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Message from WAI

[WAI scholarships](#) are now ready for applications! We invite our members to start applying for up to three scholarships by the application deadline of November 12, 2018. At least 108 individual scholarships equaling \$565,000 will be awarded during the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California. Additional scholarships will be added in the coming months. Interested applicants are urged to check www.WAI.org periodically.



JOHN RIEDEL



At [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh18](#), join or renew your WAI membership at booth 2041, hangar B and receive a **FREE Gleim FAR/AIM book and your choice of an online course, including communications, flight review ground training, or pilot refresher.** A \$46.90 value. Visit the Gleim Aviation booth 1105/1106, hangar A with your WAI membership receipt (and Gleim voucher) and receive your free materials while you are at #OSH18.

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Be Part of WomenVenture at #OSH18!

WAI members attending [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#) this summer, July 23-29, can take advantage of all the [WomenVenture events](#) throughout the week. Wednesday, July 25, 2018, will kick off with the [WAI Connect Breakfast](#) at 8 a.m, sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com. Join WAI members and friends for inspiring speakers, networking, and a silent auction to help fund the WAI scholarship program. **Please note this year, we will be at a new location, the Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.** Advance tickets can be [purchased online](#) until July 22 for \$17 each, after July 22 tickets may be purchased at the WAI booth for \$20 each.

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

We welcome volunteers to assist us at the WAI booth. Do you live in the area, or will you be at Oshkosh early or late? We could use your help setting up and tear down, too! If you are interested, [email Molly Martin](#).



WAI Connect Breakfast speakers Lt. Col (retired) Olga E. Custodio (top) and Dianne White, executive director, Malibu/M-Class Owners & Pilots Association

Visit the WAI booth 2041, hangar B and pick up your free WomenVenture 2018 t-shirt for the annual group photo on Boeing Plaza on Wednesday, July 25 at 11 a.m.

[WAI Connect Breakfast Tickets](#)

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Chapter News

WAI chapters and corporate partners and sponsors around the world are hosting a growing list of Girls in Aviation Day 2018 events. Check for an event near you [here](#).

Member News

Congratulations to all the participants of the [2018 Air Race Classic](#)! Some 52 teams, comprised of two or three pilots, started in Sweetwater, Texas, on June 19, and finished in Fryeburg, Maine, during a 2,600+ mile route ending on June 22. Special shout outs to 1st place team Mariah Ferber, WAI 71569, and Paige Kessler, of Nashville, Tennessee in a Cessna Skyhawk 172R, and 2nd place team Debby Rihn-Harvey, WAI 14690, and Chris Dale of Houston, Texas in a Cessna Skylane 182Q. The 2018 top 10 winners and the full 2018 race summary results are listed [here](#).

Corporate member Michelin Aircraft Tire Company is hosting [Melanie Astles](#) at its Oshkosh booth during EAA AirVenture. Melanie is a French aerobatics pilot and the first female pilot to compete in the Red Bull Air Races. You can meet Melanie and hear her story on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Welcome Center. Visit www.EAA.org for more details.



Congrats to Mariah Ferber and Paige Kessler of Nashville for winning the ARC18!



[Melanie Astles](#), a French aerobatics pilot and the first female pilot to compete in the Red Bull Air Races, will be at #OSH18.

New GIAD Online Merchandise Store is Open!

WAI introduces the [GIAD Online Merchandise Store](#) for Girls in Aviation Day 2018. All chapters and corporate members who have notified WAI that you are hosting a #GIAD18 event can order GIAD merchandise [here](#).

If you are holding an event prior to October 13 or if you are outside of the US, your order is due by July 25, 2018. For those holding events in the US on October 13, your order is due by September 1, 2018. No orders will be accepted after the cut-off dates identified above.

Due to the growing popularity of GIAD and the growing size of the events, thanks to the generous WAI sponsors

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and partners, WAI is able to provide each chapter holding an event with up to 100 free backpacks, Sporty's VFR Sectional Charts, Aviation Fun Patches, and *Aviation for Girls* magazines.

Chapters can order their free quantities, quantities in excess of the first 100, and women's and girls GIAD T-shirts, online at the [GIAD Merchandise Store](#). All prices include fulfillment, shipping, and handling. Email [Molly Martin](#) with any questions.

