knowledge in aviation. Michelle is a member of the Maverick Flight team and has competed at regional and national SAFECON competitions. When she is not flying, she dedicates her time to riding and competing with her quarter horse, Duke. Michelle is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of 99s and the Stars of the North Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Rebecca ("Becky") Juarez (Minneapolis, MN) to her 1st Air Race Classic!** She is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land and sea; complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 860 in her log book.



Becky has been a flight attendant with Sun Country Airlines for 11 years. She decided almost 4 years ago that she wanted to become a pilot. Becky called a few flight schools in the area, found a great Part 61 school where she was able to cruise through all her ratings and continued right into instructing. Becky is racing because, "I had heard several pilots' experiences in the race for the last few years; it sounded incredible! I didn't know how or when it would fit into my life and obligations but thrilled to have the opportunity this year!" Michelle bakes sourdough bread every week. She has had her starter since 2019, having received it from a friend who had it long before her. Becky will have to hustle home when the race is done to feed her starter and bake a fresh loaf! Becky is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of 99s and the Stars of the North Chapter of WAI.

## 40 | Florida Belles

JESSICA STEARNS & MARIA MIGONI-JONES  
PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-180

Welcome back, **Jessica Stearns** (Bonita Springs, FL) to her 3rd Air Race Classic! Jessica is an ATP, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; tailwheel, aerobatics and formation flying endorsements; a jet type rating; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument multi-engine, and Glider credentials; and 26,000 in her log book.

Jessica is a USAF Pilot (Ret) (thank you for your service!), a retired airline pilot, and a GA pilot since 1956. She has flown over 110 different airplanes from ultra lights and gliders to heavy four-engine jets and supersonic ones. She is racing "for the challenge and to meet a cross section of pilots, getting to listen to their experiences." Jessica enjoys photography, horticulture, all flying, and music. She flies EAA young eagles, volunteers for a local hospice and is the VP of the SW FL Military Officers Assn. Jessica is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

**Maria (Cristina) Migoni-Jones (Naples, FL) is flying her 1st Air Race Classic!** Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 495 flight hours.

Cristina earned a Business Degree and MBA from Universidad del Valle de Mexico in Mexico City and a Paralegal degree from



Pima Community College in Tucson, AZ. She worked for years teaching English as a second language; was a marketing manager for cosmetics companies and legal firms. Cristina says, "My main motive to race is to inspire middle-age women and moms raising school age children to go for it; you are never too old to pursue your dreams. I also want to inspire my own children to work hard and do the foot work in order to achieve what they want." Cristina's main hobbies are flying, traveling, and exploring new places. She likes learning new skills and loves a new challenge. She enjoys spending time with her kids at home. Cristina is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of 99s and a member-at-large of WAI.

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## 41 | Skybound Scotts

LAUREN SCOTT & ANNA SCOTT  
CESSNA SKYLANE 182P

**Lauren Scott** (Henderson, NV) is flying her 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Race Classic! Welcome back! She is an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), with a current instrument rating, single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land; with complex and high-performance endorsements; jet type ratings; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 3,796 flight hours.

Lauren is a second-generation pilot in her family, following her father and aunt, who were WWII pilots. With a retired flight attendant mother, airline pilot brother and daughter, she is among a family of aviators. Lauren has flown as CFI, Corporate Pilot, and now is an airline pilot, as well as a DPE. Lauren is racing because "my favorite kind of flying is cross-country, where I can take in the magnificence of our beautiful world. I love the challenges of knowing the procedures, interpreting the weather, and flying to new places. This year, I also race to build memories with my wonderful daughter and our racing friends." Lauren loves hiking, traveling, the beach, reading, and visiting with family. She is also a big home DIYer and has built cabinets, shelving, a playground, and other items. Her husband pastors a Christian church in Las Vegas, and Lauren enjoys teaching the kids there. She has three adult children. Lauren is a member of the Las Vegas Valley Chapter of 99s and the Las Vegas Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Anna Scott (Van Buren Township, MI) to her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Anna is an ATP, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; complex and high-perfor-



mance endorsements; a jet type rating; Certified Flight Instructor credentials; and 2,190 hours in her log book.

