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The traditional group photo of WomenVenture at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on Boeing Plaza took on a new meaning this year as hundreds of female aviators celebrated the 10th anniversary during a week-long schedule of fun events, July 24-30. The 2017 backdrop for the annual photo, a UPS Boeing 767, also featured an all-female crew, including maintenance support, and led by Capt. Alyse Adkins, WAI 49588.

New this year, Endeavor Air hosted the EAA WomenVenture Social to kick-off the week as a great opportunity to meet and network with like-minded women in aviation. An Aviation Appreciation Dinner with Adrian Eichhorn followed, sponsored by the Ninety-Nines.

WAI welcomed enthusiastic show-goers at its annual Connect Breakfast, sponsored by Avemco, on WomenVenture Wednesday. The sold-out event featured speakers Susan Dusenbury, Vintage Aircraft Association president, and Connie Bowlin, EAA Warbirds of America president.

Following the group photo, WomenVenture Power Lunch was held at Theater in the Woods featuring guest speaker Dr. Janet Lapp, a flight instructor who is also a renowned teacher and author, and the creator of the Emmy-nominated CBS health series Keep Well. At the conclusion of the lunch, Elissa Lines and Peggy Chabrian were presented with a thank you gift commemorating the 10-year anniversary of WomenVenture. Elissa and Peggy organized the first WomenVenture day in 2008, after Patricia Luebke had the idea to gather women for a photo at Oshkosh after AirVenture 2007.

ALPA hosted a Women Fly event on Friday with a dinner and presentation by Lori Garver, ALPA general manager and NASA former deputy director. After a panel discussion featuring female pilots from regional, major, and cargo carrier airlines, attendees were invited to watch the movie Hidden Figures at the Fly-In Theater.

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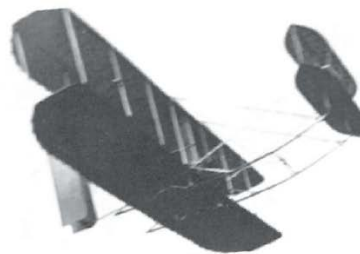


Learn more

Special price for Connect Dayton!

WAI members registering for [Connect Dayton](#) and optional tours are eligible for a \$50 discount rate if you register by August 20. Book your room by August 28 at the Marriott University of Dayton for this [unique gathering on September 29-30](#) featuring tours of local aviation landmarks. Newly added to the site list is GE Aviation's EPISCenter, in addition to Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park sites, including Hawthorn Hill, the Wright Family mansion; Carillon Historical Park; Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and the Wright Cycle Company; and the Huffman-Prairie Flying Field, the location of the Wright Brothers' test flights, plus the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Friday evening's reception will feature a book signing of aviation authors, and Saturday will include a full-day of impressive speakers. More details and hotel registration can be found [here](#). Thank you to our sponsors!

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There's still time for your input!

At the 29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 22-24, 2018, the [2018 Pioneer Hall of Fame](#) women will be inducted during a special event in Reno, Nevada. It's not too late to submit your recommendation of individuals or groups who have made significant contributions as record setters, pioneers, or innovators. Special consideration is given to those that have helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for other women. Posthumous nominations are acceptable. [Submit your application here.](#)

Call for Presenters

Submit your proposed topic for the 2018 conference in Reno, Nevada, with a 100-word abstract as well as an outline of your presentation, name, title, affiliation, and a bio or resume of the speaker. [View a full list of topic ideas here](#) including:

- air traffic control
- airport management or operations
- flight training tips
- aircraft maintenance
- engineering trends
- professional and personal development
- flight attendant
- leadership and management
- drones/UAS

[Complete and submit your proposal here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Reno! And if it's your first-time attending a WAI conference have a look at some highlights of our 2017 Orlando conference [here](#).



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Submit your proposed topic for the education and professional development sessions at #WAI18 in Reno, Nevada, March 22-24, 2018.

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Chapter News

Switzerland's Edelweiss Chapter was invited to test simulators developed by chapter member M. Yves Schatzmann. Some highlights included a flight to the moon, a racing car simulator, as well as a jet fighter. The Swiss-manufactured Pilatus PC12 was also on simulator display. Everybody was enthusiastic, and the youngest member, 2-year-old Cloe, has surely decided to be a pilot like her mother, Sandrine Rohrer, chapter president.



(L to R) Posing at the event: Anne Brousoz (WAI member), Sandrine Rohrer (Edelweiss president), Robin and Cloe, Jasmine Huser (helicopter pilot) and Yves Schatzmann (WAI member).

Member News

Congratulations to the newly married couple Leah Hetzel, WAI 39362, and Chris Douris, WAI 63504! Sending all good wishes as they embark on their new life together.



WAI members Chris Douris and Leah Hetzel get married.