[Book your company's advertisement in *Aviation for Girls* magazine by July 11](#). Email [Kelly Murphy](#) for details. Interested in becoming [a partner for Girls in Aviation Day 2018](#)? Email [Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#).



[Video Highlights of #GIAD17](#)

[There's Still Time to Submit Education Session Proposals for WAI2019](#)

Would you like to share your expertise with #WAI19 attendees including aviation and aerospace professionals, students aspiring to aviation and space careers, and passionate recreational flyers? Submit your proposed topic with a 100-word abstract as well as an outline of your presentation, and one-page biography with your contact details by **extended deadline July 9**. [Email presenters@wai.org](mailto:presenters@wai.org) for additional information. Topics can cover general aviation, drone/UAS, maintenance, military, commercial airlines, business aviation, history, personal/professional development, leadership, careers, or engineering/technology.



[Submit education session proposals](#) for the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California, by Monday, July 9, 2018.

Do You Know A Candidate for the 2019 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame?

Nominations are now being accepted for inductees into next year's [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#). Female candidates or organizations that have made significant contributions to the aviation industry around the world as record setters, pioneers, or innovators are eligible.

Posthumous nominations are acceptable. Special consideration will be given to individuals who have helped other women become successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity.

Please submit the [official nomination form](#) no later than **August 1, 2018**. The induction ceremony will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 during the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Long Beach, California.



[Nominate recommendations](#) for the 2019 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees.

WAI Marks 30th Annual Conference Next Year in Long Beach, California!

It's a great time to start making your plans to join WAI members and friends at the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California. The [WAI2019 Exhibitor and Sponsor Prospectus](#) is now available, and includes lots of details about this unique and inspiring WAI gathering.

[Conference fees and registration form](#) are now available with advance pricing through August 1, 2018. [Click here](#) for registration form.



Southern California here we come next March! #WAI19 will be held in Long Beach, California, March 14-16, 2019. Conference hotel rates and booking information can be found [here](#).

[Watch the #WAI18 video](#)

WAI Job Posting: WAI Conference & Events Assistant

Women in Aviation International is seeking an experienced event professional 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 position is based full-time in our West Alexandria, Ohio, office and reports to the Director of Conferences & Events to support the annual conference and other events in which WAI participates throughout the year. The ideal candidate would have at least 3+ years of event experience preferably in a non-profit setting and have earned an associate's degree. Proficient using Microsoft Office applications, including Excel, Word, and PowerPoint. Must be detail oriented with strong organizational skills and have a teamwork approach. Limited travel is required. Salary commensurate with experience. Email cover letter and resume to [Kerisa Citro](#), Director of Conferences & Events.

Support the WAI Endowment Fund with Tax-Advantaged Strategies

Are you looking for tax-advantaged strategies to support the WAI Endowment Fund? Corporate member [SkyOne Federal Credit Union](#) has several options to share with WAI members. Please refer to [this handout](#). Geoff Palenik, the CFS* Financial Advisor for SkyOne, is available to provide more information on how you can help WAI provide career advancement opportunities for women in the aviation industry. [Email Geoff](#) at or call 800-421-7111.

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WomenVenture ²⁰¹⁸

July 25

OSHOSH 2018

We've reimagined this celebration and invite you to join us in growing interest among women who are enthusiastic about aviation.

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.

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 (*new discount):** 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
- ***Travelpro® (*new discount):** exclusive 15% discount on all products
- **Vistaprint:** discounted business cards
- And much more!

[Learn More about Member Discounts](#)



2018 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.

July 23-29- *EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Join us at the WAI Connect Breakfast (sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com) on Wednesday, July 25, 8:00 a.m. [Purchase tickets online](#), \$17 in advance, \$20 on-site. Visit WAI in booth 2041, hangar B.

September 23-26- [*RAA Annual Convention](#), Long Beach, California

September 25-28- [*UAA 2018 Collegiate Aviation Conference & Expo](#) Dallas, Texas

October 5-6 - [*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Carbondale, Illinois

October 13- [*Girls in Aviation Day 2018](#) Interested in #GIAD18 partnerships?

[Email Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#) or call 740-819-0471.

October 16-18- [*NBAA-BACE](#), Orlando, Florida

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March 14-16 - [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

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March 6-8 - [31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

*"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost,
to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."*

--Eleanor Roosevelt

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