

Celebrate Alaska Women Pilots: Past, Present and Future

Irene Ryan arrived in Seward by

ship in 1931. Her uncle flew her

from Seward to Anchorage. In

The Alaska Chapter

The Twenties

AMELIA EARHART CALLED THE FIRST GATHERING OF LICENSED WOMEN PILOTS IN 1929:

99 OF 119 LICENSED WOMEN PILOTS RESPONDED TO THE CALL TO JOIN TOGETHER IN AN ORGANIZATION FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND NETWORKING. AMELIA SUGGESTED THE NAME '99s'



Ada Bering sawher first plane in Nome in 1920 when the Black Wolf Squadron landed. In 1929 she married Noel Wien. who founded Wien Airlines. She is the mother of Richard Wien a famed Alaska pilot. Ada was a member of the Alaska State Constitutional Convention.



death, Thyla returned to CA and became the 19" Commercial prior in the U.S. receiving her ticket on Oct. 30, 1930.

Thyla Allen married Russell Memil in 1920. In 1925 the Memils and their sons moved to AK.

Russ taught her to fly. After her husband's

Marvel Crosson flew in Alaska with her

brother Joe Crosson during 1927-1929. She

was out to set records but, unfortunately,

Marvel died during the 1st Women's Cross Country Air race. Humorist Will Rogers dubbed this race the "Rowder Ruff Derby".



loe Delia receives Skwenta's mail from Ruth.



and served as a State Representative and a State Senator. **Bush Flots Wives**

The Thirties, Forties & Fifties

Mhile they were blazing new trails in the skyway We were on the home front toting OUR score Logging up hours of waiting and praying Minding babies, the weather, the "store" Heroes and heroines? Possibly - probably -But at the time it was all in a day's chore.

Millie Dodson (Jim Dodson Air Service)



Margo Cook went from WASP to test pilot for Stinson to teacher in Anchorage. She is a founding Charter Member of the Alaska Chapter of the 99s.



Just a smidge too short to join the WASPs, pilot Jean White found a way to serve by becoming an airplane mechanic and joining the Air Force. Her enthusiasm still shows!



Many an adverture some WASP found her way to Alaska. Celia Hunter and Virginia Wood ferried two surplus Stinson planes to AK in 1946 and were successful air taxi operators and flight instructors before founding Camp Denali and becoming widely known for their conservation efforts.



* Helen Stoddard - 1st Chair

Lois Wise - 1" Vice Chair

Derothy Burns

Florence Fintak

Alyce Humphreys

Decema Kimball Andresen

* Pat McGee

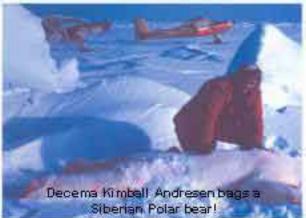
Ruth Jefford

Berry Locmis

Marge Cook

Laurine Nielsen

Celia Mayer



Charter Member Decema Kimball Andresen loved to hunt and fish and used her airplane to



In 1963 Ingrid Redersen was the first woman to fly a Cessna 205 single engine plane over the North Pole on a flight from Fairbanks, AK to Station Nord, Greenland and then on to Bodo, Norway a total flight time of 32 hours and 30 minutes.

ENCOURAGING WORLD PELLOWSHIP THEOUGH PLIGHT



Polar aviators Ingrid Pederson (left) and Polly Vacher (center) share their experiences with the



Claxissa Quinlan on Fly In to Circle Hot Springs, 1990



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flight by a woman" when she brought Jack Hewson in safely from the West Forelands. He was "mad as a homet they sent a woman to rescue him reported her daughter, Deloie Brecheen.



On Friday June 13, 1940 two intrepid young women, Alma Helfin & Margie McQuin, took of from Lock Haven, PAin a Piper Cub Coup and flew to Seattle. Canadian authorities would not them fly over Canada so they boated to Skagway then flew on to Fairbanks. Margie McQuin married pioneer pilot Don Emmons in



PRESERVING THE UNIQUE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN AVIATION

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