



## The Section Connection

### The Governor's Corner



Linda Mathias, Governor

In spite of several problems traveling to Oklahoma City, I thoroughly enjoyed the International Conference, especially making new friends and greeting long-time friends again. I arrived to learn of the microburst that hit the OKC airport on Tuesday damaging the HQ building (this may have been the same storm that hit the Baltimore area on Wednesday delaying my flight out of Norfolk). The contractors quickly put things back in order and cleaned the beautiful compass rose in time for the open house on Thursday. The Mid-Atlantic Section and several chapters and individuals purchased tiles in the compass rose; we can be proud of our involvement in this beautiful project. Only 13 members of the Section attended the conference but our presence was hard to miss during the business meeting and the awards banquet. Peggy Doyle, Linda Cain, Mary Wunder, and Ellen Nobles-Harris were in leadership positions serving the members in several capacities. Also, during the awards banquet Mary Wunder received the Award of Achievement for Contributions to the Ninety-Nines; Mary has done many things for our organization, but we all know that her work for the Endowment Fund is the star in her crown. If you haven't seen her in her role (and costume) as "Wunder Woman", you have missed a treat! Gail Mesa Norman, nominated by the Sugarloaf Chapter,

received the George Palmer Putnam Award for support of the 99s by a non-member. The Sugarloaf Chapter and the Air Race Classic have benefitted greatly from Gail's efforts.

One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote address by astronaut and 99 Shannon Walker; she captivated the audience with her talk and pictures about training in Russia and then co-piloting the Soyuz spacecraft to the International Space Station where she spent 161 days. Shannon was responsible for Amelia Earhart's watch being carried into space; prior to her talk, Shannon returned the watch to Joan Kerwin, 99s Director and owner of the watch. Talking with Joan after Shannon's presentation, it was interesting to learn of the watch's connection to our beloved charter member, Fay Gillis Wells.

The iPad2 raffle for the Endowment Fund netted about \$11,000 but, unfortunately, the winner was from Washington state rather than the Mid-Atlantic area. Our Endowment Fund has now topped \$600,000!

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship luncheon was another highlight of the conference; twenty-four awards were presented totaling over \$180,000. Several academic scholarships were given and also several international members won scholarships. The trustees were very disappointed that they received no applications for the New Pilot Award. Our Section had no winners for 2011 and didn't even have enough applicants to fill our quota. However, it's time to start thinking about the 2012 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships. Chapter AE chair-

men, please encourage your members to apply, especially Associate members who qualify for the New Pilot Award. Mary Allen, Delaware Chapter, is the Section AE chairman and is available to answer any questions; her email address is [n9112w@juno.com](mailto:n9112w@juno.com). Check the 99s website for the application rules and forms which will be available soon. We want our members to be standing on the platform at Providence, RI next year!

The Mid-Atlantic Section had several teams competing in the 2011 Air Race Classic; three of them finished in the top ten. Congratulations to Debi Dreyfuss, Linda Evans, Lin Caywood and their teammates; well done, ladies!

Congratulations are also in order to Sethany Van Lehn, chairman of the Sugarloaf Chapter; she is the recipient of the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Aviation Award and will use the money to obtain an instrument proficiency check.

Our annual Section meeting will be held in Wilmington, Delaware on September 16-17 co-hosted by the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware chapters. You will find more information elsewhere in this newsletter. Registration information is also posted on the Section website; you can find it at [www.mid-atlantic99s.org](http://www.mid-atlantic99s.org). It promises to be a good time; I hope to see you there.

Wishing you blue skies  
and tailwinds,  
Linda



## Please Join the Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapters At the Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting , September 16 – 17, 2011

### LOCATION:

Meeting: Bella Vita at Cavaliers Country Club, 100 Addison Drive, Newark DE, 19702

Hotel: Fairfield Inn, 65 Geoffrey Dr., Newark, DE 19713

**FLYING IN: ILG – No Landing Fee! Park at Aeroways. Chuck Belmont is offering our members \$.25 off each gallon of fuel purchased there. Identify yourself as a 99.**

**Car rental is available, or the hosts are supplying complimentary transportation to/from the airport, meeting sites and the hotel. Extra activities are your own to arrange.**

### AGENDA and SCHEDULE

#### Friday, September 16

Registration at Fairfield Inn 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Meet and Greet Complimentary Hangar Party and Silent Auction 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Bellanca Airfield and Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Museum: Co-hosted by Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapters. Food and beverages provided. Includes short tour and talk by Major General Frank Ianni, (Retired from Army National Guard of the United States).

