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## July 2024

### Join WAI at Oshkosh This Month!

Honoring a longtime EAA AirVenture Oshkosh tradition, WAI will host the 28th Annual WAI Connect Breakfast, sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines, on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Advance tickets are \$18 each, and \$20 onsite. [Register and purchase online tickets here.](#)

Visit with WAI members and friends at the PHP tent for this WomenVenture 2024 kickoff event that includes great food, speakers, and networking, and enjoy the entire week of AirVenture July 22-28.

Shop at the WAI store and engage with WAI staff during the week at our two booth locations in Hangar B and the WomenVenture Center.

Order your FREE WomenVenture T-shirt



*During the WAI Connect Breakfast, meet Alaina Lewis of Culver Props, who designs and manufactures wooden propellers for her family business.*

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Start your Wednesday WomenVenture day at #OSH24 [by registering for the annual WAI Connect Breakfast.](#)

### Buy Your #OSH24 Breakfast Ticket

### Volunteer at the WAI Booth

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#### WAI Hosts WomenVenture Panel at OSH24

Plan to attend WAI's WomenVenture panel discussion, moderated by **WAI CEO Lynda Coffman**, on Tuesday, July 23 from 10-11:15 a.m. Lynda will be joined by four industry leaders –**Theresa Claiborne, Rick Leach, Royal Shoen, Kriya Shortt** – to discuss *Transforming the Face of Aviation Through Access, Opportunities, and Advocacy*.



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*Force, founding president Sisters of the Skies*



*Rick Leach, GoJet Airlines president and CEO*



*Royal Shoen, U-Haul Aviation vice president*



*Kriya Shortt, Textron eAviation president and CEO, Women in Aviation Advisory Board member*

**It's time to own your money.** [Join Today](#)



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**WAI2025 Scholarship Applications Open August 1**

Next month, the WAI2025 scholarship application portal goes live. A variety of scholarships will be offered, all providing support for training and education in many aviation interests.



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descriptions and apply for up to three scholarships. Your membership must be active by October 1, 2024, to eligible to apply. Applications are due October 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Winners will be notified by December 20, 2024, and celebrated during the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2025.

For more information, contact Cambria Bilinski, professional development education coordinator, [cbilinski@wai.org](mailto:cbilinski@wai.org).



*WAI scholarships change lives. Review the WAI2025 scholarship descriptions on line and in Aviation for Women July/August 2024 issue.*



*Each WAI member can apply for up to three scholarships for the 2025 awards.*

### WAI Speaker Series - July 16 Charting Success: Build Confidence for Women in Aviation

Learn tips and skills for growing your confidence in this month's WAI Speaker Series on Tuesday, July 16 from noon-1 p.m. EDT, during a free virtual session for WAI members.

Confidence plays a key role in our success in work and personal lives, and this session will leave attendees of any age, in any professional phase of life, with new tools to use as we navigate our days.

The hour-long session features **Dawn Whyte** who believes in creating a space to have honest conversations where one can determine their values, strengths, and goals. She understands the unique challenges and culture of the aviation industry, and will



*Dawn Whyte is a skilled aviation professional with 30 years of experience in aviation. Over the last 15 years, Dawn has led and coached teams, taught courses, and helped aviation professionals with confidence. She collaborates with companies to enhance employee education,*

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and actionable tools that will help us successfully chart our course through life.

## Save Your Spot for the July 16 Speaker Series Session



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### WAI2025 Conference-Call for Presenters

#### Call for Presenters Closes Friday, August 2, 2024

WAI is now accepting abstracts for education sessions at the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 27-29, 2025, at The Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. The deadline to submit is Friday, August 2, 2024.

Presenters at the WAI conference develop and deliver presentations that are relevant, innovative, and thought provoking.

Learning tracks at WAI2025 will include:

- Career Development
- Emerging Technologies
- Leadership Skills
- Maintenance/Tech Ops
- Military
- Health & Wellness

