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New WAI Video Promotes #IamWAI Campaign

Capturing the spirit and diversity of the WAI annual conference, [a short video](#) was released featuring interviews from a WASP to a mechanic to a young professional and others as well as highlights from the exhibit hall, education sessions, and Girls in Aviation Day Orlando. Please share and post the conference video on [YouTube](#) on all your social media channels. It shows the aviation world that the #IamWAI theme underlines Women in Aviation International is for anyone involved in any aspect of aviation and aerospace whether as a career or a lifestyle.

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Join us to celebrate 10 years of WomenVenture!



WAI members attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this summer can take advantage of all the WomenVenture events throughout the week. Wednesday, July 26, 2017, will kick off with the WAI Connect Breakfast at 8 a.m. featuring speakers: Connie Bowlin, president of EAA Warbirds of America, and Susan Dusenbury, director of EAA Vintage Aircraft Association. [Click here](#) to register for the WAI Connect Breakfast, generously sponsored by Avemco. Advance prices are available until July 23, 2017.

Following the luncheon plan to attend the annual WomenVenture group photo on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. We hope to see you there!

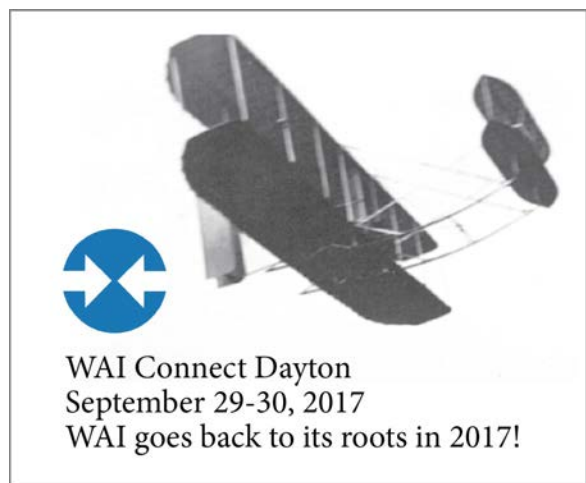
During the week, visit us at the WAI booth 2041, Hangar B. We welcome volunteers to assist us at the booth. Interested? [Email Outreach Director Molly Martin](#). More details are available at www.EAA.org/WomenVenture.

Register for Connect Breakfast

WAI Dayton Connect this fall

WAI returns to its roots in 2017 during WAI Connect Dayton on September 29 and 30. Not only the birthplace of aviation, Dayton will offer the perfect venue for local aviation sites--showcasing historical and future technologies, reception and book signing, plus a full-day of impressive speakers. Join other WAI members and guests for a two-day gathering. More details and hotel registration can be found [here](#).

Thank you to sponsors Hartzell Propeller, PSA, and Sinclair Community College. Interested in sponsor opportunities? Contact Business Development Manager [Jennifer Sadler Thomas](#).



Register for Dayton Connect

Member News

Jacquene Curlee, WAI 61121 and CEO of Kids Drone Zone, is organizing numerous events for family fun at International Drone Day on May 13, 2017 in Fairburn, Georgia from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. One of the day's highlights include Amelia Droneharts & Women And Drones Fly In, a first of its kind fly-in for women that use drones in their daily professional lives or as a hobby.



Jacquene Curlee, WAI 61121

Sharon Rossmark, WAI 70317 and Women And Drones CEO, was interviewed by DroneLife on ways to maximize your time and increase business at conferences in advance of AUVSI's Xponential show May 8-11, 2017 in Dallas.



Sharon Rossmark, WAI 70317

Congratulations to Rachel Runner, WAI 62737, on her promotion to assistant manager of FlightSafety International's Cessna Learning Center in Wichita, Kansas. Rachel joined FlightSafety in 2008 as assistant to the director of quality management systems for Cessna aircraft training programs. She then served as operations support and compliance coordinator for three years prior to being promoted to her most recent position as director of quality management systems, Cessna programs. Rachel recently served as membership chair of the WAI Wichita Chapter.



Rachel Runner, WAI 62737

Co-founders of FL Aviation Center in Tallahassee, Florida, Faith Drewery, WAI 6157, and Lacey Smith, WAI 55256, have been recognized in 850 Business Magazine for their efforts to raise awareness of women in aviation through specific events. Through their flight school and special podcast program, Faith and Lacey hope to recruit more women into flying.



Faith Drewery, WAI 6157, & Lacey Smith, WAI 55256

Chapter News



The third annual international Girls in Aviation Day is coming soon! We are excited to hear about your plans for September 23, 2017.

- Be sure your chapter is included in the worldwide promotions of GIAD 2017 and [email Molly Martin](#) to let us know your chapter is hosting an event. Also, give us an idea, in broad strokes, what your chapter is planning so we can consider your event for inclusion in our chapter spotlight press releases!
- The 2017 edition of the GIAD Chapter Kit is [now available online](#). We'll be holding a Facebook Live event tomorrow, May 2, 8 p.m. EDT/7 p.m. CDT - all chapter officers have been invited to join the Chapter Leadership Group on Facebook, which is where we'll host the FB Live event. If you're a chapter leader and are not yet a member of the Chapter Leadership Group, please [email Chrissi Culver](#).
- GIAD Merchandise Order Due Dates:
 - International Chapters - order your chapter GIAD merchandise by July 15!
 - U.S. Chapters - order your chapter GIAD merchandise by August 1!
- Contact Outreach Director [Molly Martin](#) as soon as possible if your Chapter will be hosting a #GIAD17 event, so we can include your information on [www.WAI.org](#). Just provide a contact person's information, a brief description of your event, as well as any website link, Facebook page or e-vite page.
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CORPORATE MEMBERS DO GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY: We'd love to connect you with your local chapter or help you setup your own Girls in Aviation Day event! Please [email Molly Martin](#) for more information.

