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## Governor's Corner

I offer a sincere thank you to Vice-Governor Linda Cain for representing our Section at the Spring International Board of Directors meeting in Oklahoma City; I had to cancel my trip at the

last minute because of the death of my mother the day before my planned departure. Fortunately, Linda was already planning to attend the meeting as International Awards Chairman so her travel plans had already been made. She brought back 50 raffle tickets for the Endowment Fund which she sold quickly. The prize is a GoPro Hero3 Edition Video Camera and accessories. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20 or 15 for \$50; if your chapter wants some tickets to sell, contact Mary Wunder. Plans for the Bozeman, Montana conference were discussed; I hope that many of you are planning to attend. With all the outdoor activities, it promises to be a different kind of conference.

Congratulations to the Sugarloaf Chapter and other 99s who helped fly 280 women and girls at Frederick Airport on March 9; increasing the percentage of female pilots is an important goal for all of us to work toward. In that vein, the chapters in Virginia are partnering with the Virginia Department of Aviation and Liberty University to sponsor events in June at three different airports around the state; the event is titled Women Can Fly. Section Flying Activities Chairman Susan Brogan is chairing the planning committee for these events and has been holding regular meetings in Richmond. The dates are June 8 at Warrenton-Fauquier Airport; June 22 at Hampton Roads Executive Airport; and June 29 at Lynchburg Airport. Rose Brown, Old Dominion Chapter, designed a beautiful logo for the event which you can find at the top of this page. We will offer free airplane rides to women and girls and also have seminars, static displays, flight school representatives, food vendors, pedal planes for small children, and female military and airline pilots in uniform. The website is under construction and a tri-fold pamphlet has been developed to advertise the events. Check out the website at [womencanfly.org](http://womencanfly.org). If you would like to volunteer as a pilot or in any other capacity, we welcome you. The website allows volunteers to sign-up or you may contact the person in charge at any of the venues.

Mark your calendars for the Mid-Atlantic Section meeting on October 12-13 in Virginia Beach, VA. The meetings will start after lunch on Saturday so you can travel on Saturday morning; plan to spend the night and visit the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach on Sunday for their annual Biplanes and Tri-planes Airshow. The museum has a wonderful collection of warbirds, including the only flying Mosquito bomber in the world which recently completed an 8-year restoration in New Zealand.

Wishing you blue skies and tailwinds,  
Linda





## CHAPTER NEWSSTAND



### → Old Dominion Chapter →

The Mid-Atlantic Section FlyIn on November 17, 2012, to Lancaster, PA (KLNS), began for Old Dominion Chapter members, with an 8 a.m. departure from Leesburg VA. Rose Brown piloted Old Glory with passengers Marlene Dash and Judy Shaw while Sue Passmore flew her DA40 with co-pilot Peggy Doyle. After a 60-minute flight, the group piled into a tasteful rental van and proceeded on tour to one of the oldest operating Amish farms in the area. Lunch at Panera was followed by a visit to the Wilbur Chocolate Factory in Lititz. No one left empty handed. The group met up with a few PA Chapter members at the terminal before returning to Leesburg. Congratulations and thanks to Rose for planning an excellent trip.  
—*Courtesy of Judy Shaw, Old Dominion Chapter*



### → Hampton Roads Chapter →

SOME VIEWS FROM NIFA REGION 10  
SAFECON

Linda Mathias, Diana Curtis, Brenda Siegel, Diane Blandino, Connie Jones, and Suzanne Collins attended the 2012 Region X SAFECON competition. NIFA winners in the Region X SAFECON were as follows: Liberty University in first place, the US Naval Academy in second place, and Guilford Technical Community College in third place.



Congratulations to Hampton Roads Chapter member Amy Davis for earning Master phase of the WINGS program. Job well done, Amy!

Leslie Jackson, also a member of the Hampton Roads Chapter, passed the Instrument Written Exam. Excellent work, Leslie!

