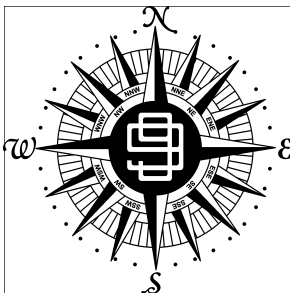


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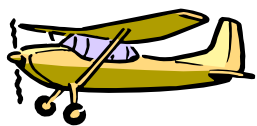
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## MID-ATLANTIC SECTION Fall Meeting October 17-19, 2008

### Mission Statement

- **PROMOTE world fellowship through flight**
- **PROVIDE networking & scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community**
- **PRESERVE the unique history of women in aviation**



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The Old Dominion Chapter will host the Fall Section meeting in Leesburg, Virginia, with activities beginning Friday, October 17, and culminating with breakfast Sunday, October 19.

In addition to the regular chapter chair and business meetings scheduled for Saturday morning, they have planned a whirlwind of events which will capture the interest of attendees.

Following the business portion of the weekend, there will be a Safety Seminar conducted by **Susan Parson**, Special Assistant to the Manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division of the FAA's Flight Standards Service. She holds an ATP certificate and has earned "Master Flight Instructor" and "Master Ground Instructor" designations.

Tours of UDVAR-HAZY Air and Space Museum, Historic Leesburg, and wineries are planned for Saturday. The Air and Space Museum is one of the largest display spaces in the world, enclosing under a single room a Concorde, an SR-71, a Boeing 707, the Enola Gay, the Space Shuttle Enterprise, and hundreds of other aircraft and space objects. Historic Leesburg is rated as one of the best preserved communities by the National Trust for Historic Preservation standards. During the War of 1812 it was briefly the temporary Capital of the US when significant documents were stored for safekeeping. In addition, tours of local wineries are an option.

The highlight of the weekend will be the banquet Saturday evening at 1830. **Brigadier General Allison A. Hickey** will be the guest presenter. A 1980 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, a member of the first class to admit women, she is the Director, Future Total Force Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air

Force in Washington D.C. She is responsible for shifting billions of dollars towards new capabilities across the Air Force portfolio and direct



*General Allison A. Hickey*

ing new organizational models for a world-wide 500,000 person organization including active duty. The general has more than 1500 hours in the KC-135A and KC-10A as an aircraft commander and pilot. General Hickey served 10 years active duty, one year with the Air Force Reserve, and 13 years with the Air National Guard.

*Note: See inserts in this newsletter for schedule of events, registration information, and greater details of the weekend activities.*



## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Alison Chalker and I met one Saturday morning in May for a "handoff" session. I am so grateful to Alison for her excellent governorship. She left our section in great shape and left me with orderly records and a great beginning. She will be a tough act to follow.

As for a bit about myself, I am currently the FAA Assistant Principle Operations Inspector to Piedmont Airlines. I started flying around 1998, obtaining most of my licenses within the first 15 months. I worked as a flight instructor to build time towards an airline job. I got hired and worked for Atlantic Coast Airlines which became Independence Air. I flew the Jetstream 32, Jetstream 41, Dornier 328 Jet and the CRJ as captain over the course of my 13 year career there until the company ceased operations in 2006 at which time I moved on to work for the FAA.

As the new governor I hope to be able to propel some new section activity. Maybe bring back some fly-in events. It is always easy to sit back and let everyone else do everything and there are always a few who prop up the group. Is there just a simple thing that you would be willing to do to participate in the chapter? We are looking for someone to be the career chairperson. If you are a professional in aviation would you be willing to hold this office? Would you be willing to coordinate a flying function or be the host? Maybe use Goodsearch to support the fund raising efforts of the

Endowment Fund? If you have an idea we would love to know about it. Please let me or someone on the board know. Member-

*"...being a Ninety-Nine is a place to find camaraderie and other ladies to fly with."*

ship retention is a concern and on the plate for discussion at the convention. I realize that it is hard to get involved because many of us work fulltime and have plenty of commitments but being a ninety-nine is a place to find camaraderie and other ladies to fly with. If you know another lady who is a pilot just ask her to join. That is how I got involved. Actually the husband of one of our deceased members told me about the ninety-nines while I was having lunch in Lancaster a long time ago. Sometimes we just have to find them and ask them to join us. For many pilots there is the lure of scholarships and networking. These are invaluable for friendships as well as an aviation career. These contacts have also provided me with emotional support when I needed it. So, if you know another lady pilot or future pilot, please ask her. If you bring in one new member then the size of the organization will double! Imagine.

