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Penny Nagy

Now that the Fall Section Meeting is behind us, I want to thank everyone who was involved in making it a huge success. Believe me, I was beginning to wonder how it would go because of all the room issues we had at the beginning. Thankfully that issue was resolved and things moved along pretty smoothly after that.

I was really glad to see so many first timers attend, and hope that this was the first of many more for them. I was also glad to see that we had two Associate Members in attendance. On a personal note, I'm pretty much back to normal. For those of you who saw me on Sunday at breakfast and at the debrief, my eyes are no longer black. It's amazing how this type of injury progresses. I fell on Thursday evening, had no noticeable signs of anything on Friday, on Saturday had a little black under one eye, and by

Sunday eyes both were black. My black eyes kept me out of work for three days.

I hope that everyone who attended the dedication of the Opal Kunz memorial marker was as pleased with the outcome as I was. Thanks again to all of you who donated money to make this happen, and to all of the chapters that were involved with finding her gravesite and taking charge of the dedication.

If you've ever thought about running for a Section office position, now is the time to do something. I know that there are a lot of qualified members out there. The "intent to seek election" form needs to be returned to the nominating committee by **January 15, 2014**. It's available in the "Members Only" section of the website. Serving the Section is a lot of work, but I can say first hand that it's also a lot of fun. I would not trade my service to this organization for anything.

Coyote Country is working on the Winter Workshop, which is being held on Saturday, January 25 in Carlsbad, CA. At the Fall BOD Meeting we discussed topics of interest and decided on two sessions. One session will be devoted to revamping the Section Chapter Chairman's Manual and the other will be devoted to the new "Fly Now" AE Scholarship. The cost to attend is \$25 and the registration form can be found on the Section website.

San Gabriel Valley, Fullerton and San Fernando Valley are hard at work on the Spring Section Meeting to be held in Ontario, at the Ontario

Airport Hotel. The dates for the meeting are April 25 – April 27, 2014. The registration form can also be found on the Section website.

We are in need of a chapter or chapters to host the 2015 Spring Meeting. Why not step up to the plate and volunteer. The Bakersfield Chapter gained four or five new members while working on their meeting and had such fun that they've already volunteered for Spring 2018.

Have a great winter! See you in Carlsbad!

A Bit of Humor...

On some air bases, the military uses one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side, with the tower in the middle serving both. One day, at one of these fields, a call from an aircraft called in asking, "Hey, Tower, what time is it?"

The tower answered, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft answered, "What difference does it make?"

The tower responded with, "It makes a lot of difference. If you are a civilian aircraft, it's three o'clock; if you're an Army aircraft, it's 1500 hours; if you're a Navy aircraft, it's 3 bells; if you're an Air Force aircraft, the big hand is on 12 and the little hand is on 3; and if you're a Marine aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes 'til Happy Hour."

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Letter from the Editor

We have had some great events this year in chapters, in the Section, and Internationally. There are so many that we don't share with all of our Southwest Section members. Don't forget that it is difficult for most of our members to attend events outside of our chapters. Please share photos and stories about your experiences at these events. They would love to live vicariously through attendees and maybe it would encourage more of our members to branch out into the events outside our local areas.

In our newsletter we like to honor our members who have some kind of achievement. It's hard to pour through newsletters trying to find them (or finding them on the 99s Facebook page, like I have done on occasion). I certainly hope that someone keeps track of those things in your chapter. PLEASE send me those so that we can give them the recognition they deserve on a Section level.

It's always hard when you lose a member and it's hard to write about it. I know when I lost a friend that nobody really knew, it was hard to write something and share it. Please share it with us. We want to honor them as well.

Is there something that you've done, or one of your friends has done, that you think is interesting? Share it with us.

Reading a whole lot of newsletters is time consuming, but it is really interesting. If you can't send us snippets of the information that we require in our articles, please give me a copy (or a link) of your newsletter so I can write SOMETHING that tells us how our sisters are doing. Mail to southwesterlynews@gmail.com

Keep it coming!

