

June 20, 2006

**Next meeting:**

August 22, 2006  
6:00 p.m.  
New Member Social

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Women in Aviation, International  
[www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org)

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame  
[www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](http://www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com)

## First Official Chapter Fundraiser Successful

Kathleen reports that the first official chapter fundraiser was a successful one. Kathleen, her husband Dean, and chapter member Rusty Sachs prepared lunch for visitors at Sonex's open house event June 17, and took more than \$170 for the chapter. **Thanks to Kathleen, Dean, and Rusty for donating their time, and thanks to Sonex and Mary Jones for suggesting it!**

**In other chapter news...**

- Kathleen put together a listing for the Girl Scouts to include in their annual program, officially advertising the Women in Aviation Girl Scout program to troops in the area. Marion mentioned that EAA is currently in the process of revamping their own Girl Scout program, and suggested we team up with them to provide one big "super program" that would serve both organizations. The details on this will be worked out in the coming months, before the Girl Scout listing hits the press, so we can be ready when leaders come to us with questions.

- Chapter members participated last month in the judging for the EAA Hansen Scholarship. It was an interesting experience that gave a realistic impression of what it would be like if our chapter were to eventually offer a scholarship of our own. The pool of applicants was divided among the participating chapter members and then narrowed down to six, and later to one finalist. The \$1,000 scholarship is for a student pursuing a degree in Aero-



We finally took a chapter photo!

**(L-R) Bonnie Kratz, Marion Blakely, Kelly Nelson, Rose Dorcey, Trish Deimer, Mary Jones, Kathleen Witman, and Betty Monnett.**

Nate Nelson

space Engineering, or Aeronautical Engineering.

- An official chapter application has been created and approved. A PDF version will go up on the web in the coming weeks, and all current members will be asked to fill one out to have on file. Mary will send everyone a copy and instructions when the final version is ready.

- Our next meeting will be a new member social event August 22. Look for details on the web and in your e-mail in the coming weeks, and think of at least one new person you can bring with you!

- **Thanks to Nate Nelson for taking our chapter photo!**

## CMN Balloon Rally and Music Fest

The Wisconsin Rapids Balloon Rally has raised over \$60,000 in just five years for the Children's Miracle Network, and they're looking to add to that total with this year's event.

The Wisconsin Rapids CMN Balloon Rally and Music Fest will be held at the Wisconsin Rapids Airport (KISW) August 25-27. The event raises funds for a worthy cause, and has lots to do for the entire family. Kids activities include a petting zoo, inflatable toys, magic show, and breakfast with Mr. Science. There will also be a craft sale, food vendors, live music, beer tent, airplane and helicopter rides, skydiving demos, and fireworks on Saturday evening.

And if all that weren't enough, admission is free!



For more information visit [www.cmnballoonrally.com](http://www.cmnballoonrally.com), or call Rose Dorcey at 715/421-0055.

**Kathi Stoner, volunteer coordinator for the Wisconsin Rapids CMN Balloon Rally, is looking for help. If you can put in a few hours to help with raffle ticket and t-shirt sales, security, parking, or greeting at the rally, please contact her at [symphonymeadows@yahoo.com](mailto:symphonymeadows@yahoo.com).**

### Announcements:

- WAI is looking for volunteers during AirVenture to staff their booth and help with the Celebrity Breakfast Friday morning from 7-9 a.m. For more information contact Gerri Schultz ([gscultz@wai.org](mailto:gscultz@wai.org)).
- The chapter will be putting together a bibliography of aviation books for girls. Please send any suggestions you may have for the list to Kathleen at [kwitman@eaa.org](mailto:kwitman@eaa.org).
- Have an announcement to make? A story to share? Know of any upcoming aviation events? Send any stories, suggestions, or photos you might have for the newsletter to Kelly Nelson ([vicepresident@oshkoshwai.org](mailto:vicepresident@oshkoshwai.org)).