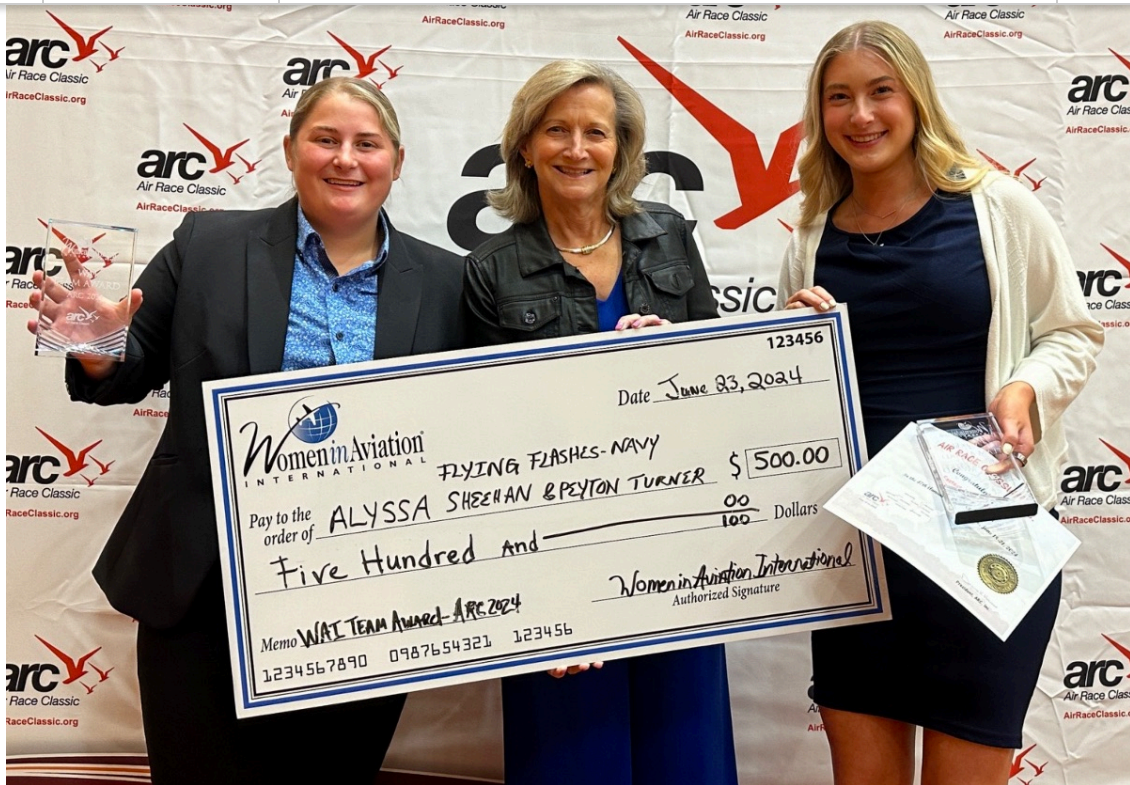


Share your knowledge and expertise with WAI2025 conference attendees during education sessions for a variety of interests.



WAI2025 education sessions will offer various learning levels for six different tracks.

## Submit Your Education Session Abstract



*Congratulations to the Fastest WAI Member Team of the [2024 Air Race Classic](#)— Flying Flashes-Navy. Well done— (L) Peyton Turner WAI 128318, and (R) Alyssa Sheehan, WAI 101960—both Kent State University students!*

### Become a WAI Lifetime Member

A WAI Lifetime membership signifies a lasting commitment to support the WAI mission, initiatives, and membership. WAI is thankful for the support of nearly 150 Lifetime members.

This month we honor Capt. Janet Patton, WAI 557, who first joined WAI in November of 1995. Nearly 29 years later, Janet says she is happy to show her full commitment to the missions of our most favored aviation associations with Lifetime memberships.



*Over the course of her career, Capt. Janet Patton, WAI Lifetime member, has dedicated her time and resources to the WAI mission through awarding scholarships and volunteerism at the WAI annual conference.*

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### Take the WAI Membership Survey

How can you gain the most benefit from your WAI membership? Share your thoughts by taking [our membership survey](#). The 2024 WAI Membership Survey closes Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Your input will be used to develop our resources and benefits to enhance your membership experience.



*[Share your thoughts](#) about your WAI membership experience. The 2024 survey closes July 10.*

### Take the 2024 WAI Membership Survey



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FAA knowledge exam preparation for best rate of climb.







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### It's Time to Plan for Your Girls in Aviation Day 2024 Event!

Be a part of WAI's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Girls in Aviation Day on September 21, 2024.

WAI chapters and corporate members are encouraged to use all the available WAI resources to help you organize an amazing STEM learning experience for girls, ages 8-18.

We have simplified the process to host an impactful Girls in Aviation Day to spark the interest of future female aviators. **Each event will receive the first 50 GIAD kits**

[Visit the GIAD Host Resources website page](#)

[Event registration](#)

[2024 GIAD Host Kit](#)

**July 31, 2024 - International Orders Due for Activity Kits and U.S. events held prior to September 21, 2024.**

**August 5, 2024 - United States Orders Due for Activity Kits for events held on or after September 21, 2024.**

There are 100 reported 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Girls in Aviation Day events with over 16,000 anticipated attendees. Help us make this anniversary the best GIAD of all time!

If you have not hosted a GIAD and would like to get involved email [GIAD@wai.org](mailto:GIAD@wai.org) for information. WAI staff is here to support you to inspire the future of aviation together.



GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2024 ACTIVITY KIT

Join WAI chapters and corporate members to celebrate the 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September 21, 2024, around the world. [Order your GIAD Activity Kits here.](#)





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	<i>role in the long-term health of aviation and aerospace around the world.</i>	
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## Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! When you join WAI, you'll have access to exclusive discount programs and benefits, including many diverse benefits, available only to our valued members.

### Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
- **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
- **General Aviation News** subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
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- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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## Upcoming Events

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

If you are interested in volunteering at the WAI booth at upcoming events, please follow the links below.

### 2024

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**July 24** - [WAI Connect Breakfast](#) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 22-28. Interested in volunteering at the WAI booth? [Fill out the form here](#). [www.EAA.org](http://www.EAA.org)

**August 21-23** - Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) 48th Annual Conference, Memphis, Tennessee. [www.OBAP.org](http://www.OBAP.org)

**September 12-13** - Latino Pilot Expo, Orlando, Florida. [www.latinopilot.org](http://www.latinopilot.org)

**September 21** - 10th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day [www.WAI.org/giad](http://www.WAI.org/giad)



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100% cotton romper, three snap closure Infant sizes: 6, 12, 18 month  
\$22 each

**Toddler Heather Blue Cotton Tee**  
Toddler sizes: 2T, 4T  
\$22

**Baby Bib**  
Food Grade Silicone  
Colors: Green, Pink  
Size: 7.25" x 11" x 2"  
\$15 each

**Cotton Canvas Tote Bag**  
15"L x 12"H x 4"W  
\$15

**Polyester Drawstring Bag**  
15"W x 18"H  
\$10

**Youth Lavender Cotton Tee**  
Youth sizes: S, M, L, XL  
\$22

**Unisex Soft Green 60/40 Blend Tee**  
Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X  
\$25

**Unisex Lilac Cotton Tee**  
Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X  
\$25

**Unisex Garment-Washed Denim Blue Tee**  
Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X  
\$25

**Women in Aviation International**  
www.WAI-store.org

*"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."*

*Shirley Chisholm*

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