*By Jeanne Pierce
Southwesterly Editor*

REMEMBER

Please send your chapter news to southwesterlynews@gmail.com

by the **November 15th deadline !**

Here are some fun photos from the last Section Meeting in Sacramento. For those who were not at the event, on Saturday it rained like crazy and our hospitality room was around the corner from the hotel at the General's house where Penny was staying. Kim Ernst sent these fun photos. They were trying to prepare Mayetta for the walk back to the hotel. Obviously they were all having fun with it, especially Mayetta.



Ratings and Accomplishments

Kristine Ziegler (Bay Cities) - Private Pilot

Emma Justice (Reno High Sierra) – Private Pilot

Moe Makowski (Reno High Sierra) – Commercial Pilot

Andy Kotner (San Diego) – Private Pilot

Bonnie Moseley (San Diego) – Private Pilot

JoAnn Raimond Minor (San Diego) – Private Pilot

Eline Kok (San Diego) – SE Commercial Pilot

Susan Cutts (San Luis Obispo) – Private Pilot

Maria D'Amato is training with Air Wisconsin to fly US Airways Express livery!

Sara Spy is now aircraft commander of C-130s for the Nevada Air Guard!

Calendar/Activities 2013 - 2014

January 25th 2014

[Winter Workshop](#)

Carlsbad, CA

April 25th – 27th 2014

[Spring Section Meeting](#)

Ontario, CA

July 8th – 13th 2014

[Ninety-Nines International Conference](#)

New Orleans, Louisiana

CHAPTERS ON THE MOVE

Bay Cities

Bay Cities members have been active in various airport events including the "Wings over Marin" Gness Field open house where they had a booth, California Capital Airshow at Mather Field, and Mustangs & More at the Nut Tree airport in Vacaville. They also participated in the EAA Young Eagles program at Gness Field. A winging party to Pine Mountain was held in July. Member Amy Ecclesine contributed a nice article for their newsletter about her experience at the Air Race Classic this year, and Amber Whitmill wrote about her flight on Southwest with member Renee Sandell as their captain.

Fullerton

Fullerton did a great job with the hospitality room at the Fall Section Meeting this year at Sacramento's McClellan Airport. Along with the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Chapters, they are preparing for the 2014 Spring Section Meeting. Members from the three chapters participated in a fly-in to Chino, where they ate breakfast at Flo's then went to the Yanks Museum to scope it out for the reception at the Spring Meeting. Their members have been active flying. Two members flew separately to Oshkosh, two members flew to International in Bozeman, and Jennifer Guetterman (whom you may have seen in the 99s News and you'll see in our newsletter as well) flew around France promoting aviation on behalf of AOPA. Fullerton is planning a "new member breakfast" in November to educate their new comers on the history and missions of the organization. Sylvia Paoli had a great article in their newsletter about getting a flat nose wheel tire in St. Johns Arizona (SJN). There are some fun photos of their members at the Fall Section Meeting in this issue of the Southwesterly.

Reno Area

Members have been planning the Fall Section Meeting for 2014. They had booths at both the Minden and Carson City airport days. The chapter works in a number of areas at the Reno National Championship Air Races each year to earn scholarship money, and attended again this year at the 50th anniversary of the races. Speaking of 50th anniversaries, The Reno Area Chapter celebrates their 50th year this June and will be planning a luncheon to commemorate the event.

Reno High Sierra

This chapter worked at the Reno Air Races in the merchandise tent, earning money for spring scholarships. Congratulations to Emma Justis, their newest PPL in July. Also, Moe Makowski finished her Commercial certificate in early August and Sarah Spy is

now an aircraft commander of C-130s for the Nevada Air Guard. They welcomed three new members; Janeanne Knox from Winnemucca, Tammy Augustin from Australia, and Nicole Brill from Reno. Members Moe Makowski and Heather McCoy flew their first Air Race Classic this year. Jenny Beatty has been flying 777s.

