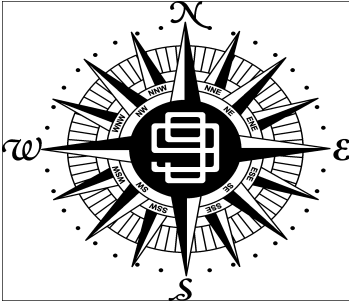


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FALL SECTION MEETING September 24 -25 at FDK

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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Remember the Magic is the theme chosen for the Fall Mid-Atlantic section meeting to be held Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, at the Frederick Airport (FDK), MD and hosted by the Maryland and Washington DC Chapters.

The goal of the meeting is a fun-flyin for all to get together and encourage each other with flying stories, and of course, address some business of the organization. The meeting has been planned to keep flying affordable which has been the main topic of recent aviation forums. For those who fly in Friday, there will be a "Happy Hour" at 5:00 PM at Frederick Flight Center in order to socialize and hangar talk. Even if you cannot fly in on Friday evening, the format for Saturday will accommodate an early morning flight.

Saturday's business meeting and presentations will be at AOPA International Headquarters. Highlight of the weekend will be a "Rosie the Riveters" panel from the Baltimore area as they speak about their work at the Glenn L. Martin factory and other facilities during WWII. Donna Suwall, Section Meeting Chair, writes "...the Rosies I have heard speak have great stories about why they loved their jobs and some funny stories about 'life in their workplace'. Each takes great pride in her accomplishments and in demonstrating that women had

many more talents to offer the workplace than as teachers, secretaries, nurses, housewives and mothers—women's work—as believed in those days. Inviting the ROSIES to speak is a golden opportunity to learn more about



our aviation history from those who created it and also an opportunity to say THANK YOU to them for their part in giving women a much larger role in aviation today."

Other presentations will feature Becky Roman-Amador, Scholarships for Women Pilots and Erin Gormley, NTSB Investigations. Special guests will be Film Producer Heather Taylor, 2010 Air Race Classic First Place Winner Terry Carbonell, and International 99s President Susan Larsen.

A detailed schedule for the weekend and information about registration is enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn with a deadline of Sept 3. In addition the chapters will be holding a raffle for a wine tasting party for 10 wine connoisseurs at a MD Vineyard. Click on www.dc99s.org for updates and information.

GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Linda Mathias
Governor

I am looking forward to the upcoming Section meeting for an opportunity to meet many of our new members and to see old friends again; I hope you will make an effort to attend. Your new officers are hard at work on your behalf to improve our organization and to spread the word about our unique group. During the Section meeting we will celebrate the formation of the new West Virginia Chapter; this group jumped in feet first by handling the Parkersburg, WV stop during the recent Air Race Classic. I am delighted to welcome the West Virginia Chapter back to the Mid-Atlantic Section; hopefully, there will be a large contingent of West Virginia 99s at the Section meeting.

At the recent meeting of the Section board of directors, we voted to

change the method of distributing the *Section Connection*; the fall issue will be the last one printed and mailed to all members. Instead of mailing it, we will post it on the Section website and then send an email to notify members when it is available; however, realizing that not everyone has email, I am asking chapter chairmen to provide the names of members who need a mailed copy. We will begin collecting that information at our Chapter Chairman's meeting during the upcoming Section meeting. If you do not belong to a chapter and have email which is not listed in the directory, please let me know so that we can add you to our email list.

Our bylaws/standing rules committee is working on revisions to our organization's governing documents; our goal is to clarify and simplify the bylaws and standing rules. A few proposed changes to the standing rules will come up for vote in Frederick, MD; most of these are simple housekeeping changes and should not require much discussion to finalize. Other changes will take more time at a later date but it is very important that we get these documents into the proper shape. Please review the proposed changes to our Standing Rules printed in this newsletter so that we may expeditiously handle them during the business meeting.

Megan Maurer of the Washington DC Chapter is the recipient of our 2010 Mid-Atlantic Aviation Award;

Megan's ultimate goal is to become a flight instructor but she will use this award towards earning a tail wheel endorsement. Congratulations, Megan!

