

November 17, 2009

**Next meeting:**  
 December 10, 2009  
 6 p.m.  
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## 2010 WAI Conference on the Horizon!

The 2010 International Women in Aviation Conference is just around the corner, scheduled for February 25-27 in Orlando, Florida. The event will be returning to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, this time with the theme, "Aviation-It's a Small World."

For those of you who haven't attended a conference yet, you (and about 3,000 other WAI members!) are in for a full weekend of educational workshops, networking with women from all different facets of the aviation industry, and an incredible amount of positive energy.

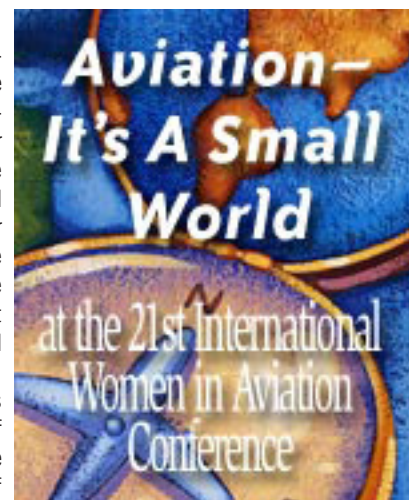
Invited keynote speakers this year include FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt, Chief Pilot/Director of Training for Boeing Commercial Airplane Services Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, COO of Terrafugia Anna Dietrich, AOPA President Craig Fuller, earth-rounders CarolAnn Garratt and Carol Foy, NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman, and CAM President and Chief Pilot for Desert Jet

Denise Wilson.

There are also plenty of opportunities to get involved while you're there, including (wo)manning a chapter booth, writing for the conference publication *The Daily*, or logging time at the WAI membership booth. A few of your volunteer hours at the conference is a great way to give back to the organization, as well as a great way to meet some phenomenal people!

In addition, several side tours are planned to give you a taste of the area. In this case, you can take some behind the scenes tours of Disney facilities and visit the Fantasy of Flight museum. There's never a dull moment to be had!

If you're on the fence, talk to a fellow chapter member who has attended before (Kelly, Rose, Mary, Kristy, Bonnie) and see what they have to say about



their past conference experiences! If you're already planning to attend, please let Kelly know ASAP so she can connect you with fellow chapter members to help your travel planning.

## Meeting Notes

### Holiday Gathering

Due to some scheduling conflicts, this year's holiday gathering was rescheduled to December 10, 6 p.m. at Fratellos. Audra will be reserving us a few tables and, as usual, the chapter will spring for appetizers. Hope you can join us!

### 2010 Calendar information

Awhile back we brainstormed some possible speakers/topics for 2010 meetings, and now it's time to start scheduling! Kelly sent out an e-mail earlier this week asking a couple of people to invite/confirm a few of our

suggested guests, and we'll begin filling the calendar bit by bit. Already confirmed for the January meeting is controller Ian Billington from the Oshkosh tower. If you have other suggestions for speakers or events, please let Kelly know ASAP so we can get them scheduled if possible!

In addition, we also need to brainstorm some community outreach activities and fundraising events. Please bring your ideas to the January meeting so that we can move forward on those efforts as soon as possible.

## Announcements

- The December holiday gathering has been rescheduled for December 10, 6 p.m., at Fratellos in Oshkosh. Visit [www.OshkoshWAI.org](http://www.OshkoshWAI.org) for directions.
- The WAI Oshkosh chapter now has a Twitter account! Follow us at [www.Twitter.com/WAIOshkosh](http://www.Twitter.com/WAIOshkosh)!
- Early registration for the 2010 WAI Conference has been extended to 11:59 p.m. EST December 6—be sure to login and register today if you plan to attend! [www.WAI.org](http://www.WAI.org)

## 2010 Chapter Meeting Dates

January 19	May 18	October 19
February 16	June 15	November 16
March 16	August 17	December 21
April 20	September 21	

For the most current calendar (and meeting topics) visit [www.OshkoshWAI.org](http://www.OshkoshWAI.org).

## Out ‘n About...by Heather Gollnow

On November 7, I had the opportunity to represent our chapter at the Girls + Science + Math = Opportunities conference at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac. Girls in grades 6-8 chose 3 different sessions to attend. In each session, the girls learned about a specific career involving math and science. A total of 15 girls attended my session called "Cleared for Takeoff!" in which they learned a little about what it takes to be a pilot. The girls learned the phonetic alphabet and used their initials as their call-sign for the rest of the session. (For example, I was "Hotel Golf" for the day.) Next, we planned a cross-country flight from FLD to MSN. With a sectional and plotter, we planned our magnetic heading, and calculated time, distance, fuel, and ground and airspeeds for our flight all without calculators since calculators can die mid-flight! And of course we had to make paper airplanes! The girls got to see what makes an airplane go up, down, left and right by creating elevators and ailerons using a few cuts and folds. I offered Young Eagles flights to all of the girls and gave them the information to take back to their parents. Maybe we'll see a new pilot or two in the coming years from this group of great girls!

