



# WAI Connect

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## June 2017 - Message from WAI

Welcome to summer! Our headquarters in West Alexandria, Ohio, recently enjoyed a UAS demo and aerial photo shoot thanks to nearby Woolpert Engineering pilots including Laila Menker, WAI 20.

We hope to visit with many of our WAI members during the WomenVenture activities during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017. You'll read more details about our Connect Breakfast below on Wednesday, July 26.



Aaron Lawrence

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## Women in Aviation

What a great afternoon to be doing a UAS demonstration for the Women in Aviation! UAS could prove to be a great way to get more women involved in Aviation. Special thanks to Laila for making the introductions.



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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, president 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 breakfast 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](http://www.EAA.org/WomenVenture).

Register for Connect Breakfast

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## Chapter News

On May 18, the Music City Chapter experienced a wonderful and very educational tour of the Embraer Maintenance Facility located on the Nashville Metro Airport. Thanks to hosts and tour guides Brandy Woods Michaud and Kimberly Brooks for both a great tour and wonderful experience! The chapter members learned a lot. Not in the picture were also a few male spouses and friends who enjoyed the tour. You are always welcome! New members in attendance were Judy Tarver, Mel Amos, Jessica Rogers (who flew in from Lebanon Airport in a Cessna 172), and Maria Delane.

The Stars of the North Chapter had a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes of the Minneapolis, Minnesota-based Target Flight Services Department. At the hangar, flight operations members about their global corporate jet operations.



Music City Chapter toured the Embraer Maintenance Facility at Nashville Metro Airport.



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## WAI Connect Dayton 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](#).

Interested in sponsor opportunities? Contact Business Development Manager [Jennifer Sadler Thomas](#).



WAI Connect Dayton  
September 29-30, 2017  
WAI goes back to its roots in 2017!

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## Join the Fun of Girls in Aviation Day

Let's make our third annual international Girls in Aviation Day reach even more girls ages 8-17 around the world! We are excited to hear about your plans for September 23, 2017.

- Contact Outreach Director [Molly Martin](#) as soon as possible if your WAI chapter will be hosting a #GIAD17 event, so we can include your information on [www.WAI.org](http://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.
- 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. Email Molly Martin for more information.

Find other Chapter Resources [here](#).



Thank you to our growing list of 2017 GIAD Sponsors!

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## 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!



WAI offers a unique mentor program.



## 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! We invite you to take advantage of our exclusive discount programs available to our members.

### Use Your WAI Benefit to Save on Legal Fees



WAI members can take advantage of a free 30-minute consultation with SmithAmundsen Law Firm's Aerospace Group to receive general guidance and determine if legal representation is required. Members requiring representation will receive 10% off of SmithAmundsen's standard rates. To take advantage of this program please contact WAI headquarters at 937-839-4647 for a referral.

[Learn more about SmithAmundsen](#)

## Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- Avemco: 5% discount on insurance
- Aviation Medicine Advisory Service: 5% discount on standard case fees
- Enterprise Rental-A-Car: special discount rates with promotion code
- Flying magazine subscription: annual subscription for only \$8.00
- General Aviation News subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- King Schools: purchase a professional training course and receive a second course at a 50% discount
- MedJetAssist: reduced annual and multi-year rates
- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

## WAI Online Store

### Featured Item: FlightBags

This combination backpack and briefcase is great for pilots on the go who need to protect expensive electronics like an iPad or laptop. It has a modern style and sleek exterior, but is loaded with pockets on the inside to keep everything organized.

#### Features:

- Two bags in one--includes a shoulder strap and backpack straps to convert instantly
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- Measures 16" long x 14" wide

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## Job Openings

### Envoy Air, an American Airlines Group company - Professional Simulator Instructor

Envoy Air, an American Airlines Group company, is hiring for the role of Professional Simulator Instructor. Are you an experienced pilot with a passion for teaching and helping people succeed? If so, we want you on our team!

Responsibilities:

- Create lesson plans and complete classroom and simulator set-up
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- Act as Pilot in Command (PIC) or Second in Command (SIC) in multi-crew simulator situations
- Evaluate student progress and performance

Requirements

- Current Airline Transport Pilot license
- Minimum one (1) year as PIC or SIC on a turbojet aircraft
- Prefer 1,000 hours as PIC or SIC in operations under FAR Part 121
- Previous EMB 145 experience a plus
- Instructor experience desired

Read the full job posting and apply at [www.envoyair.com](http://www.envoyair.com). Questions? Contact [Tory.Burks@aa.com](mailto:Tory.Burks@aa.com).

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## WAI-Advertising Sales Representative

Women in Aviation International is seeking an advertising sales representative to promote and support the mission of our growing, non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging women of all ages to pursue the aviation career of their dreams. The preferred candidate could work remotely, on a part-time, commission-base, and report to the Director of Communications to support advertising revenue for WAI's two magazines, Aviation for Women and Aviation for Girls. In addition, the candidate would handle website and eNewsletter advertising, as well as all job postings. Preferred candidate would have at least 3+ years of print and digital advertising sales experience, attention to details and deadlines, a teamwork approach, and ability to build relationships with existing and prospective advertisers. [Email Kelly Murphy](mailto:Kelly.Murphy@wai.org), director of communications.

## First Ladies

NAME: Erin Egan

HER FIRST: First female pilot in command of Air-Sea Rescue crew and Bell 412 helicopter, and first female unit instructor pilot.



Detective Erin Egan has been flying with the New York Police Department's Air-Sea Rescue crew for 14 years and is working on a book about female pilots.

CURRENT OCCUPATION & JOB TITLE: Detective/Pilot New York Police Department Aviation Unit

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<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2017/04/12/detective-erin-egan-helicopter-pilot/>

1) Was it important to you to break this barrier, or were you just doing your job?

Honestly, I was just doing my job. I wanted to be a cop who flew helicopters, and I just happened to be the first. Looking back, it is important that this barrier was broken. I want all little girls, including my own, to know that they can do absolutely anything if they work hard enough.

2) Who is your inspiration?

My father introduced me to aviation, but my grandmother was my inspiration. She was a woman beyond her time. She continued her education and worked during a time when many women didn't, and had a family later in life when many women did it younger. When my grandfather passed away at a young age and left my grandmother with four children, she had the motivation and financial knowledge to manage her family all by herself. I miss her dearly, and know when she looks down on me she is proud of what I accomplished.

## 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.

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

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"The woman who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. The woman who walks alone is likely to find herself in places no one has ever been before."  
-Albert Einstein

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