The annual convention is taking place in Alaska while I am writing this article. I would be willing to bet that it will be one of the most spectacular conventions ever! Yes, that is envy showing through. I am

not attending but instead staying at home convalescing after a complex knee reconstruction. My doctor has said this is going to be a long recovery but she has assured me that I will be in shape for our upcoming section meeting in Leesburg, VA in October. The Old Dominion Chapter has done a fabulous job of planning. Having been based at Dulles for 13 or so years, I can assure you that there are lots of things to see and do. I hope you will be able to attend. I am looking forward to getting back on my feet in the coming weeks and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming section meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to call or email me. I would love to hear from you. (410) 827-6071 or sandrahawkins@earthlink.net



*Sandra Hawkins, Governor*  
Mid-Atlantic Section

## ADVENTURES IN ALASKA with Ellen Nobles-Harris

Going to Alaska became an opportunity to do some traveling. I went up to Barrow, in part to dip my fingers in the Arctic Ocean. I was not brave enough to join the Polar Bear Club as some members of the tour group did! The icebergs were floating



all through the water. While at the conference we had an opportunity to visit the UPS facilities at Anchorage International Airport. Here I am standing by the engine of one of their jets. The swirl on the engine is used to minimize bird strikes. I went to Fairbanks and took the opportunity to fly to see where the Alaska Pipeline/Dalton Highway crosses the Yukon River. It was an interesting flight and gave me the chance to see the impact of permafrost on vegetation. From there I went on to Juneau, Prince Rupert and Prince George BC, Jasper AB, and Toronto before returning home.



## 99s ANNOUNCE PROMOTIONS & AWARDS

**M**ary Allen, Hampton Roads Chapter, is now flying for US Airways out of PHL as a First Officer on the Embracer 190. She is type rated in the ERJ-190 as well. Glowing in the honor, she writes, "It's so great to finally be flying for a major airline! When I started my flight training at the age of 14 with my dad as my flight instructor, and a Ninety-Nine, Linda Mathias, as my mentor, this seemed so far off. After getting my private pilot's license at Hampton Roads Airport, I headed off to college in Ohio and got an aviation degree at Ohio State University.



*Mary Allen is all smiles as First Officer with US Airways!*

The road to the major airlines was a

diverse one that included: flight instructing, traffic watch, charter flying, simulator co-piloting, regional airlines and corporate flying. The Ninety-Nines were with me for the whole ride! I was granted an AE Scholarship for my MEI. Linda clued me into an aerobic scholarship and then even gave me prep training in her Decathlon. A Ninety-Nine is responsible for helping me get the simulator job that catapulted my career. The Ninety-Nines are great people to ask for letters of recommendation as you move through your career...trust me. I couldn't have done it without you!"

**E**llen Nobles-Harris, Delaware Chapter, was presented an FAA Regional Administrator's Award for Extraordinary Service 2007 at a ceremony on June 11, 2008, in Jamaica, NY. She was accompanied by her husband Gerald Harris.

Ellen, a FAAS Team Representative, was presented the award for her work supporting the new WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program. Ellen spent many hours writing documents showing how to use the new web based program.

These documents are located on the WINGS Help web page [https://www.faa.gov/WINGS/pub/icon\\_legend\\_help.aspx](https://www.faa.gov/WINGS/pub/icon_legend_help.aspx). Ellen also made many presentations about the new WINGS program at local safety seminars and shared her presentations with other FAAS Team Reps to use around the country.

*Pictured left to right, Gerald Harris, Ellen Nobles-Harris, and Regional Administrator of the Eastern Region FAA Manny Weiss.*



**A**ir Race Classic, the only trans-continental all women's air race in existence, captured the challenge of Mid-Atlantic aviatrixes the last two weeks of June. Two race teams from Eastern PA Chapter, consisting of members Mary Wunder and Barbara Strachan known as the "Dream Team", and Alison Chalker and Linda Evans known as "Cool Beans" raced in this 32nd annual event from Bozeman, Montana, to Mansfield, Massachusetts. Another Mid-Atlantic racer, Carolyn Van Newkirk, teamed with WASP Margaret Ringenberg for the event.