Sacramento Valley

The Section Meeting in Sacramento was a great success. One of the events was the presentation at Opal Kunz's gravesite. The Sacramento Chapter, along with the Placer Gold and Sutter Buttes Chapters (and Penny's friend, Stella) hunted through the cemetery to find Opal's gravesite. They all did a nice job of selecting the stone and organizing the tribute to Opal. Thanks to 49 ½ Lee Nagy for trimming the grass and shrubs. Sac Valley welcomed three new members; Susan Wiseman and Shawn Malvini-Redden as associate members, and scholarship winner Roxanne Parker.

San Diego

San Diego Chapter's theme for the upcoming year is "Fun and Collaboration". They will have educational speakers, fly-outs, a Flying Companion Seminar, and plan to join the WIA San Diego Chapter for activities. They may even do a zip lining adventure in Wrightwood.

San Diego participated in the Armed Forces Aero Club "Fly the Kids for Free Day" at MYF and WIA hosting the Padres game in September. At Wings Over Gillespie, member Heather Gamble flew formation with other women pilots in the air show, and Kathleen Devlin was the Air Group One Volunteer Coordinator. Member Claudette DeCourley flew the 2013 Air Race Classic with a fellow 99, Mary Glezen McMahon.

Four female military helicopter pilots spoke at one of their meetings. Members of the chapter and several prospective members, including student pilots and aviation college students from San Diego Christian College (SDCC) and Miramar Community College, joined them to hear about the non-profit organization "Pilots and Paws" from chapter member and SDCC student Laura Beth Gathman. Their guest speaker for October was Julie Keane, CFII/MEI, and Designated Pilot Examiner. They have another scholarship to award that has an application deadline of December 31, 2013. San Diego plans to participate in WAI's Girl Scouts Camp: "You Can Be a Pilot" at KSEE on October 19th.

San Fernando Valley

San Fernando had a good turnout of eleven members for the International Conference in Bozeman. Lilian

Darling Holt took a lot of beautiful pictures that you can view on her shutter fly site:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AYsmbJk3ZuWkKPU> (click "see photos"; click "view album"; click at top right side of fingernails to play the slideshow) They participated in a flying event with Aviation Explorer Post 747 that sounds like it could turn into an annual event. A flying event to the Sandling's Pine Mountain Lake home was the October event.

San Joaquin Valley

Lynne Orloff flew her Bonanza with Joannie to the International Conference in Bozeman, and Dianne flew her Commander with Catherine, overnighing in Twin Falls. Candace and her husband flew their Warrior with exciting overnights in Lovelock (LOL) and Idaho Falls. A July meeting was held in Pine Mountain Lake where they did some planning for the next Air Race Classic. Look for their "Non-event of the Year" to raise money for sponsoring that event in this issue of the Southwesterly.

San Luis Obispo

Kathy Dannecker took a flying trip in the Carribean and did a presentation for the chapter. Elizabeth Dinan wrote a chapter newsletter article about her CFI renewal and all the memories that generated. Lakshmi Vempati described her trip to Oshkosh. Cheryl Cooney also wrote a good piece on their Oxnard fly out and included some fun pictures for that event.

Don't Miss the 2014 Spring SWS Meeting, April 25-27 in Ontario, CA

The Fullerton, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley Chapter women put on a fun skit to announce the Spring 2014 Section Meeting.



Maureen Kenney, Ida Zhang, Virginia Harmer, Nora Feddal, Denise Jennings, Kim Ernst, Paula Sandling, Eleanor Westerlin, Vikki Mena, and Dana Glidden (in the airplane).

Southwest Section Membership

By Kim Ernst

SW Section Membership Chairman

Have you ever wondered how the 99s have become such a successful organization for these last 84 years?

Could it be the camaraderie and friendships, the faith in each other and each chapter, the perseverance, the working long hours on chapter projects, newsletters, air marking, giving of our time by organizing and hosting section meetings, or organizing and hosting International meetings, mentoring, fly-ins, safety seminars, air racing, or all of the above?