Anna flies as a first officer at Endeavor Air in Detroit. Before that, she was a flight instructor at Desert Flying Club and flew PC-12s as a first officer for a small charter operation in Las Vegas. Fun Fact! Anna's mom, Lauren, was a captain in the PC-12, and they got to fly "unmanned" mother-daughter flights. Anna is racing because "Lauren is my inspiration! A big reason I wanted to learn how to fly beginning 7 years ago was hearing about her stories participating in the Air Race Classic when she was in college. I'm thrilled at the prospect of being able to be her copilot now." Anna flies her own sweetheart, a Grumman AA1C Lynx, around Michigan with her younger sister, friends, and Michigan Aviation Institute of Technology maintenance students that she mentors. Sadly, "Princess Leia" only carries 24 gallons of gas and cannot comfortably compete in the ARC, so they're flying a Cessna. Anna is a member of the Michigan Chapter of 99s and a member of the Yankee Ladies Chapter of WAI.

## 42 | The Magpies

MARY MATTOCKS & ALYSON GALBRAITH  
PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-140/160

**Mary ("Willie") Mattocks** (East Amherst, NY) is back for her 5<sup>th</sup> Air Race Classic! She is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with 1,960 flight hours.

Willie is a Registered Nurse and midwife and has an MSc in Education. She worked as a community health nurse in Niagara County and is now retired. When working for Health and Welfare Canada in remote areas that were only accessible by air, Willie developed a passion for flying. She obtained her US pilot certificate in 1989. Willie says, "The ARC in 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024 were challenging and fun and I look forward to participating in 2025. Testing flying skills and renewing friendships is exciting. I have had many flying adventures in the US and Canada in my beloved Piper N222DL but the race will present the ultimate challenge." Willie comes from the Isle of Wight UK. She is a member of EAA, AOPA, and is currently the President of The Buffalo Aero Club, the oldest in the US. To date, Willie has flown over 400 Young Eagles. She is completing an A&P mechanics course and her favorite hobby, other than flying, is sailing on Lake Ontario. Willie is a member of the Western New York Chapter of 99s.



**Welcome, Alyson Galbraith (Leonard, MI) to her 1<sup>st</sup> ARC!**

Alyson is a Private Pilot, single-engine land; with a complex endorsement; and 213 in her log book.

Alyson was a flight attendant for 8 years, and always wanted to transition into the flight deck. After several setbacks, she was able to transition and has been working on her certificates ever since. She is racing for "the experience, and definitely the social aspect of meeting like-minded individuals coming together to do something fun and amazing." Alyson absolutely loves to travel. She hasn't been everywhere, but it's on her list! She loves to gain knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to her and loves learning about different cultures. She also loves a good action movie. Alyson is a member of the North Central Chapter of 99s and the Great Lakes Chapter of WAI.

## 52 | Flying Flashes Navy

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

KENDAL SCHULTE & ALYSSA SHEEHAN

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Welcome, Kendal Schulte (Akron, OH) to her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** She is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with 217 flight hours.

Kendal's first flight was on her 16th birthday and she has been training ever since. She works as a dispatcher at Kent State and loves it. Kendal says, "I wanted to participate in the ARC this year because I think the experience I would gain racing this route specifically is unmatched and I would have never had a reason to fly through terrain like this and in this kind of configuration. I am so excited to make life-long memories and friendships." Kendal recently learned to crochet and is really enjoying it. She also enjoys going to concerts and being outside whenever she can. Kendal is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

Welcome back, **Alyssa Sheehan** (Lockport, IL) to her 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Race Classic! Alyssa is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land; a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; a Dispatcher certificate; and 530 in her log book.

Alyssa is currently working as a Certified Flight Instructor at Kent State University. She graduated in 2024; however, she is



working on her multi-engine instructor rating to add to her experiences and teaching abilities. Alyssa raced last year for Kent State and cannot wait to do it again! Go Flashes! She is racing this year because "I love the thrill and excitement of flying while also sharing it with others. Being able to race allows me to represent female aviators and show them that anything is possible if you put your mind to it." Alyssa has many fun experiences from last year's race, but by far the most fun time was "working with other teams to make it from Illinois up to Minnesota while battling summer storms and a stationary front. The camaraderie we had together was unlike anything I have experienced in aviation." Outside of flying, Alyssa's hobbies include figure skating and she used to teach little ones how to ice skate! She also enjoys reading, going to the gym, and volunteering at Kent State's Chapter of Women in Aviation and Kids in Flight. Alyssa is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

## 53 | Flying Flashes Gold

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

ESTHER KOTYK & KELSEY BUYANSKY

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Esther Kotyk (Uniontown, OH) is racing her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Welcome! She is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with 246 flight hours.