How did they do? Proudly we an-

nounce that the "Dream Team" won a leg prize and the team of Carolyn and Margaret came in third place! But of course all were winners for finishing the race.

A cheering team from Eastern PA Chapter welcomed the racers as they landed in Mansfield. Mary Ellen Morris, Carole Wyman, Kate Macario and Adele Bedrossian made the six hour ride as a way to express their admiration to the gals for accomplishing such an incredible feat!

Quotes from the racers were "The feeling of accomplishment and being part

of something so significant for women in aviation was overwhelming," stated Alison. Mary blogged, "We are better pilots for having flown it, and we recognize how it changed us forever as people by facing the challenges it presented....I would recommend it to any pilot to try."

Air Race Classic 2009 is scheduled for June 23-26, and will start in Denver, Colorado, and end in Atlantic, Iowa.

[www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org)

## CHAPTER CHATTER!

### Greater Pittsburgh

It is with great sadness that Greater Pittsburgh Chapter reports the passing of one of their founders and charter members, **Helen Davison**, 80, on August 9. Helen was a high school Home Economics and English teacher for over 20 years. She was an accomplished commercial instrument rated pilot who participated in several cross-country races (1973, 1975, and 1978), winning the 1978 Air Race Classic along with Sophia Payton. She also flew in many Powder Puff Derbies and

proficiency races. She was a past Mid-Atlantic Section Governor of the 99s and a member of AOPA. She and her husband loved to travel having flown their Piper Lance airplane to all of the 48 continental states, Alaska, the Dominican Republic, Grand Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas. In addition they travelled to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and Europe.

Helen was also active in the local theater group and the League of Women Voters.



**Helen S. Davison**  
**1928-2008**

*(Photo taken June 1978, when Helen and copilot won the Air Race Classic)*

### Maryland

Chapter members enthusiastically and successfully participated in Mount Carmel Elementary School Career Day. Donna Suwall stated, "...it was wonderful working with students at Mount Carmel School for their Career Day and introducing them to many of the choices of vocations and careers in aviation and the aerospace industry. The students received a packet filled with career and educational information which will help them prepare for work in the fields...MAA supplied Maryland charts and Airport Guides and AOPA donated their great Aviation Career brochures, Flight Training magazines and a pair of gold Future

Pilot Wings for each student. Ginny Carlin did a great job of working with many students on the simulator."

### Keystone

Sally Moritz recently graduated from Lehigh University with a Ph.D. in Computer Science and celebrated with fellow chapter members. Regarding her aviation experiences, she stated, "I've completed the first goal I set for myself after graduation: getting back in the left seat. I completed my BFR at Bradens a few weeks ago and had the pleasure of flying one of their new Cessna 172SPs. It was like I never stopped flying. In fact, the 172SP handled much better than my 150 did.

Landing at Bradens' short runway gave me the confidence to land almost anywhere. I'll be flying as much as I can this summer and hope to fly with everyone soon."

This chapter sponsored a Girl Scout day, Aviation Badge Day, in the late spring which featured four PCs running Flight Simulator. The girls had lots of hands-on time flying and some were proficient even with landing! They had so much fun that their hands had to be pried from the controls. Other activities included a model of the six primary flight instruments and the paper rotor and airplane for the principles of flight unit.

### Sugarloaf

Sugarloaf had three members fly their planes to Oshkosh for the EAA aviation event this summer. Seth Van Lehn took her Cessna 182RG, Lin Caywood flew her Cessna 182, and Susan Bealle flew her Cessna 172. Susan and Lin camped all week and Seth stayed up in Green Bay.

Sugarloaf has been contacted to be the Terminus for the 2010 Air Race Classic. They are looking for folks to step up to volunteer and help raise the necessary funds.

*The photo is of Seth and Lin taken at Oshkosh.*

Sandra Fox and Susan Bealle both earned their instrument ratings this summer. Sugarloaf also hosted the 99s booth at AOPA in June with help from several other Mid-Atlantic chapters.



## CHAPTER CHATTER! *(cont'd)*

### Central Pennsylvania

Chapter members traveled to the AOPA Open House in June and enjoyed a picnic at Pinchot State Park in July. Member Brenda Milovich and her husband, Ed, visited the World War II Air Show at the Reading Airport in June.

