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CELEBRATING WOMEN IN AVIATION 2023

Many of you may not know that the Florida International Air Show is a member of the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS). The ICAS was founded in 1967 by a handful of air show industry professionals who recognized the need for an organization to protect and promote their interests in the growing North American air show marketplace. Today, the ICAS is dedicated to building and sustaining a vibrant air show industry to support its membership. To achieve this goal, ICAS demands that its members operate their business at only the highest levels of safety, professionalism, and integrity.

This year the ICAS would like all their members to recognize and promote "Women in Aviation" which is the theme for the 2023 Florida International Air Show. One of the ways the The Florida International Air Shows is supporting this theme is by sponsoring a local all women's air race team in the historical 2023 Air Race Classic. The Florida International Air Show is a strong advocate for Women in Aviation as well as supporting our entire family of aviation enthusiasts and people passionate about aviation and our community.

WHAT IS THE AIR RACE CLASSIC?



The Air Race Classic (ARC) is a women-only national four-day air race founded in 1929 by leading female pilots, including Amelia Earhart, and convenes nearly 50 team competing for the win in a race that covers approximately 2,400 statute miles. The course is flown in Visual Flight Rules (VFR) conditions during daylight hours; weather, wind, terrain, and airplane performance are calculated by teams who try to obtain maximum speed from the airplane. The winner of the race is determined by the team beating their handicap flight speed by the greatest margin. Teams must also adhere to race rules; wings level, specified altitude above timing lines, specified routes around airports, etc. If a team does not adhere to the race rules a penalty consisting of a knot or fraction of a knot will be subtracted from the teams score for that leg of the race.

HOW THE FIAS IS SUPPORTING "WOMEN IN AVIATION"

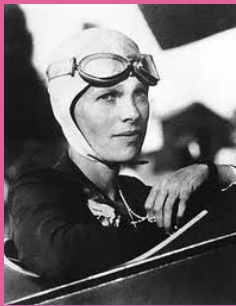


Lauren Ramage - Jen Adams - Gina Willaford

The Florida International Air Show is a sponsor of a local Air Race Classic team, The Birds of Paragon. Paragon is a local Flight School at the Punta Gorda and Fort Myers Airports. This will be the second year Paragon flight school has entered a team in the ARC - last year The Birds of Paragon competed and earned the title of Fastest Piper and placed second in the overall race. This years team

consists of Pilot/Captain Lauren Ramage, CFI (Certified Flight Instructor), Co-Pilot Jen Adams, flight school student and Team Member Gina Willaford, flight school student. The team has been coached by last years team members, Katie Truedson, Cassie Thompson-Pride and Connie Hite.

This year's race, June 20-23, starts in Grand Forks, ND and ends in Homestead, FL. The teams passion for flight an unrelenting effort in preparing for the ARC serves as an example to other women and girls the career possibilities waiting for them in the wonderful world of aviation.



"Women, like men, should do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others."

Amelia Earhart



"Talent is where you find it; it is no respecter of men or women, young or old."

Olive Ann Beech

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GIRLS
AND YOUNG WOMEN
AGED 12-21
HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**



Get to look at the Birds of Paragon Race plane #16
and meet the 2023 race team!

Salute to the next generation of female aviators' event

Paragon Flight Training is offering free introductory 'Discovery Flights' at a private event this coming Saturday, June 10, 2023. This event will gather multi-generation female aviation influencers to celebrate women in aviation and share information on the many career options from pilot and beyond - available in the industry. Six aviation trailblazers will serve as panelists throughout the day to share their career stories and highlight accomplishments of women in the industry. The 99s, an all-female aviation pilots' group, will be there promoting scholarships that are available to young ladies in aviation.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending this event, please email

events@paragonflight.com

to receive your invitation - No walk-ins, this is an invitation only event

HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER

Visit the Florida International Air Show Web Page at

<https://www.floridaairshow.com/volunteer22>

Volunteer for ½ of the day

Enjoy the Air Show the other ½ of the day for FREE

DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS

November 4, 2023 - 8am to 1pm and/or 12 noon to 5 pm

November 5, 2023 - 8am to 1pm and/or 12 noon to 5 pm

All volunteers will receive:

- Commemorative 2023 Florida International Air Show Shirt
- One meal ticket per shift
- Admission ticket to the Air Show for the day of volunteering
- Free Parking
- Wheels Up Volunteer Party (Date TBD)
- Mandatory Safety Briefing

As a Volunteer you are required to attend a Safety Briefing –

Safety briefings will be held in October 2023 - dates

and times are TBD

Shirts and tickets will be handed out
at check-in on the day of volunteering

THANK YOU

For being part of one of the most exciting Air Shows in the Nation!!

You will Experience the magnificent atmosphere of aviation!!



Director of Volunteers
Constance (Connie) Hite