None of us can say we did not have fun or feel rewarded doing the things we have done. We are women who like to do things, to be involved, we love to organize, we love to work hard, and we gladly volunteer.

It's because of all of you, no matter how small or large your role is within your chapter or section, remember that you are the main purpose this organization has survived. The following data provides insight into the last couple of years.

The current count of continuous membership in the Southwest Section as of July 31, 2013:

60 or more years	13
50 – 59 years	16
40 – 49 years	64
30 – 39 years	112
20 – 29 years	168
Less than 20 years	1015

Count of members as of:

July 31, 2012

International = 4796
SW Section = 1416

July 31, 2013

International = 4720
SW Section = 1388

Let's keep the amazing organization going for another 100 years by continuing our efforts in recruiting new members and retaining our existing membership. We cannot do it without you.

Andrea Rinebold - Honored as Southwest Section Professional Woman Pilot of 2013



At age 14, Andrea went to work part-time as a cashier at a local restaurant to save for flying lessons. Her parents thought it was strange that their daughter was saving for flying lessons, as opposed to purchasing her first car. Nevertheless, they supported Andrea's dream and drove her to Fullerton Airport once a week for her flying lesson.

Upon graduating from high school, Andrea pursued her Private Pilot's certificate, and then off she went to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona to attend college. Three years later Andrea had earned all of her flight ratings through Commercial Multi-Engine Land and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics Science with a minor in Aviation Safety and Humanities.

Upon graduation, Andrea accepted a position with United Space Alliance (NASA's prime training contractor). She was hired as an Astronaut Instructor in the Spaceflight Training Division, both in the classroom and simulator. Andrea's specialties were the Space Shuttle Systems and Space Station Guidance, Navigation, Control and Propulsion. Further, Andrea was part of the Space Station curriculum development, working with Cosmonauts when they trained in the United States and certifying the Mission Control Flight Controllers for working various space flights.

While in Houston, Andrea also earned her CFI. Once her commitment to United Space Alliance was fulfilled, she moved back to California in pursuit of a flight instructor job. Within one month she was hired by AFI at Fullerton Airport. While doing primary instructing, Andrea also began training for her CFII.

Shortly thereafter, Andrea was hired by Mesaba Airlines, a regional carrier for Northwest Airlines. After five years at Mesaba and having completed a B-737 type rating from a scholarship through Women in Aviation and Continental Airlines, Andrea was hired by America West Airlines flying the A-320. America West has since merged and become U.S. Airways, so for the past nine years Andrea has been flying for U.S. Airways, except for one short year and a half furlough that found her flying in the charter world. Always a woman of passion for aviation, Andrea has sought any opportunity to fly.

Upon returning to U.S. Airways, Andrea joined the Pilot Recruitment and Hiring team. It was an opportunity to help those pursuing a career in aviation. Andrea loves the positive energy of being around pilot candidates and the new hires. Her official title today is "Pilot Ambassador" and she has taken many a new hire under her wing.

We are fortunate to have Andrea as a member of the Orange County Chapter, and I think we have all seen her positive influence and smile she brings to the table.

Her statement in the Southwest Section Professional Women Pilot of the Year application: "It is so rewarding to see pilots grow and realize their dreams. The 99s have given me the opportunity to give back to a community that I love and am very grateful to. Without the wonderful people who have been a part of my life, I would not be the person or pilot I am today".

Congratulations Andrea!!

Fly Now!

Up to \$3,000 awards towards completion of your initial certificate! Are you a student pilot member?

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees have a great new program with awards up to \$3,000 for student pilots to complete their Recreational, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certificate (or non-U.S. equivalent) in any aircraft.

Formerly called the New Pilot Award, the Trustees have expanded the concept and now give up to **four Fly Now** awards each year, two with a deadline for applications in September, and **two with a deadline in March**. All you have to do is be an Associate Member of The Ninety-Nines and apply, no length of membership required, but a demonstrated need for financial assistance is still part of the process.