Carolyn Van Newkirk flew in the Air Race Classic and captured Third Place! While in Montana, Carolyn flew on to the state of Washington to now claim that she has landed in the 48 continental states. Flying with Carolyn

was Margaret Ringenberg, an 87 year "young" WASP with 40,000 flight hours. Sadly just four short weeks after the race, Margaret died in her sleep. She had just driven 9 hours to attend and be featured at the WASP booth in Oshkosh. A remarkable lady, she flew in many Powder Puff Derbies, 31 of the Air Race Classics, and races around the world. She is featured in Tom Brokaw's book, The Greatest Generation. Two other books about her life are Girls Can't Be Pilots and Maggie Ray.



*L to R Margaret Ringenberg and Carolyn Van Newkirk, ARC 2008 Winners*

### Eastern Pennsylvania

Susan Harbowy proudly announces she is now officially a Canadair Regional Jet 200 Captain! She endured a rigorous training program which consisted of intensive ground school, GFS (graphic flight simulator) sessions, full motion simulator sessions, 25 hours of OE (operating experience) and finally a "fed ride". Completing stalls required physical arm strength so part of her training was mastering pushups! She encourages all to stay focused and to persevere in whatever endeavor currently undertaking.

This chapter recently airmarked MQS (Chester County) with taxiway identifier and a compass rose. Like a well-oiled machine, assignments had been handed out ahead of time and workers arrived at their appointed times and finished the entire project in the early evening. The compass rose is particularly impressive, done in a very vivid blue and white. The airport manager provided the workers with hoagies, drinks and chips.

Two of the chapter teams competed in and finished the Air Race Classic. Allison Chalker wrote in the newsletter that, "It was such a rush...not...because

of the difficult conditions...but because we had completed this incredible race and achieved our dream!" After we signed off on our score, we headed back to the airport for Mansfield's Air Race Classic Festival which featured antique cars and planes, stalls of food, jewelry and crafts, and a swing band playing lively music. We wore our shiny new race medallions and signed our autographs for interested townfolk. Mary Wunder wrote that the town made them feel like celebrities! Both racing teams were invited to give a presentation on their racing experiences to the Aero Club of PA. In addition to their enthusiastic talk, the girls had prepared a Powerpoint presentation to go along with their commentary.

The chapter awarded four \$1000 scholarships to deserving ladies. Winners are Michele Hight, Amy Sipala, Joni Rosson, and Lola Tomlinson. Michele, Joni, and Christine are also new members of the chapter.

Sandy Hawkins reports that Astronaut Akihiko Hoshide who recently helped install the Kibo research module into the space station, is an acquaintance from many years ago. Because of this

friendship she had VIP seats at the launch and landing. Sandy states that she found the landing more inspiring than the launch, probably because someone she knew was returning safely to earth. "When you hear about the glide angle, they aren't kidding. It is more like the fall of a rock to a dead stick landing. What an amazing experience!" she said. If interested go to [www.NASA.TV](http://www.NASA.TV) for a summary.

Elaine Huf had an opportunity to fly to the Aeronca convention in Ohio, and then on to Lock Haven, PA, for Sentimental Journey. Her husband flew her Baby Stinson and she flew the L-16A. Two cute newspaper interns cornered her for a story on "why the airplane was pink," which after print attracted numerous curiosity seekers. But the best part was that an Aeronca made the front page at a Piper FlyIn!

Carole Wyman took a balloon ride over the Brandywine with Tammy Hand as pilot. For her it was a pleasurable experience and something that everyone should try at least once.

*Lunch With the Bunch* found this group at LNS, N57, PTW, and 58M. They do get around!

## CHAPTER CHATTER *(cont'd)*

### Old Dominion

Twelve fun seeking members flew to Ocracoke, NC, in the spring. Weather was picture perfect, so they reported. Be a Pilot Day at Udvar Hazy Museum attracted 3125 Girl Scouts, chaperones and leaders. Proudly this chapter announces that their website was launched May 5, 2008, at 8:10 P.M. thanks to webmaster Rose Brown. Check the chapter website [www.olddominion99s.com](http://www.olddominion99s.com) since registration forms for the Fall Section meeting are available with links.

