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 October 19, 2006
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Make Plans for Orlando in February 2007

The 18th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference will be held February 15-17, 2007, in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World.

More than 3,000 women and men from all segments of the aviation industry are expected to attend the conference. This year's theme is "Imagining Your Future."

Among those invited to speak are Marion Blakey, FAA Administrator, Will Whitehorn, President of Virgin Galactic and Lt. Nicole Malachowski, USAF Thunderbird Pilot. A tradeshow with an estimated 130 companies along with a job fair exhibit area will be a centerpiece of this year's event. In addition, more than 40 educational seminars and numerous networking opportunities will be offered.

Other activities reflecting WAI's membership are also planned, including an Aerospace Educa-

tors' Workshop, an FAA Aviation Maintenance Professional Renewal Course, a Master Flight Instructor Roundtable, a Learn to Fly session and an FAA Safety Seminar.

Women in Aviation International will recognize its many scholarship recipients throughout the Conference, and the annual Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees will be honored during the closing banquet on Saturday.

Prior to December 15, full Conference registration, which includes all meetings, meals, exhibits and social events, costs \$285 for WAI members and \$335 for non-members. After that date, full Conference registration costs \$395 for members and \$345 for non-members. Student registration, military registration, and one-day registration are offered.

Please let Kathleen or Kelly know if you plan to attend so we can discuss having a chapter display, reserving a table at the banquet, sharing rooms,

etc. Also, the chapter receives a rebate if 10 or more members attend. For more information about the Conference visit www.wai.org.



Meeting Notes

At the September meeting we reviewed the Summer Hangar Social, planned for the October meeting, discussed the bibliography of aviation books for girls and the Girl Scout badge program, and brainstormed ideas for 2007.

All in all, the social was well received, and suggestions were made to have a presentation on Women in Aviation, and mailing invites to WAI members who do not have e-mail. So far one of our guests has confirmed they would like to join our chapter.

The October meeting was moved to Thursday, October 19, so that the group may attend a presentation by Martha Ackmann and Wally Funk at UW. Kathleen has contacted the University Speaker Series to see if it would be possible for the chapter to

entertain Martha and Wally for lunch or dinner while they are here. She will send out details as she gets them. We will meet inside Reeve Memorial Union at the Algoma Blvd. entrance by 7:30 p.m. A map to the union is available at www.oshkoshwai.org.

Kathleen met with Joan Muller of the Oshkosh Public Library to discuss the chapter's effort to build a bibliography of aviation books for girls, and Joan has offered to start the list for us. Sue Lurvey in EAA's library has also offered some reference materials to help us start finding books. Ultimately, this will be a nice resource we can put up on our website and offer to the national organization as a reference as well.

Betty reports that we already have two requests for Girl Scout badge activity information. After reviewing

the badge kit supplied by WAI, it was decided Betty would contact Chapter Relations Manager Gerri Schultz to find out what WAI's vision for the kit

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Announcements:

- Our next meeting has been moved to **THURSDAY, October 19**, so that we can all attend the presentation by Martha Ackmann and Wally Funk at Reeve Memorial Union on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Visit www.oshkoshwai.org for more information and driving directions.
- Applications for all of the 2007 WAI Scholarships need to be postmarked by November 3! Visit www.wai.org to see what is available and if any of them interest you—it can't hurt to try!

Member's Photography Featured in 2007 EAA Calendar

Chapter member Bonnie Kratz, EAA staff photographer, has her very first photos included in a calendar. Her photos are featured in January and December of EAA's 2007 World of Flight Calendar. The selections include her photo of Steve Lantz's Lake Tahoe Special that won her the Second Place award in the 2005 Fence Check photo competition, and an Honorable Mention in the 2005 *Aviation Week & Space Technology* mag-



azine photo contest, and a stunning shot of Todd Stuart's 1931 Stearman Speedmail Jr.

The calendars are available in the EAA AirVenture Aeronautica gift shop for \$12.99.

