

# HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

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## **AIRMARKING UPDATE**

*By Ellen Nobles-Harris, International Airmarking Chair*

For several years the "Mid-Atlantic Section Airmarking Manual" has served as the de facto manual for The Ninety-Nines. This manual shows the compass rose layout with the year and the annual rate of change in variation painted beside the compass rose. A recent reading of FAA Advisory Circular 150-5300, Appendix 4, **Compass Calibration Pad**, found that Paragraph 6.c says:

"Mark the date of observation and any annual change in direction of magnetic north durably and legibly on the surface of the calibration pad near the magnetic north mark. It would be well to establish a permanent monument at some remote location on the true north radial for future reference."

Please make sure that you include this on any future compass rose airmarkings. To find the declination (variation) from true north and the rate of change for your location go to

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/geomag/jsp/struts/calcDeclination>.

This winter the "Mid-Atlantic Section Airmarking Manual" received an extensive update. It includes reference to various Advisory Circulars, updates based on Part 139 going into effect for airports and answers to questions that have come to the International Airmarking Chair over the last several years. Part 139 now covers airports that serve scheduled and unscheduled air carrier aircraft with more than 30 seats and scheduled air carrier operations in aircraft with more than 9 seats but less than 31 seats, that the FAA Administrator requires to have a certificate. Part 139 airports cannot have any markings on traffic areas that do not comply with *Advisory Circular AC 150/5340-1J Marking of Paved Areas on Airports*.

For further information and to find out how to get a copy of the manual, please contact Ellen at [pilot99ellen@verizon.net](mailto:pilot99ellen@verizon.net) or 302-479-0780. The Mid-Atlantic Section requests a donation of \$25 for the manual to cover printing and postage.

## **AEROSPACE EDUCATION RESOURCES**

*By Jill Williams, Aerospace Education Chair*

For those of you working with Girl Scout troops to earn their badges, I have recently learned of a resource which may be of benefit to you and of which you may not be aware:

The Youth Aviation Adventure program (YAA) was started in 1997 and is designed to get boys and girls excited about aviation as both a career and a hobby.

YAA's program is geared to kids between the ages of 12 and 16. The curriculum is based on the requirements for the Boy Scout aviation merit badge, but YAA has also added several additional subjects. The curriculum was created with the help of, and is endorsed by, The Ohio State University's College of Education.

Copies of the curriculum are available free of charge at <http://youthaviationadventure.org/download.html> and YAA encourages other organizations to use their materials. YAA leaders may be contacted at <http://youthaviationadventure.org/contact.html> if further information about them is desired. Additionally, a link to YAA will be added to The 99s' website Aerospace Education page under a sub-page providing links to other resources and organizations.

Thank you to 99s member Angie Slingluff for putting me in contact with this organization. I hope to put additional information about YAA in a future issue of the 99 News as well.

## **99S AT AOPA EXPO**

The Ninety-Nines breakfast at the AOPA Expo in Hartford, Connecticut will be from 7:00 to 9:00 A.M. Saturday, October 6 in Ballroom C at the Marriott Hotel, which is connected to the Convention Center. The guest speaker will be Catherine 'Cady' Coleman, an astronaut who has been on two shuttle missions, one with Eileen Collins. The cost will be \$28. Contact Peggy Loeffler at [pegfly99@snet.net](mailto:pegfly99@snet.net) for more information.

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**2007 International Conference**  
**September 12-16, 2007**  
**Boulder/Denver, Colorado**

**GETTING READY FOR CONFERENCE**

**CHAPTER CHAIRMEN**

- Have you elected delegates for your Chapter?
- Have you filled out and signed your Chapter's delegate slips?
- Has your Chapter discussed the proposed bylaws changes (available on The 99s website) and decided how the Chapter wants to vote on the changes?
- If you have no one from the Chapter attending the Conference, have you chosen another Ninety-Nine to represent you or have you contacted your Governor to get your delegate slips to her?

**GOVERNORS**

- Have you filled out the Section-No Chapter delegate slips?
- Have you decided how you're going to contact any Section-No Chapter members attending the business meeting to let them know delegate slips are available for them?
- Are the delegate slips that you have received from Chapters properly filled out?

One of our most important responsibilities at the Annual Meeting is to make sure that our voices are heard. We do this by carefully considering what we're asked to vote on, and making sure our delegates know those wishes.

**Registration forms for the Conference were in the March/April issue of the 99 News and are available on The Ninety-Nines website.**

**FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Fall Board of Directors meeting will be held at Headquarters on **November 1-3, 2007** (travel on October 31 and November 4). The meeting hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn on Meridian Avenue. To make your reservations call 405-942-1400. The cost is \$89 per night (plus taxes). This rate will extend a couple of days before and after if you are planning to spend some extra time at Headquarters.

**Section Statistics As Of July 27, 2007**

Arabian	8	Mid-Atlantic	367
Australian	42	Nepal	3
Austrian	4	New England	154
Brazil	4	New York-New Jersey	251
British	9	New Zealand	16
Caribbean	1	North Central	812
East Canada	128	Northwest	447
Far East	8	Russian	16
Finnish	9	South Central	881
German	31	Southeast	527
India	8	Southwest	1,591
Israeli	8	West Canada	51
Members at Large	14		
		TOTAL	5390

**October 31 - Deadline for Intent to Seek Election for 2008**

(forms available in the Members Only section of The Ninety-Nines website)

**\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR \*\***

**2007**

**August 23-26** – Northwest Section Meeting, Gillette, WY

**September 12-16** – The 99s International Conference, Boulder/Denver, Colorado, USA

**September 21-23** – North Central Section Meeting, Duluth, MN

**October 1** – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the November/December 2007 issue

**October 4-7** – Southwest Section Meeting, San Francisco, CA – *'Pushing the Envelope with the Blue Angels'*

**October 6** – 99s breakfast at the AOPA Convention, Hartford, CT

**October 12-14** – Southeast Section Meeting, Birmingham, AL

**November 1-3** – Fall Board of Directors Meeting at Headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK

**December 1** – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the January/February 2008 issue

**Future International Conferences**

**August 7-10, 2008** – Anchorage, Alaska, USA

**July 22-26, 2009** – Chicago, Illinois, USA

**July, 2010** – Kona, Hawaii, USA