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Alaska Anyone?

As if you needed an excuse to *want* to visit Alaska, Women in Aviation is planning its 2007 regional conference in our northernmost state, September 7-8.

The conference will be held at the Millennium Alaskan hotel on Lake Hood—the busiest sea-plane base in the world.

A tour of several Anchorage sites, including the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, is being offered Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a reception will follow that evening from 5:30-7 p.m. at the hotel.

On Saturday there will be a general session with speakers, followed by lunch, and then workshops in the afternoon. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Peggy Chabrian, and a panel of Alaskan bush pilots including Jennifer Fratzke, Tamar Bailey, Darlene Dubai, Sanna Green, Noralie Jennings-Voigt, Ellie Jones-Elig, Caroline Spivak, and Valerie Jokela.

A 5.5 hour glacier cruise in Prince William Sound has been arranged for Sunday aboard the 137 foot Klondike Express and travels over 135 miles to view 26 “named” glaciers. The trip returns to Anchorage by approximately 7:30 p.m.

Registration for the conference is \$150 for members and includes the reception, lunch and all of the seminars. The Friday museum tour is \$45 and Sunday’s glacier cruise is \$175. The Millennium Alaskan is offering a discounted room rate of \$139 per night to conference attendees who make reservations by August 6.

This is the perfect opportunity not only to get a chance to network with some amazing

women, but also to experience Alaska and what aviation is like there.

For more information visit www.wai.org.



Meeting Notes

UW-O Women’s Center

Marion reported that Kelly and she met Jennifer Castillo from the UW-O Women’s Center to see if they’d be interested in partnering with us on programs and events. They exchanged program schedules and discussed putting together a panel for UW-O’s Women in Science week this fall.

Member Profiles

Kelly needs more member spotlight profiles for the newsletter. If you haven’t turned one in yet, forms are available on the member’s only section of the website, or you can ask Kelly to send you one.

Dinner with Peggy Chabrian

The chapter will be taking Peggy Chabrian out to dinner at the Vintage restaurant on Monday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m. Members should let Kelly know if they are interested in attending.

May 15 Chapter Meeting

John Livingston of the Soaring Society will be joining us to talk about soaring. We discussed ways to let others outside

the chapter know about this meeting. Ideas included sending an EAA_All, and checking community calendars, such as the Northwestern.

Kelly will also talk about her trip to Sun ‘n Fun, and Mary will talk about her trip to Germany.

Chapter T-shirts

Since we’re still so small the group decided that perhaps we should buy Women in Aviation shirts rather than having our own made. We need to find out if WAI offers a discount on a dozen or so shirts.

Newsletter Items

Feel free to send Kelly any items of relevance for the newsletter.

Girl Scout Badge Program

Betty mentioned that we need to reword the blurb regarding the chapter’s offer to help Girl Scouts earn their Aerospace Badge, which appears in a division of the Wisconsin Girl Scouts. The rewording

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Announcements:

- The chapter will be having dinner with WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian on May 3. **Please let Kelly know if you can make it ASAP.**
- The Mercury 13 women will receive honorary doctorates from UW-Oshkosh on May 12. They will be participating in a panel discussion at UW-O on May 11 at 10 a.m. Please RSVP at www.uwosh.edu if you would like to attend. Also, please let Kelly know if you will be going so that we can all sit together!
- If you’re interested in helping out with membership recruitment or outreach activities, please let Mary Jones or Betty Monnett know. We’re an official chapter now, so we need all the help we can get to grow!

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should reflect the fact that we now partner with EAA and its program by having a chapter member discuss the history of women in aviation and careers in aviation available to women today. Kathleen said she'd write the description, though Betty pointed out the online version Kelly

wrote should suffice. Either way, the description should be sent to Erin Dunleavy at the Girl Scouts, for inclusion in their fall catalog.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

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**Member Spotlight:
Rose Dorcey**

1. Job title: Freelance Writer

2. What I enjoy most about my job: The wonderful people I get to meet when interviewing them for a story; learning their interesting and often

inspiring stories.

3. When I am not at work I am:

Attending to duties in my role with the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. Reading, bike riding, motorcycling, camping, hiking, and I'm always learning new things ... I'm a full-time student at Lakeland College.

4. Aviation affiliation:

Pilot, aviation writer, and president of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.

6. Favorite Airplane:

As far as airplanes that I fly, I would say the Cessna 172, but I sure like the looks of the new Honda Jet!

7. One thing most people don't know about me:

I am a former two-time national motorcycle hillclimb champion.

8. My greatest accomplishment in life so far:

My two children, a daughter who is a Dominican Sister and studying to be a teacher in Nashville, TN. My son, Luke, is a UW-Oshkosh freshman. My children are my greatest "accomplishment". Learning to fly and earning my instrument rating, getting SCUBA certified, and taking a whitewater kayaking course are other accomplishments that I feel good about.

9. One thing I want to do before I die:

Write a book.

10. The person I most admire:

I have great admiration for Civil Rights activists in the 1960's, such as Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers. I admire generous, kind, honest, unpretentious, sincere people and anyone who stands up for what's right.

11. The latest CD that I bought:

Eagle's Greatest Hits, after seeing them in concert.

12. My most favorite food and/or restaurant:

There's a little place in Wisconsin's Northwoods, the Outdoorsman in Boulder Junction. The atmosphere is homey and warm, with a crackling fireplace, wood floors, great food, and excellent homemade pie. Other than that, I love Mi Cosina, a Mexican place in Madison, WI.

13. My least favorite place to be:

Can't say that I can think of one.

14. My favorite place to be:

One favorite place? Hmm... I love the Fergus Chapel on the EAA Grounds, walking in the woods, and driving my Mustang. I love to travel, and have been to so many beautiful places that I couldn't choose a favorite.

15. Why I joined Women in Aviation:

For the opportunity to meet great women in aviation, to share my enthusiasm and talents, and hopefully to inspire others to become involved in aviation.

President's Letter

Spring is here and with it the start of another flying season. Traditionally, the Sun 'n Fun fly-in at Lakeland, Florida, marks the beginning of this sacred season as other regional events across the country prepare for their weekend festivities before the good weather starts to fade in fall. There is lots to see and do at these fly-ins; parts to swap, tires to kick, and money to spend. But, you don't always have to travel far to find the most important aspects of any fly-in: food, folks and fun (to steal a McDonald's tagline).

Hundreds of fly-in events happen each summer, right here in our own backyard—and no, I'm not talking about EAA AirVenture. A simple Internet search for "Wisconsin fly-ins" will take you to the state's Department of Transportation website and a listing of a hundred different places to eat pancakes every Saturday from now until October. If you've never been, what you'll find at these places is not only a fantastic breakfast, but the classic aviation friendliness and hospitality we all cherish and the opportunity to meet people locally (relatively speaking) who are in to the same things you are. And who doesn't like to make new friends?

For those of us that fly, attending one of these events is not only a great excuse to get airborne, but also a fantastic opportunity to introduce a friend to aviation in a special way.

And for those who don't fly? Well, there's certainly no shame in driving in to eat breakfast and look at the airplanes! Who knows, maybe you'll find a flying friend who'll be happy to take you along in her plane to next weekend's gathering.

Flying is fun, but it takes on a whole different meaning when you start participating in fly-ins and local aviation events. You come to know the people that make aviation culture what it is, and you become part of something special. I may even go so far as to call the experience life-changing—especially if you're someone who is just starting to get into aviation.

Visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm to see the list I referenced earlier, and seriously consider visiting one of these events this season.

You'll be glad you did!

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