Esther is currently a Professional Pilot major at Kent State. As a first-generation pilot, she is actively involved in Women in Aviation. Esther is excited to continue her journey and looks forward to becoming a Certified Flight Instructor in the near future. Esther is racing because "The Air Race Classic offers a unique, educational experience that will build my confidence, refine my skills, and help me grow as a pilot while honoring their impact on my journey." Esther enjoys hiking, traveling, and exploring new places, especially national parks. She loves discovering the beauty of the outdoors and flying in new locations. Aviation is a big part of her life, and she is excited for the opportunity to participate in this race and experience something new and challenging. Esther is a member of the All-Ohio Chapter of 99s and the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

Welcome back, **Kelsey Buyansky** (Independence, OH) to her 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Race Classic! Kelsey is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; a complex endorsement; Certified Flight Instructor credentials; a Dispatcher



certificate; and 380 in her log book.

Kelsey is currently a flight instructor at Kent State University. She loves getting to work with students every day and share her knowledge and love for aviation. She is graduating this May and is looking forward to her future career, where she hopes to work for an airline. Kelsey says of racing, "I am extremely excited to share this experience with other women in the field and continue to grow my experience as a pilot. I am looking forward to be able to share my experience with young ladies in the field and continue to prove that girls can do all things." Alongside flying, Kelsey enjoys serving her community through her sorority, Delta Gamma, and also through her local chapter of Women in Aviation. She loves giving back to her community that has done so much for her and helped her to be the aviator she is today. Kelsey is a member of the KSU Flying Black Squirrels Chapter of WAI.

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## 63 | War Eagle Women - Orange

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

CAMPBELL GLASGOW, EMILY BRUTKO & MAGGIE PEACOCK

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Campbell Glasgow (Franklin, TN) is racing her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single-engine land; with 239 flight hours.

Campbell is currently a student at Auburn University studying Professional Flight. She hopes to work for the airlines following her graduation this coming December. Campbell is racing because "racing is an opportunity I am beyond grateful for. It allows me to represent my incredible school as well as spend quality time with other women in the program all while doing something I love - flying!" Her interest in aviation was sparked by her mother, who is an airline flight attendant. However, she is a first-generation pilot! In her free time, she serves as Vice President of the Auburn 99s where she has the opportunity to mentor other women in aviation. Campbell is a member of the Alabama Chapter of 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Emily Brutko (Lebanon, PA) to her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Emily is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single- and multi-engine land; complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor credentials; and 571 in her log book.

Emily is currently a flight instructor for the Auburn University School of Aviation. She recently graduated in December of 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight and a minor in Human Development. She says, "I have wanted to race since I was a little girl. Growing up, my father always exposed me to the cool opportunities that aviation had, which, ultimately, is why I chose to become a pilot. We both have followed the race for as long as I can remember, so I am excited to finally live out my rac-



ing dream." Emily loves to spend her free time working out, reading books, or volunteering. In particular, she loves to volunteer with younger children in the local area that are in foster care or have special needs. Emily is a member of the Alabama Chapter of 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

**Maggie Peacock** (Auburn, AL) is returning for her 2nd ARC! Welcome! She is a Commercial Pilot, single- and multi-engine land; with a complex endorsement; a Remote Pilot Certificate for Drones; and 415 flight hours.