Since the success of the *Fly Now* award is dependent upon the relationship between the student and her 99s chapter, the applicant must have a formal mentor from her chapter for support and guidance. The financial awards are given in stages as the student reaches certain milestones in her training.

All interested Associate members and their mentors should download the full information at

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/Fly Now brochure.pdf>.

Lois Jean Hewitt – Selected as SWS 2013 Woman Pilot of the Year



Lois and Hi-Desert Chair Ellen Williams

was followed with her Instrument, and her Commercial. After 10 years she achieved her Instructor certificate, then her Instrument Instructor, and just last year her Multiengine Instructor through an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award.

Lois Jean Hewitt started flying 20 years ago when she fulfilled a promise to her youngest son. If he brought his grades up in school, she would look into flying for both of them. He did and she fell in love with flying the first time she took off.

It took 2 years of exhilaration and frustration, to finish her Private Pilot certificate, which

was followed with her Instrument, and her Commercial.

After retiring from her full time job, she opened her own flight school. Her school gets busier each year. She has gone from one aircraft to four, and offers high performance and complex training.

Lois was working full time while acquiring her ratings, and knows the problems associated with working while flight training. She feels that her maturity is an added advantage for her students. Most of her students are older and she likes to help others achieve a dream they have had all their life. Lois is proud of her unique position as a woman pilot and flight school owner, but wishes she had started flying a lot earlier in life.

She has been involved in the High Desert Pilots Association and Angel Flight West. Lois is now a FAASafety Team member, AOPA member, and a member of the National Association of Flight Instructors. She acquired an hour of 737 time just for her own experience. Recently, she flew a couple of underprivileged young people as part of a program in Victor Valley. Lois states that, she is “glad to be a stepping stone in helping others achieve their dreams.”

Submitted by Linda Mae Draper-Hivert
WPOY Committee Chair

2013 International Forest of Friendship Honorees

Front row, second from left: Rebecca Duggan, Carol Craig Morris, Mary Jane Rice, Carol Rayburn, Carolyn Mohler (accepting for Penny Rafferty Hamilton), Kay Ackerman Harmon,

Second row: Wendy O'Malley, Laurie Probst, Ruth Ellen Ellis Frantz, Judy Benjamin, General Douglas Fraser USAF (ret), Kathryn Gunpher (accepting for Dodie Post Gann), Nan France, Dorothy Anderson (accepting for Dodie Post Gann), Bob Frantz, Linda Mae Draper-Hivert (accepting for Catherine "Kitty" Houghton), Linda Bottorff (accepting for Mark Bottorff)

Not present: the late Vicky Joyce Anderson and the four crew members of the Modular Airborne Firefighting System-7 (MAFFS-7) aircraft from the North Carolina Air National Guard who gave their lives fighting wildfires in South Dakota on July 1, 2012: Senior Master Sergeant Robert "Robbie" Cannon, Major Ryan David, Major Joseph McCormick, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Mikeal.



To see more about the IFOF for lists of honorees, photos, and a video presentation. Follow this link <http://ifof.org>

Female Pilots Group Discovers Auburn Link to First Leader

By Auburn Journal staff writer Jon Schultz

The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, dispatched about 16 of their members for a mission in the Auburn Cemetery on Fulweiler Avenue about a month ago.

They were looking for the burial site of Opal Logan Kunz, a significant and until recently forgotten part of their past. Penelope Nagy, governor of the Ninety-Nines Southwest Section, headed the effort to ensure Kunz received the recognition she deserved.

All Nagy's research indicated that Kunz had died alone in Auburn and was buried in an unmarked site. Armed with a photograph of the grassy site and the plot number, 127B-3, the group made their way to the far east side of the cemetery where the homes back up to it.

One of the original 99 charter members, Kunz, who died in 1967, led the organization before Amelia Earhart became the first official elected president, Nagy said.

