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July 2027

WAI Hosts London Connect Reception This Month!

WAI is heading to London — and we'd love to see you there!

We're thrilled to host the very first WAI Connect Reception on Friday, July 17, 4-7 p.m., at the iconic Royal Aeronautical Society, No. 4 Hamilton Place, Mayfair — just ahead of the Farnborough Airshow. Join fellow WAI members and aviation professionals for an evening of bubbles, great conversation, and meaningful connections, with welcome remarks from WAI CEO Lynda Coffman. This event is free for WAI members, so if you're heading to London this summer, this is the perfect way to kick off your Farnborough week with your WAI community. [RSVP today — the deadline is July 1!](#)



WAI Connect Reception

Join us for an evening of networking with fellow WAI members and aviation professionals in London!

Featuring welcome remarks by WAI CEO Lynda Coffman. Enjoy bubbles, conversations, and networking.



Friday, July 17, 2026 | 4-7 p.m.

ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY
No. 4 Hamilton Place, Mayfair, London

RSVP by July 1 at



[WAI.org](https://www.wai.org)

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[#WomeninAviationInternational](#)

Buy Your Oshkosh Connect Breakfast Tickets!

Honoring a longtime EAA AirVenture Oshkosh tradition, WAI will host the 30th Annual WAI Connect Breakfast, sponsored by Avemco and supported by Strategic Partners Amazon, American Airlines, and United. This milestone event is the official kickoff of WomenVenture 2026 during #OSH26 on Wednesday, July 22, from 8-9 a.m.

Join WAI members and friends for great food, inspiring speakers, and networking!

Where to find us:

Paul H. Poberezny Conference Center (PHP tent), located southeast of the admission gate on the opposite side of Forest Home Avenue, behind the house.

Tickets:

Advance registration is \$25 through July 20 – save \$5 by registering early! After July 20, tickets are available onsite for \$30 at the WAI Booth in the southeast corner of Exhibit Hangar B.



Buy Connect Breakfast Tickets

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Air Race Classic 2026

Congratulations to the 40 WAI Members who raced in the Air Race Classic 2026 from June 23-26. We're

proud to recognize three WAI2026 scholarship recipients who also raced: Kierstyn Pierce, Annika Bobek, and Hadley Ary.

Racers completed at terminus in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Learn more about the teams and review the results at <https://www.airraceclassic.org/race-results.htm>.



Congratulations to Alicia Sikes, WAI Lifetime 630, and Nancy Rohr, WAI 270, Team #9 Over the Moon, for winning this year's \$500 check and trophy for being the Fastest WAI Team during the Air Race Classic 2026. Annie Stikeleather, WAI manager of education programs, attended the terminus banquet to present the award.

Submit a Trailblazing Female Aviator for the WAI2027 Pioneer Hall of Fame

The WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor women who have made significant contributions as record-setters, pioneers, or innovators in aviation and aerospace. Special consideration is given to individuals or groups who have helped other women be successful in aviation or who have opened doors of opportunity for other women.

As members of WAI, we value your nominations for inspirational women throughout the aviation industry. Nominations close July 26, so nominate your hero today!



Katherine Cheung
2000



Theresa Mae Claiborne
2025



Nancy J. Currie
2014



PIONEER HALL of FAME

Calling All Pioneers

Nominations for the
WAI2027 PIONEER HALL OF FAME
are due July 26, 2026.

A list of previous inductees is available at
www.WAI.org/PHOF-directory.

For details of eligible candidates
and to submit a candidate online visit
www.WAI.org/2027-pioneer-hall-of-fame.
Questions? Email eventsteam@wai.org

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Reminder to Submit Your Ed Session Proposal by July 17!

Here's your chance to help us develop the education sessions at the 2027 WAI Conference! Submit your proposals by Friday, July 17. Approved sessions will be confirmed in mid-October.



**Share your
expertise and
passion!**

WAI2027

**Call for WAI2027
education session speakers**

ED SESSION PROPOSALS

due no later than Friday, July 17, 2026
Details and proposal form at
WAI.org/2027-call-for-presenters

Welcome New Official WAI Chapter!

Congratulations to the Women in Aviation Zimbabwe Chapter on becoming official!



Welcome New Provisional WAI Chapters!

Two new provisional chapters have joined the WAI network, including Hampton University in Virginia and Sunrise Coast in Florida.



WAI chapters are the heartbeat of our organization, creating local communities where members can connect, mentor one another, and turn their passion for aviation into lasting friendships and career opportunities. To find a chapter near you, visit the WAI website's chapter directory at <https://www.wai.org/chapters/>.