Maggie is a customer service representative at the Auburn University Regional Airport. She greets pilots and makes sure they have all the accommodations needed. Maggie loves the opportunity to meet people from all sorts of aviation backgrounds! She hopes to become an instructor for Auburn in the fall. Maggie says of air racing, "Since coming to Auburn, it has been my dream to do the Air Race Classic. Some of the best pilots I know have competed in this race and I wanted the opportunity to follow in their footsteps. I also love the aspect of seeing new parts of the country and forming new relationships with fellow aviators." Most of her day-to-day activities have to do with aviation, such as flying, going to club meetings, working at the airport, and giving tours to prospective students. Outside of aviation, Maggie enjoys hanging out with friends, being outdoors, and being active by either playing tennis or going on hikes.

## 64 | War Eagle Women - Blue

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

ASPEN HOOD, BAILEY WELLS & PAGE ZUCCARO

CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

**Aspen Hood (Virginia Beach, VA) is racing her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Welcome! She is a Private Pilot, with an instrument rating, single-engine land; with a high-performance endorsement; and 244 flight hours.

Aspen is pursuing her Commercial certificate at Auburn University and hopes to become a flight instructor once she is done. Aspen is racing because "the Air Race Classic has always been a dream of mine to compete in. Other female pilots that I hugely look up to have raced in the Air Race Classic, and I am very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it this year!" Outside of flying, Aspen loves spending time outdoors, with friends, at the beach, and more. She enjoys activities that keep her active, as well as hobbies like cooking and reading. Aspen is a member of the Alabama Chapter of 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

**Welcome, Bailey Wells (Kennesaw, GA) to her 1<sup>st</sup> Air Race Classic!** Bailey is a Commercial Pilot, with a current instrument rating; single-engine land and sea, and multi-engine land; complex and high-performance endorsements; Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument credentials; and 772 in her log book.

Bailey is currently a flight instructor at Auburn University. She began instructing last spring and recently graduated from their Professional Flight program in December of 2024. She has loved the ability to stay in her college town with cherished friends as she builds her flight hours. She is racing "because I'm excited to fly over and navigate the country with my teammates. I'm eager to learn as much as I can on this journey and meet everyone involved. I'm



certain this will be an unforgettable experience, filled with memories that will last a lifetime!" Bailey is originally from Kennesaw, GA, and has spent the last four years in Auburn, AL. Throughout college, Bailey was involved in many organizations such as the 99s, WAI, her sorority, KKG, and several honors societies. As a flight instructor now, she loves teaching, traveling, reading, and being with friends! Bailey is a member-at-large of the 99s and WAI.

**Page Zuccaro (Auburn, AL) is returning for her 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC!** Welcome back! She is a Private Pilot, with a current instrument rating, single- and multi-engine land; with a tailwheel endorsement; and 464 hours logged.

Page is an Auburn University graduate from the flight program working on finishing up CFI/II. She is from Milwaukee, WI and is excited to be racing again this year! Page is racing "to learn more about flying and to have fun! I think that learning from my peers and other female pilots is such a unique experience." When she is not flying, she likes to be outdoors or with friends. Page also enjoys running and visiting new places when she is not in school. She is excited to visit new airports this summer, especially out west again! Page is a member of the Alabama Chapter of 99s and the War Eagle Chapter of WAI.

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# Air Race Classic History

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



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

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

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

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

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

## The Women Who Preserved Air Racing

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

## The ARC Medallion

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

Medallions will be on sale during events. Order today at [president@airraceclassic.org](mailto:president@airraceclassic.org) for pick up at the Terminus.



## 2024 Top Finishing Competition Teams



**1ST.**  
**DC3-1**  
Debi Dreyfuss & Joy Halcott



**4TH.**  
**FREAKIN AWESOME**  
Lin Caywood & Susan Beall



**2ND.**  
**TAHOE TURBULENCE**  
Raj Karwa & Sarah Krammen



**5TH.**  
**HELOTES HELLIONS**  
Rebecca Carroll & Gretchen Jahn



**3RD.**  
**OVER THE MOON!**  
Alicia Sikes & Nancy Rohr



**6TH.**  
**SOUTHERN MAINE LOON-ATICS**  
Susan Tholen, Marisa Jordan & Lenora Lewis



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## 2024 Top Finishing Intercollegiate Teams



**1ST.**

**FLYING FLASHES-NAVY**

Alyssa Sheehan & Peyton Turner  
Kent State University



**3RD.**

**BOILER UP, HANGAR DOWN**

Morgan Mallow & Reyna Dodd  
Purdue University



**2ND.**

**THE SALUKI ACES**

Maya Marena & Graci McDaniel  
Indiana State University-Carbondale



**4TH.**

**BRONCO BADDIES**

Lily Hume, Emily Hartzell & Caroline Yuska  
Western Michigan University

## Intercollegiate Class

Air Race Classic makes a special effort to include collegiate women in the race. The chance to learn from the collective wisdom of other women racers is an invaluable experience.