Member Morgen Reeb, has been promoted to Captain for American Airlines. She currently flies a Boeing 737 on international flights to Belize, Latin America and the Caribbean. For Aviation Week at the Governor's School in Fredericksburg, Morgen spoke about the joy of flying to eighth graders. She took with her charts, computer and plotter, poster of instrument panel and a slide presentation much to the delight

of her attentive audience.

### Hampton Roads

The Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day was a tremendous success due to the hard work of chapter members and volunteers. But the true measures of success were the smiles, hugs and thanks from the girls for having given them an opportunity to experience the world of aviation. Edith Fisher and Linda Mathias served as judges for the NIFA SAFECON in Smyrna, TN, in the spring. In addition Linda Mathias and Connie Jones helped with Young Eagles Day at FKN where about 35 Young Eagles took flight. Mary Allen writes an article for each newsletter on a subject of vital interest to pilots. Recent topics have been Non-Towered Operations, Temperature Inversion, and Hypoxia.

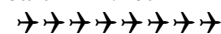
### Washington DC

Five members made the pilgrimage to Oshkosh this year: Felice Brunner,

Linda Litwin, Pat Manos, Meredith Saini & Christine Sleeper. Pictured is Chair Emerita, Christine. All 99s are invited to attend an evening



at the Lockheed Martin Flight Demonstration Center in Arlington, VA, November 14, 2008, to celebrate the chapter's history and enjoy the F-22 Raptor & Strike Fighter F-35-JSF cockpit demonstrators. For information contact Pat Manos [pmanos@earthlink.net](mailto:pmanos@earthlink.net)



## SECTION MEETINGS SCHEDULE *(Revised as of 9/1/08)*

Please note that future Section meetings will be held in the Fall of each year. Chapters will pair with another and serve as hostesses.

2009.....Shenandoah Valley & Virginia	2015.....Virginia & Washington DC
2010.....Washington DC & Maryland	2016.....Maryland & Delaware
2011.....Delaware & Eastern PA	2017.....Eastern PA & Sugarloaf
2012.....Sugarloaf & Hampton Roads	2018.....Hampton Roads & Old Dominion
2013.....Keystone & Central PA	2019.....Keystone & Central PA
2014.....Old Dominion & Shenandoah Valley	

### **FLASH! [www.mid-atlantic99s.org](http://www.mid-atlantic99s.org) is coming soon to a computer near you!**

Work on the website is progressing. Our templates are in place. The committee has reviewed and voted on the look of the website. We are now working on content and need your help.

Webmistress Ellen Nobles-Harris is looking for section members to profile. One of our professional pilots, Mary Allen, has given Ellen a short bio and now she is looking for members of all different aviation backgrounds to pro-

file over time. She wants to be able to show that we have women who fly for fun, for charitable works, professionally (charter, freight, pull banners, military, regional and major airlines, etc.) or work in aviation industries such as instructors, mechanics, air traffic controllers and FAA folks. She also wants to show that we have glider pilots, balloon pilots, helicopter pilots, etc. , not just ASEL folks. Please help by sending Ellen a profile, with photo if possible or suggesting a member that she should contact. The goal is to have the website up with basic content by Fall 2008 Section Meeting.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### 2008

<b>October 3-12</b>	International Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM
<b>October 15</b>	Deadline for filing IRS Form 990/990EZ for Chapters & Sections
<b>October 17-19</b>	Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting, Leesburg, VA
<b>October 22-24</b>	28th Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference, Gettysburg, PA
<b>October 24-25</b>	International Board of Directors, Oklahoma City, OK
<b>November 6-8</b>	AOPA EXPO 2008, San Jose, CA

### 2009

<b>July 22-26</b>	International Conference, Chicago, IL
<b>July 27—August 2</b>	Oshkosh, WI

### 2010

<b>July 5-9</b>	International Conference, Kona, Hawaii
<b>July 26—August 1</b>	Oshkosh, WI

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Pictured on the mailing cover sheet is the view upon entrance to the James S. McDonnell Douglas Space Hangar at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles Airport, Virginia. Visible objects include the Space Shuttle "Enterprise" (center), Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (directly above), and Manned Maneuvering Unit or "MMU" (above left). Image Number 2005-3754. CREDIT: Photo by Dane Penland, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

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