Kunz made a splash in New York newspaper headlines when her bi-plane crashed in 1929, and again created a stir when she wrote to President John F. Kennedy volunteering to be the first American sent to space.

Though much has been written about her flamboyant exploits, Nagy could not pin down exactly what brought Kunz to Auburn.

When they found her plot, emotions swept over Nagy, who at the organization's spring meeting raised about \$2,000 to get Kunz a grave marker.

"It was unreal," Nagy said. "I started to cry because she was actually our first president. They always say Amelia Earhart was the first president of our organization, elected, but Opal was the first unofficial president before (Earhart) was elected."



Photo by Michael Kirby

Ninety-Nines members from left, Lorry Hukill, Mary Lou Klein, Penelope Nagy, and Carol Andrews stand before the grave of Opal Logan Kunz.



In a year otherwise marked by tragedy for the organization, the ability to install a memorial marker – which they did in July – and revive the memory of Kunz has provided an uplifting mission that has drawn the local members closer together, Nagy said.

"I hate to see one of our members not be remembered, somehow," she said. On Sept. 20, the Ninety-Nines will be holding a small memorial service for Kunz at her new grave marker.

The organization has already mourned the loss of three of its pilots to unexpected circumstances in 2013.

Tragedy struck twice in January, when Katherine Houghton was stabbed to death in a hotel lobby in New Hampshire just weeks after Camarillo native Karen Johnson died in a helicopter crash. In April, C.J. Strawn, of Los Angeles, died when her plane collided with another in midair.

"The big difference was they had us, there was somebody to remember them, somebody to think about them, and when this was happening I really started focusing on Opal and realizing she had nobody," Nagy said. "And that was so different than all of our members."

Why she fell into relative obscurity is puzzling to Nagy.

"Some of the letters and some of the things we were reading, I'm wondering if maybe there had been a falling out between her and Amelia Earhart, and she just maybe sort of faded away, but I can't say," she said. "I had never heard about her until I started doing the research."

According to her obituary that ran on May 18, 1967, in the Auburn Journal, Kunz died in the Auburn Hospital and had no known survivors. City Historian April McDonald could not find any further connections between Kunz and Auburn.

With the remaining balance of funds raised for her grave marker, the Ninety-Nines are planning to have her inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in

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Atchison, Kan., described as a “living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace.”

“She was one of our pioneers,” Nagy said. “What they had to go through as women at the time -- learning to fly and everything -- that, to me, is an amazing story.”

In a letter written by Kunz dated Dec. 31, 1929, she wrote why she felt a “girl pilot’s club” was needed, according to the Ninety-Nines’ archives.

She explained that many female pilots at that time received special attention because of their novelty to the industry, sometimes receiving higher salaries than men because of their publicity appeal.

“This will not always be true, for the world will gradually expect women to fly,” Kunz wrote. “It will no longer be news of first page interest when a woman takes to the air. When this time comes, girls will have to demonstrate their real ability on a large scale, if they expect to hold their own.”

This article appeared in the August 9, 2013 edition of the Auburn Journal.

Back to Basics 3

- 1) In what flight condition must an aircraft be placed in order to spin?
 - A. Partially stalled with one wing low
 - B. Stalled
 - C. In a steep diving spiral
- 2) During an approach to a stall, an increased load factor will cause the airplane to -
 - A. Be more difficult to control
 - B. Have a tendency to spin
 - C. Stall at a higher airspeed
- 3) During a spin to the left, which wing(s) is/are stalled?
 - A. Neither wing is stalled
 - B. Both wings are stalled
 - C. Only the left wing is stalled
- 4) The angle of attack at which an airplane wing stalls will -
 - A. Remain the same regardless of gross weight
 - B. Change with an increase in gross weight
 - C. Increase if the CG is moved forward
- 5) During an approach to a stall, an increased load factor will cause the airplane to -
 - A. Stall at a higher airspeed
 - B. Have a tendency to spin
 - C. Be more difficult to control

Answers below left

Sharing Africa’s Diverse Beauty Through Photography



A selection of photographs by artist Irene Engard (Orange County Chapter) were on exhibit from September through October in the Thomas F. Riley Terminal as part of John Wayne Airport’s Community Focus Space Program.