To expand its collegiate presence, Air Race Classic established the Intercollegiate Class in 2024. Intercollegiate teams compete with each other to win the highest score in the Intercollegiate competition. Intercollegiate teams have the opportunity to win top finishing prizes such as cash, medallions, and leg prizes! In addition, ARC Collegiate Liaison works to encourage universities to grant college credit for race participation. Purdue University and Lewis University have granted college credit in the past.

To participate in the Intercollegiate Class, it's important that all team members have a close affiliation with the college or university they represent. This includes students, faculty, and flight instructors. Specifically, the team Pilot must be a registered undergraduate student at the time of team registration.

# 2025 Awards and Prizes

## Air Race Classic Winner's Trophy

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

## Air Race Classic Intercollegiate Challenge

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

## 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 2025 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.

## 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

# 2025 Awards

## The Top Finishing Competition and Intercollegiate Class Race Teams

Each member will receive an ARC Award medallion, and teams receive cash prizes based on the number of teams entered in each class and will be announced after registration close and before the start of the race. Each member of the winning team for each Class will receive an Elise watch in either silver or gold, donated by Abingdon Watches. 2nd Place team members will each receive a subscription to iFly EFB app.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1ST Place | \$3,000 |
| 2ND Place | \$2,000 |
| 3RD Place | \$1,000 |
| 4TH Place | \$800   |
| 5TH Place | \$500   |

## Leg Prizes

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

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 1ST Place | \$40 and two charms |
| 2ND Place | \$30 and two charms |
| 3RD Place | \$20 and two charms |

# Ten Years of Winners

**2024** Competition Class: Deb Dreyfuss & Joy Halcott | Raj Karwa & Sarah Krammen | Alicia Sikes & Nancy Rohr | Lin Caywood & Susan Beall | Rebecca Carroll & Gretchen Jahn | Susan Tholan, Marisa Jordan & Lenora Lewis.  
Intercollegiate Class: Alyssa Sheehan & Peyton Turner (Kent State University) | Maya Marenda & Graci McDaniel (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) | Morgan Mallow & Reyna Dodd (Purdue University) | Lily Hume, Emily Hartzell & Caroline Yuska (Western Michigan University)

**2023** Peyton Turner & Laura Wilson (Kent State University) | Graci McDaniel & Meadow Boden (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) | Lin Caywood & Mary Wunder | Cynthia Lee & Linda Evans | Bobbie Rothen, Gretchen Jahn & Kristy Pottol | Abby Hagan & Ashley Baldwin (Auburn University) | Nir Levi & Carmel Haas | Alex Small & Morgan Mallow (Purdue University) | Jeanné Willerth & Emmy Dillon | Kali Hague & Robin Laws

**2022** Laura Wilson & Alex Johnson (Kent State University) | Katie Truedson, Cassie Thompson-Pride & Connie Legee | Ashley Zook & Elisabeth Millspaugh; 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.

**2020** Canceled due to the pandemic.

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

Larson & Amy Ecclesine | Jo Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn

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

**2017** Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU-Prescott) | Minnetta Gardinier & Jeneanne Visser | Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin | Jenn Lowe & Hannah 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 & Toookie 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 Saffko | 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.

Look back on all 40+years of Air Race Classic Top Ten Winners (1977-2023)  
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## The ARC Silent Auction

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

Auction items are donated by corporations, groups and individuals. Aviation-related items are always appropriate, but not required. Past purchases have included aviation technology, training courses, aviation prints, hats, shirts, books, jewelry, collectibles, gift cards, and much more!

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



## The Air Race Classic Endowment Fund

Celebrating 48 years of continuous women's air racing, Air Race Classic is looking forward to a continued bright and successful future. To ensure this legacy, the Board of Directors has established an Endowment Fund with a goal of raising \$500,000.

