

August 21, 2007

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Annual Summer Hangar Social A Success!

With a great turnout and even greater enthusiasm, the Oshkosh Chapter held its second annual Summer Hangar Social on August 21 at Joe and Jeri Norris's hangar on Wittman Regional Airport. More than two-dozen people came, including two teenage girls determined to become pilots. (We hope the event and our members helped encourage them even more!)

Joe Norris gave a few rides in his restored Waco UPF-7 biplane, and John Livingston from the Wisconsin Soaring Society gave a passionate presentation on soaring and convinced a few people it was something they might like to try. The event also gave the opportunity for prospective members to learn more about the organization.

Spirits were high as members enjoyed camaraderie and heard stories about their fellow members' aviation interests. It was wonderful to hear from the future lady pilots in the group that their family and friends can't wait to go for an airplane ride when they get their pilot certificates.

After sampling several of our chapter members' favorite dishes, the event



wound down—at about the same time Joe put the Waco to bed due to declining visibility. Stay tuned for details on next year's Summer Hangar Social, and plan to attend!

Scholarship Season Returns

With the September/October issue of *Aviation for Women* comes the dawn of the 2008 WAI scholarship season. Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of Women in Aviation is the thousands of dollars in scholarships given away each year at the annual conference. Last year alone \$385,000 was given away in Orlando.

The scholarships come from generous sponsors and corporate members who want to help WAI members get ahead and advance in aviation and aerospace careers, and they're all available to you as a member of Women in Aviation. There is a great variety of opportunities available through these awards, everything from dispatcher and engineering scholarships to flight and maintenance scholarships. Even a little something for the air racers in the bunch. The judges



are looking at your past achievements, of course, but also taking note of your attitude toward yourself and others, your commitment to success, dedication to your career, financial need, motivation, reliability, and responsibility. A guide to getting scholarships—and a complete listing of those available this year—is

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Announcements:

- The EAA museum staff has asked that someone from our chapter lead the Girl Scout groups around the museum for a tour highlighting women's contributions as we go. The tours are scheduled from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month from September to April. A sign-up sheet will be available at each meeting to fill the slots. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let Kelly know if there is a date you can volunteer.
- A hotel room has been booked for the 2008 Women in Aviation Conference in San Diego. The conference runs from March 13-15, and the room has been booked from March 11-16 for those who want to arrive early and participate in the events scheduled on Wednesday (including a visit to an aircraft carrier!). With four people in the room, hotel for the week would be about \$200/person. If you are interested please contact Kelly.

Out 'n About... by Laurie Probst

On Friday, July 20, three other female pilots and I went to the Wisconsin Aviation Academy's "Fly Girl" Camp to talk to a group of teenage girls about careers in aviation. The camp provides girls with opportunities to explore various facets of aviation to see where their passions may lie. I flew to Southern Wisconsin Regional in Janesville (and landed right before they cleared the B-17!) and really had a rewarding experience talking to the girls in an informal setting.

The camp is a part of Wisconsin Aviation Academy, which is a non-profit organization that takes underrepresented area youth and provides unmatched opportunities to learn planning, discipline, and communication skills while learning to fly for free. They have had several cadets go through their program who are currently flying for airlines, attending four-year aviation colleges, and one who is attending the Air Force academy!



President's Column

I just can't say enough good things about the annual Women in Aviation Conferences. I attended my first conference in Nashville shortly after we started this chapter two years ago, and I now plan for it as an annual event I "must" attend.

Needless to say, March 11-16, 2008, is already blocked off on my calendar. I know, I know, the conference doesn't start until March 13, but I want to be there early this year. In years past WAI has scheduled a chapter workshop or something enticing on the day before the conference and I just haven't been able to fit it in to my schedule well enough to be able to attend. But this year they've got something really special planned and I intend to see to it that I don't miss out. When WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian visited us in May she alluded to several exciting things being planned for the conference in San Diego, including tours of naval aviation facilities, Coast Guard demonstrations, and an aircraft carrier tour. When else are you going to have this opportunity? Not to mention the days of networking and learning that will follow...

This is really an event I don't want you to miss. If there is anything I, or the chapter, can do to help you attend, let me know. We've already got a room reserved, and we're willing to roll in as many extra beds as necessary! If you really can't spare the time to come out before the conference, at least consider making the trip for Friday through Sunday.

I promise you won't regret it.

**19th Annual Women in Aviation
International Conference**
March 13-15, 2008
Town and Country Resort
San Diego, California
www.WAI.org

Member Spotlight: Mary Jones



1. Job title: Editor, *EAA Sport Pilot*

2. What I enjoy most about my job: Meeting positive thinking people from all over the world.

3. When I am not at work I am: Working in my flower garden, playing with my granddaughter, or hiking, biking, camping, canoeing or snowshoeing.

4. Aviation affiliation: EAA and WAI

5. Favorite Airplane: That's easy! The Air Cam!

6. One thing most people don't know about me: I spent my freshman year of high school in a convent. Yup, I thought about being a nun.

7. My greatest accomplishment in life so far: Raising two great kids.

8. One thing I want to do before I die: Wayyy more than one thing on that list! Visit Australia/New Zealand

9. The person I most admire: Lots of those folks, too. How 'bout Katharine Hepburn; she lived life for herself, but didn't hurt anyone along the way.

10. The latest CD that I bought: John Mayer/Continuum or Peter Onorato/Heart of the Heartland.

11. My most favorite food and/or restaurant: Italian ... Cannova's in Neenah. Don't tell anyone about that place during AirVenture!

12. My least favorite place to be: Tupperware-like parties.

13. My favorite place to be: Camping along a lake, sitting around a campfire listening to loons call.

14. Why I joined Women in Aviation: Because I strongly believe in the importance of women supporting and mentoring other women.

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online at www.WAI.org, and it's certainly worth a read if you're hoping to score some cash. One of the biggest pieces of advice from past scholarship winners is always "READ THE DIRECTIONS," so take your time, do your homework, and get your application in. You can't win if you don't apply!

Each applicant may apply for no more than two scholarships. Awards will be made during the 19th Women in Aviation Conference in San Diego, California, March 13-15, 2008, but you need not be present to win. Applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2007.

For more information see the September/October issue of *Aviation for Women*, or visit www.WAI.org. A direct link is also available at the chapter website, www.OshkoshWAI.org.

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