It is a joy to see the names of Mid-Atlantic Section members in *The 99 News* as they earn new ratings; those members who are working on advanced ratings and improving their qualifications for careers in aviation make us all proud. We have an excellent track record for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships during the past two years with five winners in 2009 and two more in 2010. Let's keep the momentum going and encourage our members to apply for the 2011 awards. Also, keep in mind that several chapters award their own scholarships and the Section awards the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Award. Money is scarce in these tough economic times so jump at every chance to advance toward your dreams.

We have been unable to locate the Section secretary's records and can find no one who has seen them for several years; if you know of their whereabouts or someone who might have them, please notify me or our current secretary, Marti Tidmore. I am honored to serve as your governor and look forward to a productive two years with your help; please feel free to contact me with ideas or concerns you have for our organization.

Welcome WEST VIRGINIA, a brand new chapter!

It is with great pride that we announce that a new chapter has been formed known as the West Virginia Chapter, which meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at Mary's Plane View Restaurant at the Wood County Regional Airport PKB. This chapter already 'celebrated' their first activity as they hosted the PKB stop for the 2010 Air Race Classic.

Officer and members are as follows:

President	Evy Bryant
Vice President	Donna Rusche
Secretary	Leigh Anna Rice
Treasurer	Donna Born

Members are Jean Pickering, Caroline Putnam, Marie Caltrider and Tammy Morton.

Pictured is the 2010 Air Race Classic PKB Stop Committee. L to R are Evy Bryant, Stop Chair, Terry Moore Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Manager, and Jean Pickering, Staff.



CHAPTER CHATTER!

SUGARLOAF

Successfully hosting the Terminus for the 2010 Air Race Classic, the Sugarloaf Chapter jumped right in and is on the scene with the Fall Section meeting. ARC Terminus Chairman **Lin Caywood**, assisted by **Seth Van Lehn**, **Susan Beall**, **Sandra Fox**, **Jenny McElroy**, **Kate Henley** and **Amanda Kolbe** are to be congratulated for an incredible ending to the popular air race. The welcoming activities during the ARC weekend were well attended and the event culminated with a 300+ vibrant Awards banquet at the Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. Hosting 115+ racers and their airplanes plus the officials, ground crew and guests was a task not for the faint of heart. Well done ladies! Although she is not a member of the chapter, a special thank you goes to **Gail Norman**, event planner and friend of Lin's, who coordinated the publicity and enormously popular special events.

As a side note, **Lin Caywood** and **Carolyn Van Newkirk** (Central PA) joined together as a race team known as *Freakin' Awesome* and finished 13th out of 55 entries in the 2010 Air Race Classic. They collected lots of medals and money for leg prizes.

WASHINGTON DC

The Washington DC Chapter is thrilled to announce the accomplishments of their members. **Becky Roman-Amador** completed her 757 type rating as a recipient of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Becky has also completed her B-777 type rating through FedEx as a recipient of a WAI award. **Julia Reiners** (of GAI airmarking fame) completed her Boeing 737-800 type rating through a Delta Airlines scholarship. She has relocated to North Carolina but will always retain her membership in the DC 99s. **Meredith Tcherniavsky** received her multi-engine rating. **Megan Maurer** completed her private certificate and received a Wings 'n Things scholarship for spin training and also the Mid-Atlantic Section Award for a tail wheel endorsement. **Team DC3 Racers**, **Debi Katzen Dreyfuss**, **Linda Litwin** and **Pat Manos Kraemer**, competed in the



Tangier Island welcomed DC Chapter members and spouses: LtoR Erin Gormley, Debi Dreyfuss, Kathleen O'Neill, Lakshmi Vempati, and Pavani Smith. Back row are David O'Neill and Donn Smith.

2010 Air Race Classic, a 2158 nm race course in three days and placed 24th out of 55 entries, and won first place for Leg 8 from PKB to FDK. They are quoted as saying, "We all had a fabulous time and are hooked!"