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

With your help, we can continue to be a part of aviation history, helping women pilots face new challenges, accomplish goals and share the experience. If you would like to help us keep the challenge alive by supporting the Air Race Classic with your contribution, send your donations to:

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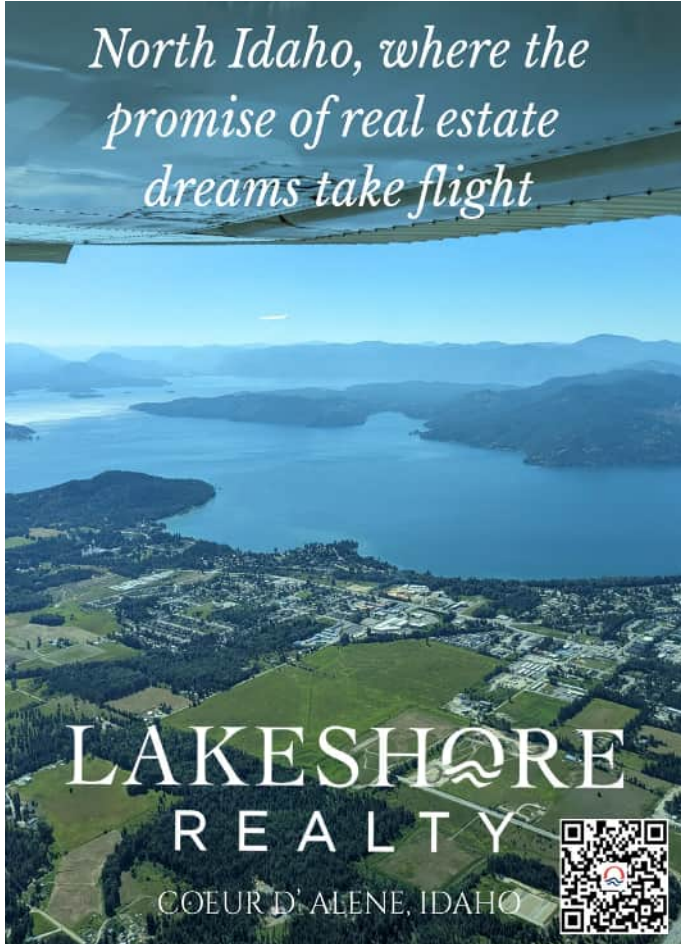
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## ALABAMA

Fairhope – 2015  
Gadsden – 2019  
Huntsville – 1991  
Mobile – 2011  
Muscle Shoals – 1993, 2022  
Pell City - 2023  
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, 2023  
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  
Loveland – 2024 Terminus

## FLORIDA

Cross City - 2023  
Daytona Beach – 1985, 1996, 2016  
Destin/Ft. Walton Beach – 1978  
Fort Myers – 2010  
Homestead - 2023  
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  
Carbondale – 2024 Start  
Champaign/Urbana – 2016  
Danville – 1995, 2014  
Decatur – 1993, 2008  
Freeport – 1999  
Galesburg – 1981  
Jacksonville – 2009  
Kankakee – 1988  
Lawrenceville – 2015  
Marion – 1980  
Mattoon – 2000  
Monee - 2024  
Mount Vernon – 1990, 2022  
Peru – 2003  
Tuscola (flyby) 2016

## INDIANA

Auburn – 2018  
Bloomington – 1992  
Columbus – 1987  
Elkhart – 19997, 2010  
Evansville – 1977, 1986  
Frankfort (flyby) – 2005  
Indianapolis – 2017  
Jeffersonville – 2015  
Lafayette – 1989, 2005  
La Porte - 2024  
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  
Ottumwa – 2023  
Spencer – 2017  
Waterloo – 1980

## KANSAS

Abilene – 2017  
Belleville – 1990  
Dodge City – 1984, 2024  
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, 2024  
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  
Owatonna - 2024  
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  
Moberly - 2024  
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  
Grand Forks – 2023  
Jamestown – 1997, 2011