The majority of Engard’s images were taken during her trips to Africa, and feature scenes from various regions of the country. Engard’s images are in their original form, with no digital enhancement.

“My mission is to share with you the wonders of nature and take you places you might not go,” said the artist. “My vision is that I will influence you to take better care of our planet by exposing you to its greatness, beauty and diversity.”

For more information about Irene’s work, visit www.engardarts.com

AOPA Summit in Fort Worth, TX

By Ceci Stratford
San Fernando Valley Chapter

I was lucky to be able to go to the AOPA Summit in Texas this year. We flew American Airlines and stayed near the convention center in that beautiful city. I recommend Ft. Worth as a destination – friendly folk, excellent food 100% of the time, beautifully restored turn-of-the-century buildings and good transportation.

My special reason for attending was to meet the young man I sponsored for one of the AOPA scholarships. His name is Rodney McKnight, from New Orleans, who is living in Jacksonville NC, as a Corporal in the Marines. What a dashing fellow he is in his dress uniform! Rodney presents himself so eloquently and passionately, telling stories of how he grew up in a broken home with nothing more to look forward to than a career in a landscaping business! But he broke the pattern, joined the military, became a helicopter mechanic and dreamed of becoming a pilot. He has started fulfilling that dream (he has 22 hours & has soloed) and AOPA is helping him reach his goal much sooner than he planned. After leaving the military in January he plans to study Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin.



Rodney McKnight

Rodney mesmerized everyone who met him and I am so proud to be his sponsor! I'm anxious to see his career unfold. He's exceptionally organized, does his research, and has his life all planned out while being open to exciting changes as they happen. May we all take heed and be inspired by him.

Two young women also won AOPA scholarships, Diana Sauder and Ashley Collins, both of who are Associate 99s and also excited to be part of the aviation world. The other five awardees were equally amazing. Be sure to



Martha, Susan, and Ceci at the Ninety-Nines booth

read their bios in upcoming issues of Pilot Magazine & AOPA's e-newsletter. AOPA did an exceptional job of selecting winners.

The Summit was fun and educational. I helped in the Ninety-Nines booth, working with Martha Phillips (International President) and Susan Liebeler (both from Ventura County 99s). I met lots of other 99s who either worked there, too, or stopped by to say hello.

AOPA invited me to attend a luncheon of "special women aviators" where I met other women pilots who are doing exciting things in aviation, such as living on a ranch with several runways, flying a 1929 Stearman, landing at 49 of the 50 states, teaching kids about aviation, owning an FBO (including flying her own jet), working for AOPA, and other cool stuff! We plan to stay in touch and hope to become part of a new initiative by and for women pilots. I'll keep you posted as I hear more about that.

The Summit had the usual excellent seminars and exhibits. There's nothing like learning about the latest in the aviation world and hearing some of the best speakers at safety seminars. Chuck & I also got to meet many of the AOPA and AOPA Foundation employees, including our new President, Mark Baker. Look for the changes AOPA is planning for next year, like the regional grassroots meetings instead of the usual national convention. There WILL be one in Southern California.

Left: AOPA scholarship ladies Diana Sauder and Ashley Collins with Ceci. Ashley also won the 99s Karen Johnson scholarship in Oshkosh.

My Experience Competing in a French Aeronautical Race

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Growing up in a normal Southern California life, I found myself in one of the most abnormal places for a young woman to be: the cockpit of an airplane. I began taking flying lessons the summer after high school graduation in 2011 at the Fullerton Municipal Airport through the AFI Flight Training Center. I also joined the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America Aviation Explorer Post #445 to further explore aviation. The Post has a really great program for young adults, including women, interested in becoming pilots. I earned my pilot's license in 2012 and became a ground instructor in April 2013, while earning my associate's degree in aviation management.