## JUNE IS WOMEN CAN FLY MONTH IN VIRGINIA



During the month of June, three airports will be holding events for women — **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport on June 8, Hampton Roads Executive Airport on June 22, and Lynchburg Regional Airport on June 29.** We will need lots of help both on the ground or by piloting women and girls; the women need to see female role models in aviation. The steering committee has been meeting in Richmond since last August and local meetings will be held at the respective airports in the near future. Mark your calendars now for June 22 and also the other dates if you can help, especially volunteering as pilots or recruiting other pilots. The website has been established and will be updated frequently; you can check it out at [www.womencanfly.org](http://www.womencanfly.org). Rose Brown of the Old Dominion Chapter has designed the logo shown above.

### → Delaware Chapter →

Members of the Delaware and Eastern PA chapters met for their legendary “Lunch with the Bunch” gathering on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The turnout from both chapters was considerable, which, no doubt, contributed to make the event yet another successful illustration of the unique fellowship that is shared by Ninety-Nines.



As spring quickly approaches, the Delaware Chapter members are busy making preparations for the aviation activities that appear on their agenda, namely, coordinating and laying the groundwork for the Girl Scout Aviation Day that its members will orchestrate on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. At present, they estimate that approximately 50 young ladies will participate in this special event. This aviation activity and the many other outreach programs conducted by the Delaware Chapter and other chapters within the Mid-Atlantic Section demonstrate our organization’s commitment to “Inspiring Women Pilots” through sharing the legacy of flight.





### → Keystone Chapter →

The Keystone Chapter offered inspiration and advice to high school girls attending "Women Fly" at Queen City Airport in Allentown, PA on March 9. The event was part of Women of Aviation Worldwide week, and included presentations from Embry-Riddle, local flight schools and the US Coast Guard, Air Force and Civil Air Patrol. A live feed from Frederick, MD tied the event to others around the country. The girls had a beautiful sunny day to enjoy their first flights, provided by EAA Chapter 70 through the Young Eagles program.

The event was also a great demonstration of how 99s support each other and our joint mission. The North Jersey chapter sent three members to help Keystone, and a fourth 99 from the Eastern PA chapter who was there to represent the Coast Guard joined us. Altogether, eight 99s were present to show the girls how the 99s can help them achieve their goals.

In the attached photo, from left to right: Rosanne Isom, Jean Scibetta, Susan Westervelt (North Jersey), Irene Koehler, Diana Kelly (Keystone), Norma Hunter (Eastern PA), Toni Marina and Sally Moritz (Keystone).



*Courtesy of Sally Moritz, Keystone Chapter*

### → West Virginia Chapter →



*Senator Joe Manchin with West Virginia Chapter Chairman Evy Bryant.*

Several months ago, the West Virginia Chapter provided over 200 children with the opportunity to tour airplanes during the Wood County Airshow. The children were thrilled to receive an up close view of the airplanes. Those who assisted with the event were members Evy Bryant, Donna Born, and Jean Pickering. Additionally, Sen. Joe Manchin paid the chapter's table a visit during the airshow.

Stephanie Derk, a member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, completed her first Solo flight. We are proud of you, Stephanie!

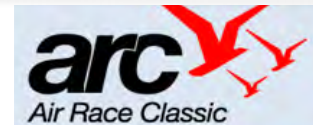
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### → Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter →

Members from the Eastern PA Chapter created a lasting memory through their participation in the Poker Run. Lively and full of exciting happenings, the event was unquestionably a huge success and another example of the team building activities that abound within our organization.



Mary Wunder, Juliet Lindrooth, Mary Gibb, Cathy Darcy, Betty Roberts, and Barbara Harris-Para will be representing the Eastern PA Chapter in the 2013 Air Race Classic. Best of luck, ladies!



### → Central Pennsylvania Chapter →



The Central PA Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is preparing to undertake the task of painting an 80 foot Mount Shasta compass rose in front of the control tower at the Capital City Airport. Some individuals might underestimate the amount of work, patience, and precision required to depict a compass rose on a tarmac. Properly preparing the paint surface and measuring and chalking the

designed layout are measures that have to be taken before the first stroke of the paintbrush is applied. Nevertheless, participants will concede that beholding a crisp compass rose after investing a generous supply of elbow grease is immensely rewarding. The Central PA Chapter members plan to tackle this exciting project on April 19-20, 2013. The rain date that they have selected is April 26-27. Best of luck & stay hydrated, ladies!