## OHIO

Athens – 2005, 2014  
Batavia – 1998, 2001, 2012  
Columbus – 1994  
Coshocton – 2017  
Dayton – 2003  
Mansfield – 2000  
Newark – 2018, 2024  
Toledo – 1977, 1986  
Willoughby – 1999  
Youngstown – 1989

## OKLAHOMA

Ada – 1999, 2006, 2022  
Alva – 2018  
Ardmore – 2017  
Bartlesville – 2005, 2024  
Burns Flat – 1978, 1999  
Elk City – 1990, 1992  
Norman – 2011  
Oklahoma City – 2007  
Ponca City – 2002, 2023  
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  
Rawlings – 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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2026 Leg Lengths

|                  |      |                                                  |       |    |       |    |
|------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| 1                | KALN | ST. LOUIS REGIONAL, ALTON   ST. LOUIS, IL        | ---   | nm | ---   | sm |
| 2                | KFFT | CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT, FRANKFORT, KY              | 246   |    | 283   |    |
| 3                | KSPA | SPARTANBURG DOWNTOWN, SPARTANBURG, SC            | 242   |    | 279   |    |
| 4                | KDQH | DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL, DOUGLAS, GA                   | 211   |    | 243   |    |
| 5                | KDCU | PRYOR FIELD REGIONAL, DECATUR, AL                | 280   |    | 323   |    |
| 6                | KMCB | MCCOMB/PIKE COUNTY, MCCOMB, MS                   | 274   |    | 315   |    |
| 7                | KRUE | RUSSELLVILLE REGIONAL, RUSSELLVILLE, AR          | 278   |    | 320   |    |
| 8                | K59  | AMELIA EARHART, ATCHISON, KS                     | 277   |    | 319   |    |
| 9                | KPDC | PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MUNICIPAL, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI | 276   |    | 318   |    |
| 10               | KMVN | MOUNT VERNON AIRPORT, MOUNT VERNON, IL           | 300   |    | 345   |    |
| [Total Distance] |      |                                                  | 2,384 | nm | 2,743 | sm |

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## Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the 2025 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:

- AIRPLANE** | Airplane Entry; Inspection; New Airplane Technology
- EDUCATION** | Briefings; Educational Videos; First Timers/Refresher; Public Education/Youth; Safety
- FINANCING** | Advertising; Endowment Fund; Grants; Sales; Silent Auction; Sponsors
- GOVERNANCE** | Judging; Rules; Treasury
- HANDICAP** | Coordinate Handicap Flights; Recruit & Train Handicap Pilots; Calculate Handicap Speed
- MARKETING** | ARC Program; ARC Promotion; Awards & Prizes; Press Releases; Publications; Racer Promotion; Social Media; Trade Shows & Conferences
- RACERS** | Credentials; Entry Administration; Mother Bird Program; Scholastic Outreach
- ROUTE** | Enroute Stop Volunteer Coordination; FAA Waivers; Flyby Design
- SAFETY** | Race Central; Race Safety Oversight; Safety Officer
- SCORING** | Scoring; Timing Coordination; Timing Technologies
- START/TERMINUS** | Route Selection; Start/Terminus Liaison
- SUPPORT** | ARC History; Documents and Databases; Thank Yous; Website





# ARC AIR DERBY

**THE CO-ED CREATE-YOUR-OWN RACE CHALLENGE**

## WHY FLY THE ARC DERBY?

An exciting and fun opportunity to fly around the world, to challenge your piloting, flight planning, and navigation skills. (Teams must consist of at least 2 pilots with at least one female pilot or student pilot).

## RACE ALMOST ANY AIRPLANE!

Open to any airplane under 12,500 lbs., including light sport, experimental, powered glider and turbo charged that has the range to complete the minimum leg length.

## YOU DESIGN YOUR OWN ROUTE .

Each Team designs their own route. The Team then estimates the time it will take to fly each leg and the entire route, and then strives to fly it as close to their estimated time as possible.

## Registration Opens August 15th!

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The Air Race Classic challenges all aspects of aviation: flight planning, navigation, aeronautical knowledge and much, much more. On behalf of the entire Felts Field team, we extend our congratulations to all the 2025 racers on their successful cross-country journey, and our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the 2025 Terminus Weekend possible!