Erin Gormley hosted a fascinating and educational tour of the National Transportation Safety Board headquarters and some of the laboratory work areas in DC. Members of both the Capital Area Chapter of WAI and area 99s attended. The chapter had a flyout to Tangier Island. **Lakshmi Vempati** writes, "Was a fun flyout to TGI! Seven of us ended up there...in two aircraft. Lunch at Lorraine's followed by a golf cart tour of the island. I had the fun adventure of circumnavigating the DC ADIZ! JYO to TGI following a southerly route and then east. Return trip TGI to JYO following a northerly route skirting past the BWI Class Bravo airspace and then west back to JYO. Definitely worth the experience!" **Megan Maurer** kindly agreed to chair the organizing committee for the Section meeting and has done a superb job coordinating with the co-host Mary-

land Chapter. Megan has a Master's degree in accounting, is a CPA in DC, and will take over as Chapter Treasurer from **Linda Litwin** who has provided exemplary service to the Chapter for five years. **Debi Katzen-Dreyfuss** attended the 99s International Conference in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and will CoChair the Chapter as **Pat Manos Kraemer**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Air Race Classic

Thank you!

to the many members of the Mid-Atlantic Section and their spouses and friends who volunteered to make this event the most successful in its history.



CHAPTER CHATTER! (cont'd)

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

99s Convention in Hawaii beckoned five members of this chapter: Gayl Henze, Mary Wunder, Linda Evans, Cheryl Benish, and Judy Cadmus had a full and rewarding week featuring a traditional Hawaiian luau, Caravan flight tour with Mary in the copilot's seat, snorkeling, and important business meetings.

Congratulations to Cheryl Benish who passed her CFI checkride and also received a 99s Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship!

Elaine Huf flew her Baby Stinson in formation with a Stearman for an air-to-air photo shoot. She reports that it was intense, but fun—and luckily their speeds were almost matched perfectly. The photographer, Gilles Auliard, writes for *Atlantic Flyer* and is working on a feature story on Stinsons and the role they played in defending our shores during WWII. At Sentimental Journey in Lock Haven PA, her Baby Stinson won “Best Stinson” sponsored by the Intl Stinson Club!

Laura Fonseca and Sandy Belinski attended the POAP fly-out to Lancaster.

Nancy Jane Godfrey and her husband flew to Portland, Oregon, where they visited the Air & Space Museum in nearby McMinnville wherein is housed Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose, an eight engine seaplane. Other vintage airplanes, assorted space rockets and capsules, and an IMAX theatre make this museum well worth the visit.

Ethel Bailey and Barbara Zeigler flew in the 2010 Air Race Classic and reported on the best food (BBQ in Waycross GA, airplane cookies at Cameron MO and Parkersburg WV), fabulous staffs at the stops which included a professor who gave them a

tour of Southern Illinois College, and a great welcome in FDK by the home crowd. They discovered that gum will melt (yes melt) in an airplane with a heat index of 105 on the ground AND while visiting Hot Springs AR in the summer, no one goes in the hot springs! For those who ask...YES, they would do it again in a heartbeat!

Priti Bhatnagar is excited to announce that she has been selected as a pilot for the Navy. Heather Hill took her first helicopter lesson and it is now on her list of aviation ratings to be had!

Gayl Henze, Linda Evans, Barbara Strachan, Kate Macario, Silver Knepshield, Laura Fonseca, Heather Hill welcomed the ARC racers in FDK and Adelle Bedrossian volunteered to be a head timer for the race and was featured in a Frederick newspaper.

Several members visited with Anne Shields in an assisted living facility and reported that she looked great and was on her way to a Girl Scout reunion in NC!

Eastern PA had a successful Pennies-a-Pound event. There were 12 planes flying 81 flights and 236 passengers! Colleen Cox, as associate member, stated that it was a pleasure to witness the first flight of so many young children. A six year old exclaimed, “This was the best thing that ever happened to me in my whole life!”

Susan Harbowy, now on leave from Pinnacle Airlines, gave birth to a baby girl, Julia Evelyn, on May 27. Just before her maternity leave, she had the honor of helping transport the WASP from the airport to the hotel where they were in DC to receive their Congressional Medal of Honor.