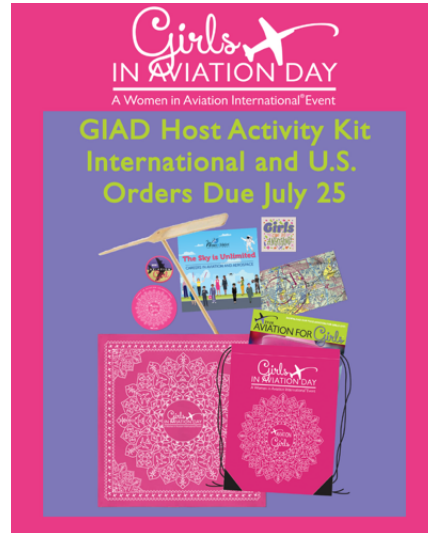
Order Your GIAD2026 Activity Kits by July 25 for Your GIAD2026 Event!

WAI will mark its 12th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day (GIAD) on Saturday, September 19.

GIAD events spark curiosity through hands-on STEM activities, static aircraft displays, and role models who show youth what's possible. Our signature pink GIAD Activity Kits, packed with STEAM resources, plant the seeds of future careers and early allies.

Chapter and Corporate Member Hosts can order up to 50 FREE kits if submitted online by July 25.

GIAD is a trademarked WAI event. Please review host policies before planning.



Ready to inspire you community? [Register your GIAD2026 event here.](#)

GIAD2026 Resources for Event Hosts

Register Your GIAD2026 Event

Become a GIAD2026 Partner

WAI Grows Its Communications and Education Team

Two dynamic full-time employees have joined WAI to elevate our programs, publications, and outreach.

Allison Moore | Specialist, Communications
A WAI member with nearly a decade of strategic communications experience, Allison comes to us from Land O'Lakes, Inc., where she managed editorial calendars, media events, and enterprise-wide communications. She also ran her own

consulting practice serving small businesses and nonprofits. In her new role, she'll lead WAI's digital presence, social media, e-newsletters, and editorial contributions to *Aviation for Women* magazine.

Holly Gutierrez | Specialist, Programs and Publications

Holly brings more than 10 years in education and STEM outreach, most recently as a STEM Engagement Consultant with Crown Consulting, supporting NASA Aeronautics at national conferences and community events. Her expertise in curriculum design, event coordination, and communications will fuel her work managing WAI's magazine and podcast production schedules, conference media center, and cross-channel communications calendar.

Please join us in welcoming Allison and Holly to the WAI family!



Allison Moore, Specialist, Communications



Holly Gutierrez, Specialist, Programs and Publications



Have You Followed the WAI On Air Podcast Episodes?

Discover a world-class podcast that informs, inspires, and educates - [WAI On Air](#). Each episode will take you behind the scenes of the aviation/aerospace world to meet the remarkable women shaping its future.

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Join WAI Together Monthly Virtual Meetup on July 29 at Noon EDT

Topic: Halfway There Mid Year Goal Check-In

Date: Tuesday, July 29 12 p.m. EDT Virtual

For this month's session we will revisit the goals we set in January. Connect with other members

during this open conversation where we celebrate wins, talk honestly about unexpected hurdles, and reset our focus for the second half of the year. We are also excited to introduce our newest WAI Together moderators, the passionate community members who will be helping guide and grow our WAI Together community going forward!

Join WAI Together here: [WAI Together - Women in Aviation International](#)

Our virtual meetups take place on the last Tuesday of every month.

Download our free WAI Together app to join the conversation and get access to the meetup.



WAI TOGETHER APP VIRTUAL MEETUP

Halfway There Mid Year Goal Check-In

THIS MONTH WE ARE:

- ✓ CHECKING IN ON OUR 2026 GOALS
- ✓ INTRODUCING OUR NEW MODERATORS
- ✓ RESETTING FOCUS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR



TUESDAY

July 28
12 p.m. EDT

WAI.org #IamWAI #WeAreWAI #WomeninAviationInternational

Register for July 28 Event

Join WAI Together

Skye, WAI's Chat Assistant, Went Back to School

We are so excited to reintroduce Skye, and she is back better than ever! After some time in ground school, Skye is smarter, faster, and more knowledgeable than ever before.

Looking for conference details, Girls in Aviation Day events, or chapter resources? Skye is available around the clock to help you navigate everything WAI has to offer and get you cleared for takeoff.

Our team is always here for you. Look for Skye wherever you see the chat icon on WAI.org and let her guide you to your next destination!



Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

2026

July 17- WAI Connect Reception in London (prior to the Farnborough Airshow) at the [Royal Aeronautical Society](#), 4 Hamilton Place, London, in the Handley Page Room from 4-7 p.m.

July 22- WAI Connect Breakfast in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at the Paul H. Poberezny Conference Center (PHP tent) at 8 a.m. during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 20-26. [Purchase advance tickets \\$25 online here.](#) www.EAA.org

July 28 - [WAI Together Virtual Meetup](#)

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Imprinted full front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
\$25.00



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Imprinted full front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
\$25.00



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100% microfiber performance polyester Paragon Plus moisture and odor management UPF 50+ protection
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
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Front pocket for extra storage
Foldable for easy storage 8" handle drop
\$18.00



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"You're not doing it wrong. You're just in the part that makes most people quit."
-Mel Robbins

Pioneer Hall of Fame

Education & Careers

Scholarships



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