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The organization was founded by 99 licensed women pilots for mutual support and for the advancement of aviation. The organization came into being November 2, 1929, at Curtiss Field, Long Island, New York. All 117 American female pilots had been invited to assemble for mutual support and for the advancement of aviation. The group struggled to organize and grow until 1931, when Amelia Earhart was elected as first president and the organization was named for the 99 charter members.



Docent Hy Joseph guided Ninety-Nines members on a tour of the museum, including some cockpit time in the F-86.

The Ninety-Nines' mission:

- Promote world fellowship through flight.
- Provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community.
- Preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

We hope that this will be the beginning of a collaborative relationship between fellow organizations to advance our common interests.

Odd Bird Sighting



NASA/ Boeing X-48B "Skyray"

The photo above depicts the NASA/ Boeing X-48B. Flight tests of the blended-wing body technology demonstrator are underway at NASA Dryden Research Center, Edwards AFB. The 8.5% scale, 21-ft wingspan, remotely piloted "Skyray" has completed tests with bolt-on slats to aid low-speed flight. Slats removed enable 118-knot maximum cruise. Tests will continue thru October, exploring increasingly risky flight regimes to assess handling characteristics including asymmetric thrust, approaches to stall and stall recovery.

Funnies

Aviation Axioms

- If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger; if you pull the stick back, they get smaller. (Unless you keep pulling the stick back-then they get bigger again.)
- It's better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.
- A check ride ought to be like a skirt, short enough to be interesting but still be long enough to cover everything.
- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwind.
- The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
- Flying is not dangerous; crashing is dangerous.
- When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

Wish List...

As with most non-profit organizations, we get by with a lot of help from our friends. So we've decided to make some of our needs known, to help you help us.

- (15) Folding chairs- used ok
- (1) Boarding ladder- top landing approx 72" high with space for 1-2 people, with hand rails, portable preferred
- (1) VGA/XGA portable projector
- Printer paper- white, letter size, legal size
- Paper towels, toilet tissue

We'd like all items to be serviceable, but we may accept some repairable items. Questions may be directed to the *Supercruiser Editor* via the Museum's phone or e-mail.

...and Thanks

Tom Neely and the rest of the crew at *Earl's Performance Plumbing* in Hawthorne artfully constructed the 7 by 15-foot backdrop frame delivered in time for the June Lecture Series event. The backdrop provides for a higher-quality production of the video recording of the series for the Peninsula Seniors cable TV program.

Volunteer Coordinator *Jack Jenkins'* donation of a new air compressor greatly improves our ability to independently maintain aircraft and to support routine maintenance tasks.

Members- Haven't heard from us lately?

The *Supercruiser*, wonderful publication though it is (ahem), comes out only four times a year (if all goes as planned). So it isn't the only communications medium the Museum employs. If your current e-mail address is not in our records, you may be missing some important notifications via the web.

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Membership Renewal

Check your address label. If there's a date after your name, it represents your membership expiration date. Please check out our new membership rates and renew!