Evelyne Tinkl flies for United Air

Lines and recently carried a very special passenger—a service dog, named Meina, who had been specially trained to assist disabled veterans and was being transported to her ‘duty post’. The flight had been arranged through Pilots 'N Paws and Evelyne was privileged to get a doggy hug first thing in the morning!

Courtney Bamford received her instrument rating. She hopes to finish her commercial and multi-engine ratings by the end of the summer.

Zoe Cunningham acquired her private certificate and will begin working on her instrument rating in the fall.

Susan Maule has been working on an Airbus 330 type rating. She had already had her oral and maneuvers validation ride in the sim, then two days of oceanic class, more sim time, then the checkride. Her first flights were to be to Manchester, England, and Rome, Italy.

The chapter is planning a poker run in October 9 (raindate October 10) as a fund raiser for the Endowment Fund. Pilots pick up a playing card at each of the five airports over a course of about 200 miles. At the terminus the cards are shown and winners decided. Airports being considered are Chester County, Millville, Doylestown, Sky Manor and Smoketown. Contact Mary Wunder for information.

A chapter member, Marjorie Bryant Mason, died recently. She was an accomplished aviator, twice receiving the Governor's Trophy for Aviation, the 1973 PA Flight Instructor of the Year Award, and had been inducted into the Forest of Friendship in Kansas. She and her husband owned and operated Bryant Aviation and the Pennridge Airport in Perkasio.

CHAPTER CHATTER! *(cont'd)*

KEYSTONE

This chapter has held several successful and popular Flying Companion socials where they talk about the rewards of flying for women and also share their enthusiasm for aviation. "These Women Have Wings" was the title of a feature article in the Lehigh-Ton Times News about their flying social at Arner. Member Jen Miska turned this idea into a reality and LuAnn Noll covered the publicity. To honor these two ladies, the chapter

awarded them 'The Right Stuff Award' to recognize a significant contribution to the chapter. Susannah Cook reports that she logged her first hour is a seaplane, flying off of Lake Champlain.

Plans are being made to paint a compass rose at Queen City. October is their target month to complete the project.

Thirty Boy Scouts were treated to an

aviation workshop hosted by Jen Miska and assisted by Susannah Cook and Sally Moritz. Through a preflight of a C182 and a close look at a twin engine Piper Seminole, the scouts were taught the principles of flight and related information.

Helen McKeever was awarded "The Right Stuff Award" for always supporting the chapter and especially for her delicious contributions to their bake sales and parties.

OLD DOMINION

Peggy Doyle, Marilynn Schuyler, and Marti Tidmore attended the 99s International conference in Hawaii. Beautiful photos of this experience are posted on their website www.OldDominion99s.com Christa Houser and husband Nathan officially completed the VA Aviation Ambassador Program which means they landed in all the airports in the state and will now receive their leather flight jackets! Congratula-

tions! Mother to newborn twins, Christa is requesting information on flying with babies. Email her if you have suggestions on what works . cjshouser@yahoo.com

This chapter plans to paint a compass rose at KHGR in September. Contact heartnurse1@gmail.com (Sandra Passmore) if you can help. Congratulations to Marilynn Schuyler who recently opened her own law firm *Schuyler Affirmative*

Action Practice. SchuylerAAP.com Susan Passmore and husband Dave flew in a 'loose formation with five other Diamonds to the Jekyll Island Resort. Melissa Plumer and husband Eric displayed their new Cessna Cardinal at Udvar-Hazy 'Be a Pilot Day'. They stated that it was tricky getting everyone out with their clearances but managed to take off just before Luthansa! Approximately 11,000 people attended this popular event.

The Mid-Atlantic Section was well represented in the 2010 Air Race Classic. Pictured at the Start banquet in Ft. Myers are l to r front row, Linda Litwin, Debi Katzen Dreyfuss, Pat Manos Kraener, Lin Caywood, and Sandra Terkelsen. Back row l to r Susan Beall, Alison Chalker, Mary Wunder and Carolyn Van Newkirk. Not pictured are Nicole Novack, Ethel Bailey, Barbara Zeigler, Donna Wilt, and Catherine Adams. Congratulations to these lady fliers who celebrated the 100th year of certificated women pilots in a grand style!