## → Maryland Chapter →

Ginny Carlin and Donna Suwall, members of the Maryland Chapter, attended the Fly it Forward event held in Frederick, MD. Ginny and Donna thoroughly enjoyed the interesting lectures and the assorted array of activities available to visitors, especially the presentation given by Colonel Pamela Melroy. Colonel Melroy served as pilot on two space flights (STS -120 in 2007 and STS -112 in 2002) and was the mission commander on STS-120 in 2007, distinguishing her as one of only two women who commanded the space shuttle. During her illustrious career, Colonel Melroy has logged more than 924 hours, which amounts to more than 38 days in space. Throughout the course of the day, the Maryland ladies noted the diverse assemblage of airplanes present at Frederick. In years past, Cessnas and Pipers commanded the scene, but the Frederick's skies were teaming with everything from Lancairs and other Experimentals to Sport Aviation airplanes this year. Ginny and Donna witnessed general aviation in full swing at this year's Fly it Forward event in Frederick, MD.

## → Virginia Chapter →

Toy Airlift 2012 was a fabulous success! Finally we have broken the 1000 mark in toys given to the military! That's a mark for which we have been aiming for several years. The low clouds kept any planes from flying in until near noon but once they started, they all just kept coming and it was great to see them! Surprisingly the guys from Martinsburg, WV actually said they had VFR all the way as they delivered toys collected. Another group had planned to fly from the Hillsville/Galax area but could not so they left by car at 0430 and drove six hours to make their delivery! Now that is dedication!

The ladies from the Eastern PA Chapter Ninety-Nines were unable to fly out of their area due to heavy rain so they shipped their donations that were 35 toys and \$520 in gift cards for the Veterans' Hospital. There were a couple of late deliveries which brought our totals to 1005 toys for the military, 91 gifts to the hospitalized veterans and 55 gifts for the homeless veterans to give their children and \$1070 in gift cards for McGuire's Veterans Hospital. Everyone who attended appeared to be having a big time! At 10 AM about a dozen children waited at the fence to greet Santa David Hinkle as he made a grand entrance in his beautiful red and white Monocoupe. After posing for pictures, he greeted the soldiers then made his way into the terminal as the children accompanied him. Many of them gave their donations directly to Santa and his elf which thrilled the children. About noon Santa Hinkle was relieved by Santa Jim Anderson of Wing Nuts and his elf grandson who finished out the shift. Around 2 PM they waved to everyone and departed in N75612 a C-172/180 hp on their way back to the North Pole!

Details and pictures can be viewed online at <http://progress-index.com/news/santa-flies-for-toy-airlift-1.1414621> and

[http://www.hopewellnews.com/article\\_5103.shtml#.UMj7P2\\_LSSo](http://www.hopewellnews.com/article_5103.shtml#.UMj7P2_LSSo)

—*Courtesy of Betty Vinson, Virginia Chapter*





## → Washington DC Chapter →



The arrival of 2013 sparked the beginning of a busy agenda for members of the Washington DC Chapter. Last fall, Meredith Tcherniavsky and her husband embarked upon an 8,000 mile cross country in their 1938 J-3 Cub. These adventurous aviators landed in all 48 contiguous states, toting little more than a duffel bag filled with a couple of changes of clothes. Meredith chronicled an account of her exciting trek in her book “Fly the Airplane,” which is available for purchase on Amazon.com. Other members of the DC Chapter have been immersed in a diverse array of aviation activities. Whether they are participating in aviation outreach programs or “pulling the chocks” to embark upon quests to new fly-in destinations, the members of the DC Chapter have been soaking up all that the wonderful world of aviation has to offer. They have already made arrangements for future “Fly Outs” to Falling Waters, Cambridge, and the Eastern Shore. In March, several DC members assisted the Sugarloaf Chapter with the “Women Fly it Forward” event at the Frederick airport. The gorgeous weather, interesting guest speakers, exhibits, displays, education seminars, and discovery flights contributed to make the event an enormous success. Last but certainly not least, preparations are underway within the chapter for participation in the upcoming Air Race Classic.