#### Saturday, September 17

Registration at Bella Vita 8:00 - 9:45 AM

Continental Breakfast and Silent Auction at Bella Vita 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Chapter Chairmen's Meeting 9:00 - 9:45 AM

----- Break ----- 9:45 - 10:00 AM

Business Meeting 10:00 - 1:00 PM

Luncheon Buffet 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Speaker Panel facilitated by Alison Chalker 2:00 - 3:00 PM

*Stacy Sheard: Stacy is a Whirly Girl and new 99s member with a career that has encompassed military duty, National Park Service, employment as a test pilot for Sikorski Helicopters, and currently trainer for the Royal Thai Air Force.*

*Carol Timmons: Carol is a First Officer with United Airlines, a veteran of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Bosnia/Kosovo operations, and is active in the Delaware National Guard. She is a member of several organizations, including The 99s, The Whirly Girls and Women in Aviation.*

Silent Auction Pick Up 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tower or Flight Safety Tours 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Optional group dinner at Casablanca Moroccan Restaurant 6:00 - ?? PM  
(Expense is your own)

Other activities available nearby:\*

Delaware Park Casino and Races Horse Racing and Table Games, Slots within within 1 mile of hotel.

([www.delawarepark.com/](http://www.delawarepark.com/))

Old New Castle

Christiana Mall

\*Please note: A list of other activities in the area is available upon request.

## Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting Registration Information

Included in the registration fee: Morning beverages, continental breakfast, luncheon and all activities except the Saturday evening dinner at Casablanca Moroccan Restaurant.

<b>Registration fees:</b>	Postmarked prior to August 31, 2011:	\$55.00
<b>Late registration fee:</b>	Postmarked between September 1 and September 8, 2011:	\$65.00
<b>Registration at the door:</b>		\$75.00

In the event that you register and are unable to attend, refunds are available for cancellations postmarked on or before September 8, 2011 (less a handling fee of \$10.00)

**Luncheon for guests: \$30.00**

Luncheon reservation for guests must be postmarked no later than Thursday, September 8, 2011.

**Mail registration form with check made payable to Delaware Chapter 99s to:**

Ellen Nobles-Harris, 2424 Dorval Road, Wilmington, DE 19810-3529

**Hotel Information: Make your own room reservations:**

Fairfield Inn, 65 Geoffrey Drive, Newark, DE 19713, (302) 292-1500 or (888) 236-2427

**Special room rates (\$109 + 8% tax) are limited. To get the special rate mention you are with The 99s. The special rate expires on September 2, 2011.**

**For More Information call or e-mail:** Mary Heinsohn: (410)398-0423 [heinsohnm@comcast.net](mailto:heinsohnm@comcast.net)  
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See Page 7 for Registration Form!

### Inquiring Minds Wanna Know!!!!

Last issue I asked for some of you to tell about your "back yard" of aviation flying...  
 Maude Walker kindly shared her story with us.. enjoy...

1940-1954 Smith Reynolds Airport, Winston-Salem, N C where I received all possible  
 Ratings; but. Air Traffic Control. 1954-2004 Byrd Field, Richmond, Va, 2004-2008  
 Hummel Airport, Middlesex County, Virginia

Flew all makes and models - Pipers, Beechcrafts, Cessnas, Luscombs, Ercoupes, Myers, Stear-  
 mans, Douglas DC3s and the Presidents first Jet, a 707.

All types from Flight -Instructing to Commercial.

Severe Thunderstorms with winds exceeding 35 knots , approaching Hurricanes and Tornado watches  
 Keeps me on the ground.

Flew from sand on the east coast to mountainous terrain and water from South Florida Coast to Is-  
 lands in the Caribbean like Cuba, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, etc...

Upon reaching the advanced age of 90, I sent all my worn and crumpled certificates to FAA for plastics  
 and only requested Commercial & Instrument replacements as I no longer fly alone; so at 91 + I have re-  
 cently flown a late model Piper J3 Cub. Exterior looked like an original. Interior quite different.



## Chapter News

### Flight Lines Eastern PA Chapter

PENNIES-A-POUND This was held at Heritage Field in Pottstown, and in spite of the inclement weather those that were able to fly had huge smiles. It was held in conjunction with Aviation Community Day which opened the airport to the community. There were 6 aircraft flying on Saturday but Sunday was not flyable so the bunch went to lunch. Looking forward to another fun event next year.



# Congratulations!

Risa

Altman on her first solo! And away she goes! Many happy hours ahead!

### Central Pennsylvania Chapter

The annual scholarship of \$500.00 was awarded to Kay Brown, a student at Indiana University who plans to enter the Air Race Classic. She will use this money to help pay for registration fees.

The visors are still available for \$5. Plan to purchase a few for friends and family contact MARCIA JOHNSON.

[99mjohanson@comcast.com](mailto:99mjohanson@comcast.com)

### West Virginia Chapter 99s

We may not be very active but

**Congratulations!** to Donna Rusche for earning her Instrument Rating.

### Straight and Level...Keystone Chapter

To encourage young girls to become involved in aviation there is an article in the 99 News with a website begun by a 99 airline pilot... called [www.girlswithwings.org](http://www.girlswithwings.org) with hands on presentations for groups and Girl Scouts. Check out the website and share the Adventure!