CHAPTER CHATTER ! (cont'd)

CENTRAL PA

Coleen Campbell and husband Dave are the proud owners of a brand new RED and GOLD engine that was installed in their arrow N32169. This engine was even autographed by its creator!

Members Carol Church, Coleen Campbell, Margaret Duncan and Marcia Johnson hosted the Hospitality Room in Frederick for the Air Race Classic. Marcia's husband, Ken, volunteered as the chief timer for the race.

Carol Church, Brenda Milovich with husband Ed, and Coleen Campbell flew to Cape May NJ for a dip in the ocean. Carol reports of a flight she took down the Atlantic coast to Manteo NC, with a fuel stop in Salisbury MD. After a visit with family she flew on to Charlotte NC to visit friends and back to CXY via Charlottesville VA. Marcia Johnson and

husband Ken, took rides in a glider piloted by 99 member Doris Grove at her Ridge Soaring Gliderport 79N in north central PA. The photo was taken after they landed. Marcia states that Doris, who holds several aviation re-



records, is a fantastic pilot. "Flying with her was a wonderful experience, so quiet and very relaxing. The views were amazing and the degrees of visibility were limited only by how far my neck could turn. Once I released the tow rope we would climb, climb, and climb! And when descending I got to engage the spoilers. It was a dreamy and very unique flying adven-

ture." The chapter awarded two \$500 scholarships to certificated pilots who wished monies to increase aviation skills. In addition, Margaret's husband., Dick, awarded a \$500 "Wings 'N Things" scholarship to a pilot who wanted to experience spin training. These scholarships will be awarded annually to deserving applicants in the US.

HAMPTON ROADS

Mary Allen is flying for Air Wisconsin and will be based at ORF.

Linda Mathias reported on the 99s International Conference in Hawaii. One of the highlights was a presentation by Captain Mimi Tompkins who was piloting Aloha Airlines flight 243 in 1988 when the top of the Boeing 737 blew off in flight and the airplane suffered catastrophic decompression. She has since become an advocate for critical incident response counseling for pilots and their families. Google Aloha Airlines 243 if you would like to see some exciting footage and excerpts from a television movie about the flight.

Jessica Kotula moved to Atlanta for training as a flight attendant for Air Tran.

The chapter has two airmarking activities planned. FKN airport manager is looking for a new location for the compass rose which will be completed in the fall. Lunenburg Co airport manager is requesting the airport ID and frequency ;painted on their ramp.

Chairman Suzanne Collins reports that an amendment which involved the deletion of the Academic Membership was passed at the Intl conference. This means that there are now two classes of membership in the 99s, 'Ninety-Nine' and 'Associate Member'. Academic members will now have to pay the standard charge for membership which has been increased to \$75. She encourages members to use every opportunity to promote the core missions of the 99s, 'to promote, provide, and preserve'.

ATTENTION

You will find an insert in this Section Connection which enumerates the proposed changes to the Standing Rules for the Mid-Atlantic Section. If anyone would like a copy of the entire document, contact RJ Mcglasson rmcglason@dcscorp.com

In addition, we are trying to locate the secretary's minutes, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws. Contact Governor Linda Mathias if you have any copies.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

2010	September 24-25 October 9 October 27-30 November 11-13	Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting, <i>Remember the Magic</i> , Frederick, MD Poker Run sponsored by Eastern PA Chapter to benefit 99s Endowment Fund Safecon NIFA competition, Hickory Regional Airport HKY AOPA Aviation Summit Long Beach, CA
2011	June 21-24	AIR RACE CLASSIC 35th Anniversary— <i>Celebrating ARC Heroes & History</i> Iowa City IA to Mobile AL
	July 13-17	Ninety-Nines International Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma USA
2012	July 11-14	Ninety-Nines International Conference, Providence, Rhode Island

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Cover photo is the Shuttle Discovery returning home. Wonder if when the pilots call ATC they say something like, "Houston, this is Space Wagon Heavy, Heavy, Heavy, inbound for landing. Request the longest runway you have..." If you would like a series of incredible photos of this landing, contact cvannewkirk@comcast.net and they will be emailed to you.

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