### *THE IN-FLIGHT PREDICAMENTS ENCOUNTERED BY PILOT JUDY SHAW OF THE OLD DOMINION CHAPTER...*

For pilot Judy Shaw, the journey towards her Commercial rating was “chock” full of unexpected events. Her first in-flight incident occurred a couple of days prior to her check-ride. Judy and her examiner prepared to execute a short- field takeoff from Winchester, VA when they realized that the Piper Arrow was not lined up on the runway centerline. Judy discovered that the airplane turned to the left but refused to turn in any other direction. She received a radio call from another pilot who confirmed that the airplane in which Judy was flying had a completely deflated left tire. Airport traffic was lining up to utilize the runway on which the Piper Arrow was beached. Thirty minutes later, the mechanics were able to safely remove the aircraft from the runway. The stem of the tire’s inner tube had separated. In the process of replacing the inner tube, however, they found that the O-ring on the landing gear cylinder was also defective. Three hours later, the necessary repairs were made, and the Piper Arrow was once again airborne. Judy’s second in-flight dilemma was more of a “life or death” encounter. It occurred at the end of her commercial check-ride. She was completing her flight for the day when she and her flight examiner detected that the Piper Arrow’s engine was displaying the telltale symptoms that precede an engine failure. After ensuring that there was no other traffic in the pattern, Judy announced an emergency landing and pulled the throttle completely back. The outline of the runway was a welcomed relief for this pilot in distress. Even under the pressure of flying an airplane that could have momentarily become an aluminum glider, Judy equably followed aviation’s number one rule: “No matter what else happens, fly the airplane.”

## → Sugarloaf Chapter →

March 9 proved to be the first warm and sunny day in several months for us in Frederick, Maryland, which provided the cherry of a day on top of the sweet week of flying and aerospace education courtesy of Women of Aviation World Wide Week at Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK), home base of the Sugarloaf Chapter, co-sponsor of the event. Sugarloaf Chapter member Victoria Neuville Zajko was not only the Frederick event organizer but was the United States team leader for WOAWW. With an international theme of “Women in Space” and a local theme of “Pink Fly It Forward” for breast cancer awareness, the turnout was incredible by both the public and our Chapter. Astronaut Pam Melroy spoke about her experiences as a three time Space Shuttle crew member, folks got “hands on” with an interactive Traveling Space Museum, and our future pilots learned about aircraft structure at a foam airplane assembly “factory”. Almost all of the “small but mighty” Sugarloaf Chapter, along with great assists from our 49 ½’s, family, friends and sister DC Chapter assisted with the event in some way. Although we are still waiting to get official results of our flying efforts, we estimate that over 260 ladies were flown on Saturday along with another 50 ladies during the week.



—*Courtesy of Lin Caywood and Seth Van Lehn, Sugarloaf Chapter*





# 2013 Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting

**October 12-13, 2013**

*MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12*



*BIPLANE & TRIPLANE EVENT AT THE MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA BEACH WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13*



# AIR RACE CLASSIC



*Is coming to...*

## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA mid June 2014

The Air Race Classic, an all woman transcontinental air race, will end at Capital City Airport KCXY, June 19-22, 2014, and will have headquarters in Central PA.; 55+ racing teams, that's 110+ pilots from all over the United States and foreign countries, will participate in this 38th annual cross country event. Volunteers will be needed to serve as timers, greeters as the planes land, airplane parking/tie down/hospitality and registration attendants, transportation arrangers, and airplane inspectors to cover the myriad of duties to welcome the pilots as they arrive following their four day race from California (*Actual race is June 16-19*). Sponsors will be solicited to provide tchotchkes, services, and financial assistance. A lavish awards banquet will be held on the last evening and the community as a whole will be invited to attend. Other events during the four days include a proposed PA State Aviation Day at KCXY with static displays, vendors, and Young Eagle airplane rides. Stay tuned for information as the time nears.