We shared aviation with the Young Eagles at Leighton as well as adults from a local church. We also encourage taking young girls for flights to encourage them to continue to become pilots.



# Congratulations!

FRAN STAHL for passing her Private Pilot Checkride!

### Skylines... Old Dominion Chapter 99s

Dave and Sue Sizemore had an interesting flight to Dulles to "Become a Pilot Family Day" at the Smithsonian/Udvar/Hazy Facility. They were selected to be 1 of 50 aircraft on exhibit outside the giant facility. They flew their Diamond N811ET inside the closely monitored airspace around Dulles. Some who flew in had a 7 mile taxi trip to the Smithsonian! Time to spare/go by air! They got to share their plane with kids and families and enjoy another aviation day!

We also participated with the Girl Scout Day at the National Air and Space Museum/Smithsonian/Udvar/Hazy.

Linda Cain and Debbie Gallaway helped with the Collier Dinner.

Here is what it said about Sikorsky in the program:

The 100th anniversary of the Robert J. Collier Trophy on May 5, 2011 for —the greatest achievement in aviation..." was a celebration of the heritage and history of the Collier Trophy and the honoring of the 2010 Recipient:

THE SIKORSKY X2 TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATOR TEAM for —demonstrating a revolutionary 250 knot helicopter, which marks a proven departure point for the future development of helicopters by greatly increasing their speed, maneuverability and utility."

## Calendar of Events

2011 August 20	<b>LONGEVITY LUNCHEON</b> honoring 99s who have been members for 70 & 60 years Respectively... <b>DORIS PHILLIPS</b> , of Hampton Roads Chapter and <b>MAXINE WALKER</b> of Virginia Chapter.
2011 Labor Day Weekend	<b>Blue Angels</b> will be Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Maryland
2011 September 16-17.	<b>Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting</b> , Wilmington, DE
2011 September 17th-18th	<b>Air Show</b> at Martinsburg, West Virginia
2011 September 24th-25th	<b>Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach</b> will host the <b>Blue Angels</b>
2011 October 26-29	NIFA Region X at Franklin (FKN) Airport, Virginia Connie Jones <a href="mailto:avyatrix@cox.net">avyatrix@cox.net</a>
2012 July 11-14	<b>Ninety-Nines International Conference</b> , Providence, RI
2013	<b>Ninety-Nines International Conference</b> , Bozeman, Montana

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2011 Air RACE CLASSIC ... The race start was to be Iowa City , IA and terminate in Mobile , AL. but weather changed plans to have the race begin the following day from Alliance, Nebraska. The legs were to Great Bend, KS, to Boger ,TX, then El Dorado , KS and to Mobile , AL. Congratulations to Debi Dreyfuss, Linda Evans, Lin Caywood, and their teammates for finishing in the top 10. Well done, ladies.

The 2012 Air Race Classic will be held June 19- 22, 2012. The Start will be Lake Havasu, Arizona.  
The Terminus will be Batavia, Ohio. 2012 ARC Registration begins January 1, 2012.

### Exciting News Old Dominion Chapter

Our adventurous 99 Darya Pilram's life continues to be exciting. Darya writes:

Well I basically went from Kenya to a US Navy hospital ship in South America :) I designed a project during my first semester at school last year and the Navy picked it up and offered to fund me... so here I am! It's the first phase of research and it's really exciting. I met the ship in Ecuador and we've now been in Colombia about a week. Next up is Nicaragua, Guatemala, and then Costa Rica. We'll cruise back through the Panama Canal to Haiti and then on to Baltimore. I'm trying to be better about the upkeep on my blog, here's the site with stories and pictures: <http://trainingelephants.blogspot.com/> I hope in the next day or so I'll be on one of the helicopters!

-Darya



## Come Fly With Me!!

### WANTED:

My name is Becky Fisher, I live in Oakton VA and would like to know whether there's anyone 'out there' who'd be willing to spend some time in a Skyhawk with me. I am specifically looking to increase my skills and confidence level and am happy to pay for the time. Our airplane is hangared at Manassas. Please respond via email if you're able / willing to assist.

Thanks much,  
Becky



### Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting

September 16-17, 2011  
Newark, DE  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Lunch: \$30.00/ea. \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that you register and are unable to attend, refunds are available for cancellations **postmarked on or before September 8, 2011 (less a handling fee of \$10.00)**

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Hangar Party (Fri. Night): Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting and Luncheon:(Sat.) Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Safety Tour (Sat.): Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

ILG Tower Tour: (Sat.): Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Luncheon(s) @ \$30.00: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:**

Dinner at Casablanca (Sat). Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$25 plus drinks plus gratuity not included in registration fee)**

Please check if you need complimentary transportation from/to New Castle Airport, meeting and planned events:

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ How many people? \_\_\_\_\_

Date and ETA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and ETD: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:

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**Tiled Compass Rose  
At International Headquarters  
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The Mid-Atlantic Section and several chapters and individuals purchased tiles in the compass rose; we can be proud of our involvement in this beautiful project.

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