### Looking for a Christmas Gift?

Chapter member Heather Gollnow is offering discovery flights from Austin Straubel airport in Green Bay for \$99 for 1-3 people (depending on weight). You'll get a quick insight as to what it's like to be a pilot. The actual flight will be about 20 minutes, but plan 1.5 hours for the whole experience... If you're interested, email hgollnow@yahoo.com.

## Member Spotlight: Linda Grady



**Job Title:** Financial Services Associate with a large finance company.

**When I am not at work I am:** Spending time with my nieces and nephews. They are a constant source of inspiration for me.

**Aviation affiliation:** Private Pilot, single engine land. After a four year hiatus (we all take a sabbatical from flying at some point), I recently started taking lessons again with Steve Krog and Tom Hegy.

**Favorite airplane:** Cessna 172 RG

**One thing most people don't know about me:** I'm a very good cook.

**My greatest accomplishment in life so far:** Living through some very difficult times, and not becoming jaded. My father died of cancer last year, I left an unfulfilling job, and decided to move back to Wisconsin to start from scratch. Reconnecting with family and old friends has been a tremendously positive experience for me.

**One thing I want to do before I die:** Fly over the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

**The person I admire most:** My great-grandmother, Ella: loving, but strong-willed and outspoken, tried many things that women didn't generally do at the time.

**The latest CD that I bought:** Probably classic jazz or blues--Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, and Buddy Guy.

**My favorite food:** Beef tenderloin, grilled medium rare.

**My favorite place to be:** In an open-cockpit plane, learning aerobatics.

**My least favorite place to be:** Any place where there are closed-minded, arrogant people. I like that aviation people are down-to-earth, and accepting of all comers.

**One person I would love to have lunch with:** Patty Wagstaff--I've always admired her incredible accomplishments. She stood with us when we had our picture taken in front of the Airbus A-380 at the EAA AirVenture this past summer.

**Why I joined Women in Aviation:** To be around a great group of people with courage, energy, and ideas.

## President's Column

The holidays are upon us! This is my favorite time of year because there's lots of time to spend with family, plenty of good food, and lots of pretty snow (though, last winter I certainly got my fill and am in no hurry to return to 8-foot snow piles and waist-high drifts!).

I hope you enjoy your time with friends and family this season, and keep WAI and our chapter in mind as you're meeting and mingling new people in your travels. By serving as an ambassador for these groups (and aviation in general!) you can make a huge impact on someone's life. No one ever talked to me about airplanes and flying growing up, and I often wonder how it might have made a difference in my life to know about and get started in aviation earlier. (Ok, 21 isn't old...but some of these kids are soloing at 16 and I didn't even know you could fly a plane like that at all when I was that age!) I'm really thankful for people like Heather and Laurie who are willing and able to get out and talk to groups and share their knowledge about and passion for aviation.

Take a few moments to think about how you were introduced to aviation and how your life was changed as a result. I always enjoy hearing those stories... maybe that's a feature we should introduce in the newsletter or on the website. Shoot me an e-mail and tell me your story.

Then, I'd ask, take a moment to think about how you can share that joy with someone else and perhaps change their lives as a result. Flying is not for everybody, but I think it would be worse to go through life never knowing it was even something I could do.



**NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference**

January 27-29, 2010  
San Antonio, Texas  
[www.NBAA.org/sdc](http://www.NBAA.org/sdc)

**WAI Annual Conference**

February 25-27  
Orlando, Florida  
[www.WAI.org](http://www.WAI.org)

## Test Your Knowledge by John Dorcey

*Sign, sign, everywhere a sign ...*

The FAA has recently discontinued a valuable resource for pilots and flight instructors. All 23 of the Sign and Marking Supplements (SAM) have been included in newly revised Advisory Circulars (AC). Both AC 150/5340-1K, Standards for Airport Markings, and AC 150/5340-18F, Standards for Airport Systems, are in draft format and should be published soon. Information in the ACs will eventually make its way into the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).

What does the dot between the runway designator numbers tell pilots?

**27·33 →**

Not many pilots have seen this pink dot, what does it inform us of as we move along a taxiway?



**Answers:**

The dot, a minor point, stands for and. This outbound destination sign indicates that the departure ends for Runway 27 and Runway 31 are to the right.

This surface marking indicates we are at Geographic Position 4A along a low visibility taxi route. See AIM, paragraph 2-3-4.