*It will take a village to pull this off...be a part of the village*

Hosted by the Central PA Chapter *The Ninety-Nines, Inc.*, Carol Church, Chairman; Coleen Campbell, Secretary; Becky Morgenthal, Treasurer; Margaret Duncan, Scholarship Chairman; Carolyn Van Newkirk, ARC Terminus Chair [cvannewkirk@comcast.net](mailto:cvannewkirk@comcast.net)  
Proceeds benefit the Central PA Scholarship Fund which awards money annually to deserving female pilots.

Final timing high-speed,  
low-pass flyby will be at  
York KTHV



*The Air Race Classic Inc. is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. Your tax deductible contributions are welcome.*



## MID-ATLANTIC MARKETPLACE



The Eastern PA Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is the purveyor of aviation merchandise. They offer a diverse assemblage of items, including various styles of aviation themed apparel, beautifully imprinted stationary, and useful tote bags. To access the order forms, please visit the Eastern PA Chapter's web page at <http://www.epa99s.org/>. Happy Shopping!

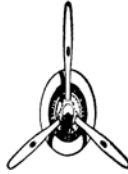


## SECTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 15, 2013	Forest of Friendship Nomination Deadline is April 15,2013
April 19-20 2013	The Central PA Chapter has set dates for painting a Compass Rose at Capital City Airport KCXY in the Spring of 2013. The dates are: April 19 (Layout) and 20 (Painting). Rain Dates: April 26-27.
April 27, 2013	Mid-Atlantic Section Fly-out. Cambridge MD(KCGE). Meet for lunch at the Runway Café between 11 am – 1pm. Attractions: Sailwinds Park, Coptank Riverboat Company, Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, Hyatt Regency Resort Spa/Golf
May 4-5, 2013	Virginia Regional Festival of Flight at Suffolk Executive Airport (SFQ).
May 11, 2013	Poker Run sponsored by Hampton Roads Chapter to benefit 99s Endowment Fund; see Section website for details
June 1, 2013	Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the July/August 2013 issue
June 8, 2013	Women Can Fly Day at Warrenton Fauquier Airport, KHWY. Rain or Shine. Check back for more info.
June 18-21, 2013	37th Annual Air Race Classic. The Start will be Pasco, Washington. The Terminus will be Fayetteville, Arkansas. There will be a limit of 55 race teams accepted for this race.
June 21-22, 2013	Forest of Friendship Ceremonies, Atchison, KS
June 22, 2013	Women Can Fly Day at Hampton Roads Executive Airport, KPVG. Rain or Shine. Check back for more info.
June 29, 2013	Women Can Fly Day at Lynchburg Airport, KLYX. Rain or Shine. Check back for more info.
July 9-14, 2013	International Conference, Bozeman, Montana
July 19-20, 2013	Amelia Earhart Festival, Atchison, KS
July 31, 2013	Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. The application deadline for the next session is July 31st, 2012. Fact sheets and applications can be found under the Pilot Careers Resource Center section of our website accessible at <a href="http://www.ninety-nines.org">www.ninety-nines.org</a>
October 12-13, 2013	Mid-Atlantic Section meeting at Virginia Beach, VA hosted by Hampton Roads Chapter
November 1-2, 2013	Fall Int'l Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK. November 1-2, 2013
January 31, 2014	Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. The application deadline for the next session is January 31st, 2013. Fact sheets and applications can be found under the Pilot Careers Resource Center section of our website accessible at <a href="http://www.ninety-nines.org">www.ninety-nines.org</a>
June 19-22, 2014	2014 Air Race Classic Terminus is at Capital City Airport (CXV). The Central PA Chapter is looking for volunteers. Contact Carolyn Van Newkirk at <a href="mailto:cvannewkirk@comcast.net">cvannewkirk@comcast.net</a>
July 2014	International Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
July 2015	International Conference, Munich, Germany





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