## Chapter Member Visits Maule Factory for Tailwheel Training

The week of June 19, 2006, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Moultrie, Georgia, to the Maule Airplane Plant to receive a taildragger endorsement. My instructor was none other than Ray Maule himself! At 70+ years of age, he certainly has a lot of flight experience and was a great teacher. I got to tour the airplane plant and see planes being built from the first weld to the test flight. Despite the 100 degree temperatures and 100% humidity, I received 10.1 hours of training (and did 86 landings!) at Spence Field and was very impressed with the professionalism and hospitality shown to me. This opportunity was given to me as a result of winning the Maule Tailwheel Scholarship through The Ninety-Nines. If you ever have a chance to fly a taildragger, do it!! And if you're ever in the market for an airplane, Maule is truly a family company that does its best to serve its customers. I even met Ray's mother, who will be 90 this year! She still has her own office at the company and has contributed much over her lifetime. If you're ever in southern Georgia, tour the plant. They'll even let you use a bicycle to get around.

-Laurie Probst



## Support A Future Aviatrix With Coffee

Cafe Avion Coffee Roasting Co. is donating \$1 to The Ninety-Nines for every pound it sells of its new "Aviatrix" blend from now until July 24. Each dollar donated will go toward a scholarship fund to help female pilots cover the cost of flight training.

"There's really no better way to promote our product than by supporting aviation, something we're very passionate about," said Denver Wilkinson, founder of Cafe Avion.

The Ninety-Nines annual scholarship supports and encourages the

advancement of women in aviation. The annual scholarship covers the entire cost for one lucky applicant to complete certificates, ratings, and associated coursework.

All of the coffee Cafe Avion roasts is certified as 100% Organic by Quality Assurance International, a third-party certifier for the USDA.

You can purchase Cafe Avion's Aviatrix blend from their website ([www.cafeavion.com](http://www.cafeavion.com)), or by calling 877-432-7890 and asking for The Aviatrix.

## 2007 WAI Scholarships Announced

The July/August issue of *Aviation for Women* has the first glimpse of the scholarships to be given away at the 2007 International Women in Aviation Conference in Orlando. Awards range from primary training to type ratings and endorsements, and there are even a few in there for those looking to get a degree in aviation management. There is something for everyone.

Read through the descriptions of the different scholarships being offered this year and see if there isn't one that could help your further your education or career, or even just have a little fun flying. The descriptions, and any additional scholarships that become available between now and the November 3 application deadline, will be up on the WAI website ([www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org)) starting in August, so be sure to stop by every now and again to see what's new.

Eligibility requirements vary for each scholarship, but all applications must include:

- three one-page recommendation letters
- typed, descriptive 500 word essay
- resume
- copies of all aviation and medical certificates and the last three pages of your pilot logbook, if applicable

Remember, you don't have to be a student to receive many of these scholarships—this money is to help ANYONE who might not otherwise be able pursue their dreams!

### Pioneer Hall of Fame Nominations

The Women in Aviation, International Pioneer Hall of Fame was initiated at the Third Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in 1992 to recognize women who have made significant contributions to the

aviation industry as record setters, pioneers, or innovators. Visit [www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org) for eligibility requirements, and instructions on how to nominate someone. Nominations must be submitted before August 1, 2006.

## WASP Memorial to be Dedicated

At 1 p.m. on July 31, Coachella Valley Ninety-Nines member Carol Hamilton will see a project dear to her heart become a reality. A WASP memorial will be dedicated at the Highground in Neillsville, Wisconsin. Several former WASP are expected to be in attendance.

The service of women pilots of WWII and in extension all women pilots will be celebrated and remembered by the placement of a tribute to the WASP of WWII. This bronze by Dorothy Lewis Swain will be located on the terrace south of the WWII Globe tribute. (Source: [www.thehighground.com](http://www.thehighground.com))

The Highground is looking for donations to the memorial. Please call 715/743-4224, or visit [www.thehighground.com](http://www.thehighground.com).



Several other organizations also offer various other scholarships—if WAI doesn't have something for you don't stop looking!

### EAA

[www.young eagles.com/programs/scholarships/](http://www.young eagles.com/programs/scholarships/)

### AOPA

[www.aopa.org/asf/about/scholarships/](http://www.aopa.org/asf/about/scholarships/)

### 99's

[www.ninety nines.org](http://www.ninety nines.org)