The advisor to the Post, Tim Lloyd, heard of an opportunity through the Aircraft Owner and Pilot Association (AOPA) for a young American pilot to compete in France in a 1200-mile race around the perimeter of the country, stopping in six different airports, from July 15 to 28. The Fédération Française Aéronautique (FFA) was going to host the Tour Aérien Des Jeunes Pilotes (TJJP) to motivate the next generation of pilots and promote general aviation to the French public. With prior knowledge of French and adequate flying and teaching experience, Tim suggested I apply.

The Selection Process

The FFA and International Council AOPA were in search of one American pilot between the ages of 18 and 24, with knowledge of the French language, a desire to compete in flying maneuvers and navigation tests abroad, and to share their passion with the community. I thought it would be a fun and amazing experience to travel the world, increase my flying experience and meet new people, so I applied! The AOPA received over 80 applicants in eight days. I didn't expect to get selected, but was thrilled when I was. And then I got butterflies in my stomach.

My Preparation for France

I was about to be the only American, one of four women, flying a plane I have never flown before, in a country I have never been to, speaking a language I only knew how to speak conversationally. You could say I was nervous, extremely nervous. Prior to leaving for France, I spent most of my time studying French aviation terms and flying regulations, reviewing maps of France and airport images. I didn't really know what to expect, but I was excited to go.

My Experience at the Race

Arriving in France, I was a bit overwhelmed initially. It was like summer camp for pilots. We stayed in college dorms local to each airport and were up every day at



5:30 a.m. for breakfast. We had a weather briefing, flight briefing, and then we loaded into our planes and either flew to our next destination, or competed in navigation or maneuverability tests. Taking off two minutes apart, it took nearly two hours to get everyone off the ground. I was flying a Diamond DA40 plane, wearing my American flag patch proudly.

After lunch we worked with media and visitors at each of the airports. We were like celebrities. Everywhere we landed, crowds were there to greet us and see the airplanes. They loved us. We had a daily show-and-tell-type event, or "amphi cabine," that was a great learning experience. People were reluctant to speak with me because I was American, but once they discovered I spoke French, they opened up and were eager to hear what I had to say. There aren't many pilots in France, because it's so expensive to learn how to fly, so it was exciting for the public to see us.

At some airports, we had the opportunity to fly in historical planes like the Douglas DC-3 and Antonov An-2. I was the only one in the group who got to sit in the cockpit and actually fly the plane, and received the royal treatment from the other pilots in France.

After dinner, we met for our next-day briefing and headed back to our rooms around 9:30 p.m. where we studied our flight plans for the next day. These were some of the longest days I've ever experienced; we all had so much adrenaline and were so excited for what was next to come that we never got that tired.

Takeaways

I learned so much from this experience in France; more than I anticipated. In America, I always flew in ideal conditions on an asphalt or concrete runway. There was an airport in France where we had to land on a grass

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strip, in the rain. It really boosted my confidence level after landing successfully. The competition overall opened up my eyes to general aviation. Pilots everywhere are the same; regardless of your language, we all have the same passion for flying. It was then that I realized the sky is my home.

After flying through France, I learned that aviation around the world is like a big family; and now I'm eager to fly in other countries. I also gained a lot of respect for French people; the tables were turned on me because I was now the foreigner, and they were so helpful and accommodating. Whether I'm in France or America, I'm always at home when I'm flying.

Conclusion

The TAJP was a surreal experience for me and I am so blessed to have been able to participate in an event like this. I can absolutely say that I have more confidence about my flying abilities and have learned to jump at new flying opportunities. I made life-long friends in France, hope to see them again and can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

From here, I plan on finishing my instrument rating training by the end of 2013 and begin training for my commercial certificate. I also plan on earning my bachelor's in aviation management from Southern Illinois University in Pomona, Calif. and enjoying a life-long partnership with my aircraft.



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