The National Air and Space Museum will inscribe Wally Funk on the Wall of Honor as a permanent testament to her commitment to and passion for flight. Wally, WAI 29, received a certificate recognizing her contribution to aviation and space exploration heritage. Way to go, Wally!

A special welcome to Desiree Ekstein, WAI 75338, the first official member from the new women and drones campaign. With a four-year-old company called OnTheGoVideo.biz, Desiree has a goal to "reach and teach", and uses a nickname Drone Diva Desi.



Wally Funk, WAI 26, at the 2017 WAI conference.

Congratulations to three female CFIs that recently received their Master Instructors! Meg Godlewski, WAI 8165 of Lakewood, Washington, a 7-time double Master and SAFE member, renewed her Master CFI and Master Ground Instructor accreditations. Karen Kahn, WAI 1254 of Santa Barbara, California, an 8-time Master and SAFE member, was granted Master Instructor Emeritus (MIE) status. Also, Helen Dalman "Pat" Knight of Argyle, Texas, an 11-time Master and a former SAFE board member, renewed her Master CFI accreditation.



Desiree Ekstein, WAI 75338, of California wants to teach other women about drones.

Passages

Dawn Seymour, WAI 30580, and a B-17 pilot in the WASP program, passed away peacefully at her home on July 18, 2017, overlooking Canandaigua Lake, at age 100. The mother of five children, Dawn was born in Rochester, New York, and earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1939. She was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Dawn received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010 for her wartime WASP service.

Blue skies and tailwinds forever, Dawn!



RIP Dawn Seymour, and thank you for your service.



Excitement Builds for Girls in Aviation Day!

Girls in Aviation Day events will be held around the world on September 23, 2017. Now's the time to connect with your local chapter and volunteer to support this fun and inspiring event that introduces girls ages 8-17 to all aviation aspects. Play an important role in Girls in Aviation Day events by contacting your local WAI chapter [here](#).

Thank you to this year's GIAD sponsors:

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Job Posting

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A full-time, tenure-track position, open rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor, with the possibility of tenure for appropriately qualified candidates), in the Aviation Program, Department of Engineering Technologies available January 2018 (August 2018 start is negotiable). For details including responsibilities, minimum qualifications, and information on how to apply, please visit <https://bgsu.hiretouch.com/> or contact the Office of Human Resources, BGSU. Application deadline is September 19, 2017. AA/EEO/Disabilities/Veterans.

Member Benefits

WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

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Inspire Others through the WAI Mentor Connect Program

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 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 Online Store

Featured item: [Ladies Dri-Mesh Polo](#)

This particular item runs small, so we suggest you order next size larger.

Sport-Tek Women's Black Dri-Mesh Polo with tipped collar and piping with WAI logo, 100% polyester, featuring gently contoured silhouette, double-needle shoulders and hem, taped neck, as well as striped placket and collar.

Colors: Black, Navy

Sizes: M-2X

Shipping Weight: 0.43 pounds

Code: 30168 Price: \$35.00

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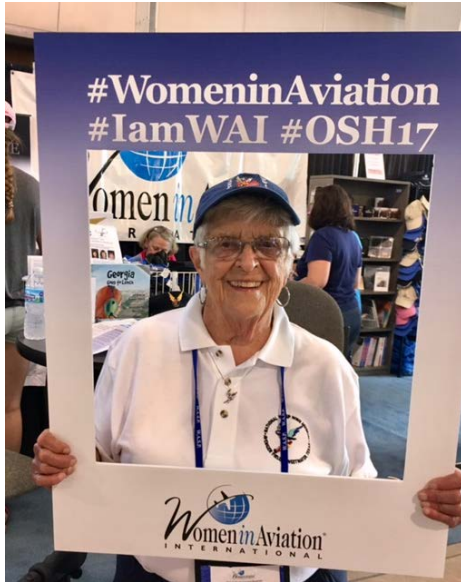
First Ladies

NAME: Jane Doyle, WASP

HER FIRST: Attending her first EAA AirVenture at #OSH17 at age 95

CURRENT OCCUPATION & JOB TITLE: Retired WASP living in Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Jane made a special visit to the WAI booth at EAA AirVenture.

1) What do you think of your first EAA AirVenture?

It's unbelievable. There's so many planes and people, and so many are interested in aviation now. There's such a variety of airplanes--helicopters, seaplanes, and small planes. There are also so many different kinds of pilots.

2) What advice can you give young girls thinking about pursuing their aviation dreams?

Just go out and take a flight, and you'll find out if you really want to learn how to fly or not. On my first flight, I decided this is what I wanted to do it. I had other opportunities but I wanted to learn how to fly. I didn't have a role model then, but now all these pilots are my role models!

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.

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

2018 Events

March 22-24 - [*29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada

"In the early days they said I was trying to make a statement, but I was just trying to make a living."

-- Capt. Bonnie Tiburzi, American Airlines, first woman hired by a major airline

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