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was and where we might be able to get additional supplies. Kathleen will contact other WAI chapters to see how they are using it.

Several good ideas were presented for chapter activities in 2007, including holding a couple of meetings a year on Saturdays to improve attendance, and mixing a little fun into our regular chapter meetings. To start we will continue with our "every

other" format for chapter meetings and chapter activities, with meetings planned for February, April, June, September, and November, and activities planned for January, March, May, August, and October. A tentative schedule has been posted on www.oshkoshwai.org to get us rolling.

And as a reminder, Kelly noted she has only received Member Spotlight forms from six members, so please fill yours out and send it in.

Member Spotlight: Patricia Deimer



1. Job title: Executive Assistant – National Association of Flight Instructors

2. What I enjoy most about my job: Working with the members

3. When I am not at work I am: Walking my dog, playing tennis, or trying to work in my flowerbeds

4. Aviation affiliation: My husband and father are both pilots, I plan to be one some day also

6. Favorite Airplane: The Gee Bee R-2 Racer and the Sikorsky S-38 (SC Johnson's Carnauba)

7. One thing most people don't know about me: I LOVE to cook for other people

8. My greatest accomplishment in life so far: Getting through my

husband's illness together with him and coming out stronger on the other side (we are still working on this and probably will continue for the rest of his life)

9. One thing I want to do before I die: See the world

12. The person I most admire: My mother

11. The latest CD that I bought: Keane

12. My most favorite food and/or restaurant: Thai food (Cy's Bistro)

13. My least favorite place to be: The doctor's office

14. My favorite place to be: Any vacation that's with my family, friends, or husband

15. Why I joined Women in Aviation: Because Oshkosh, WI needed to have a WAI chapter. I had also attended the WAI conference in Nashville, TN this year (2006) and was very impressed. I wanted to support the organization.

Martha Ackmann and Wally Funk to visit UW-Oshkosh

Martha Ackmann, author of *The Mercury 13: The Untold Story of Thirteen American Women and the Dream of Space Flight*, and Wally Funk, one of the 13, will be at UW-Oshkosh October 19 as part of the University's Speaker Series.



Martha Ackmann



Wally Funk

The book tells the story of 13 female pilots who were secretly tested to be astronauts in the early days of the U.S. space program.

For her work, Martha received the Amelia Erhart Research Medal from The Ninety-Nines Inc., the 2004 Media Prize from the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics for her work, and has been featured on the *Today Show*, *CNN*, National Public Radio, and the BBC.

Martha's writing on science, politics, and women's history has been published in *The New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, and teaches at Mount Holyoke College. She is currently working on a book about women and baseball.

Wally has been flying professionally since 1957, and has over 17,000 hours of flight time. Her work in aviation was recognized in 1964 when she became the youngest woman

in the history of Stephen's College to receive the Alumna Achievement Award.

In February 1961, at age 21, Wally volunteered for the women in Space program with an independent clinic that had the support, but not official sponsorship, of NASA. She underwent a series of rigorous physical and mental tests and passed with a high average, ranking third among the 13 qualifying candidates. She went on to become the first female Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C.

For our October meeting, the chapter will attend Martha and Wally's presentation in the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. The \$2 admission fee will be paid by the chapter for those who are current, dues paid, members. For more information visit <http://www.reeve.uwosh.edu/events/>.

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony October 14

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame (of which our own Rose Dorcey is president!) will hold its annual induction banquet and ceremony on October 14 in the Eagle Hangar at EAA's AirVentureMuseum. Six Wisconsin aviators will be honored for their accomplishments: Robert Clarke, Robert Skuld, Elwyn West, Ralph and Robert Huggins, and Capt. Lance Sijan. The organization

will also award two aviation scholarships totaling \$1,500.

Tickets are available for \$30 each, and pre-registered tables of eight can be reserved for \$250. A social hour and silent auction will start at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Call Keith Glasshof for registration information at 715-832-6379.