CHAPTER RESOURCES

Pass it on: A [new Chapter Continuity tool](#) has been developed to help chapters keep all their information in one place so that it's easy to pass along to future leadership groups. [Click here](#) to watch the Facebook Live video.

Annual Report: It's not too late to file your chapter's Annual Report. It's as easy as updating your chapter information and filling out a few forms - save the online forms, and [email them back to Molly](#). [Click here](#) for the Annual Report Forms.

Find other Chapter Resources [here](#).

Be A Mentor. Find a Mentor.

One of the greatest benefits of being a WAI member is the mentoring relationships made by connecting with other members.

- Make a difference in someone's life
- Share your experiences
- Help grow the future aviation of aviation
- Learn from those who mentor and those that you mentor

We're looking forward to growing a robust community of women helping women through this enhanced member benefit. Members can sign-up online by selecting Update Personal Information. Thanks in advance for your participation!



Nia Wordlaw, WAI 4991 and United Airlines B787 first officer, is mentoring her 14-year-old son Thaddeus John Wordlaw at #WAI17.

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Member Benefits

WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! If you're a lover of all things aviation and aerospace, and enjoy sharing your passion with others, we'd love to have you!



Use Your WAI Benefit to Save on Air Medical Transport

The Medjet air medical transport membership program eliminates all costs beyond the membership fee in medically transporting a member back to a home country hospital of their choice in time of need. Medjet provides single point co-ordination for the safety and protection of individuals and family members as they travel for personal or business reasons: domestically and abroad. Membership is available for persons from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico who enroll prior to travel. Medjet offers reduced annual and multi-year rates to WAI members: \$235 for an individual under age 75 and \$360 for family membership. Learn more and enroll online or call Medjet at 800-527-7478 and reference WAI.

[Learn more](#)

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- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

WAI Online Store

Featured Item: Stretch Pullover

Whatever your chosen activity, this stretchy sweatshirt is the perfect companion. Made from 90/10 poly/spandex, the gently contoured silhouette of this shirt is ideal for layering over a light shirt or under a heavier jacket. With raglan sleeves and open cuffs and hem, this sweatshirt also sports a hidden front pouch pocket for keys or phone. The soft-brushed backing and moisture control material make for year-round comfort.

Colors: Royal Blue (shown), Coral, and Purple

Size: Small to XL (\$45.00) and 2XL (\$47.00)

Code: [30169](#)



Stretch Pullover with WAI logo

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Are you hiring? Email Kelly Murphy to promote your job opportunity to Women in Aviation International members.

First Ladies



Five females from UPS flight operations pose for their historical flight at Thunder One Louisville Air Show on April 22, 2017. It was the first all female flight crew to fly in the Thunder Air Show since its inception.

Are you a first lady, or know someone who is? Send your info to:

kmurphy@wai.org.

We are developing a growing list of living aviation First Ladies that have made their personal mark in their community, job, school, or family. Thanks for sharing!

NAMES: UPS all-female crew pilots Capt. Frances Perryman, Capt. Debbie Donnelly-McLay, flight control manager Sherri Roberts, aircraft maintenance supervisor Lorrna Ruble, aircraft maintenance technician Stella Burton.

THEIR FIRST: On April 22, 2017, a UPS Boeing 757 N403UP flew in Thunder One Louisville supported by the five-member all-female crew.

LEARN MORE: The crew has been highlighted in a [video segment on Louisville's WHAS11](#), as well as an [article in the Louisville Courier-Journal](#).

Industry News

National WASP WWII Museum Celebrates 2017 Homecoming

On Saturday, May 27, the National WASP WWII Museum at Avenger Field Sweetwater, Texas, will host a WASP Homecoming. Highlights include an 11 a.m. luncheon with speaker Maj. Heather "Lucky" Penney, and a 6 p.m. memorial service, flyover

and dinner/dance at the new hangar one. Register [here](#).

Air Race Classic Ready for Take Off on June 20

The 41st Air Race Classic (ARC), the annual all-women cross-country airplane race, will take off Tuesday, June 20, 2017, from Frederick, Maryland, for a 2,468-mile sprint across the United States that ends Friday, June 23, 2017, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Fifty-four teams, consisting of 118 female pilots from across the country and around the world will participate this year.



2017 Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with * are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit or partner. Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.

May 22-24 - [EBACE](#), Geneva, Switzerland

June 21-24 - [Canadian Women in Aviation Conference 2017](#), Calgary, Alberta

July 24-30 - [*EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit WAI in booth 2041, Hangar B.

September 13-15 - [UAA Fall Education Conference](#), Riverside, California

September 23 - [*Third Annual International Girls in Aviation Day](#). Contact your local WAI chapter!

September 24-27 - [*RAA 42nd Annual Convention](#), Palm Beach, Florida. Visit WAI in booth 235.

September 29-30 - [*WAI Connect Dayton](#), Dayton, Ohio

October 6-7 - [*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Groton, Connecticut

October 10-12 - [*NBAA-BACE 2017](#), Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit WAI in booth C10335.

October 27-28 - [*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Tampa, Florida

"Whenever I dream about flying, it's the best feeling in the world." -Kate Mara

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