

Idaho 99s March Newsletter

Our chapter has picked up many new members. Members that are finishing their new private pilot license, completing their private pilot license that they started many years ago, and working towards advanced ratings.

It is a very exciting time for us. There is wonderful energy for flying, Compass rose completions, and education for Flying such as iCloud, Foreflight, and Tower communications.

We have our own Facebook page, Idaho 99s, which is the way we are trying to communicate about network flying. Our idea is to put out on the Facebook page stating we are going to fly somewhere and then see who wants to join that specific day and/or if you we have an open seat for someone. We are waiting for the weather to break to start this. This is exciting. Members are looking forward to this networking.

We are planning a flying companion seminar this April. Our group is excited about presenting this. We had a great turn out last year and are hoping for the same this year.

We meet on Sundays for Flying companion seminar organizational meetings. We have had a good turnout for a monthly meeting on a weekday evening. This seems to be working for us.

Many of our members are busy applying for scholarships. This is exciting for us as well. We have had some members awarded International 99s scholarships recently. We also have members applying for the northwest section scholarship.

The energy for the Idaho 99s is wonderful. You just can't help getting caught up in flying and 99 activities. We have been encouraging at meetings to participate in section meetings and attending international meetings. It is a great way to network with women pilots. It is inspiring, as well.

Subject: RE: Finalist AEMSF

Congratulations Ashley on making it through the first cut!

Good Luck!

Wendy Frazer

Boise is getting a new resident **ELLEN OCHOA**

NASA Astronaut Ellen Ochoa to Retire in May

NASA astronaut and current Houston based Johnson Space Center (JSC) director Ellen Ochoa will be retiring in May after 30 years at NASA. Ochoa is the 11th director of JSC and only the second woman ever to be in charge of NASA's human spaceflight center. Ochoa, 59, stated in an email to JSC employees that this year would be her 30th at NASA, and her youngest of two sons was turning 18, so it was a "natural point for our family in which to move on to the next phase." She wrote, "We'll move to Boise, ID and I intend to be involved with a number of activities that interest me (including getting back to playing flute, which I once considered for a career!)"

Ochoa got her PhD from Stanford University in electrical engineering and began working for NASA at the Ames Research Center in California. She was selected in 1990 to be a NASA astronaut and flew on four space shuttle missions. In 1993 Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman to go to space and has logged over 978 hours in space. In 2007 Ochoa became JSC's deputy center director and then the center director in 2012. As JSC director, she oversees NASA's astronaut corps, mission operations for the International Space Station and the Orion program. In 2017 Ochoa was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame.

From: gniflyer@aol.com

Subject: Fwd: SKY GIRLS full cover

The Powder Puff Derby book is to be re-introduced in August. However, we'll have an early print for the takeoff of the Air Race Classic at Avenger Field in Texas, the WASP Museum, with a gift copy for each of the racers.

Gene Nora

"A stirring history of the early years of aviation."
 —BOOKLIST

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 TOWARD A NEW ERA OF FEMALE AVIATION

THE YEAR IS 1929, and on the eve of America's Great Depression, twenty gutsy and passionate pilots soared above the glass ceiling in the very first female cross-country air race. Armed with grit and determination, they crossed thousands of miles in propeller-driven airplanes to defy the naysayers who said it could not—and should not—be done.

From the indomitable Pancho Barnes to the world-renowned Amelia Earhart, Sky Girls chronicles a defining and previously forgotten moment when some of the first women pilots took their rightful place in the open skies. For a country on the brink of defining change, they would become symbols of hope, daring, and the unstoppable American spirit. And for generations to come, their actions would pave the way for others to step into the brave unknown and learn to fly.

"A fascinating history."
 —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

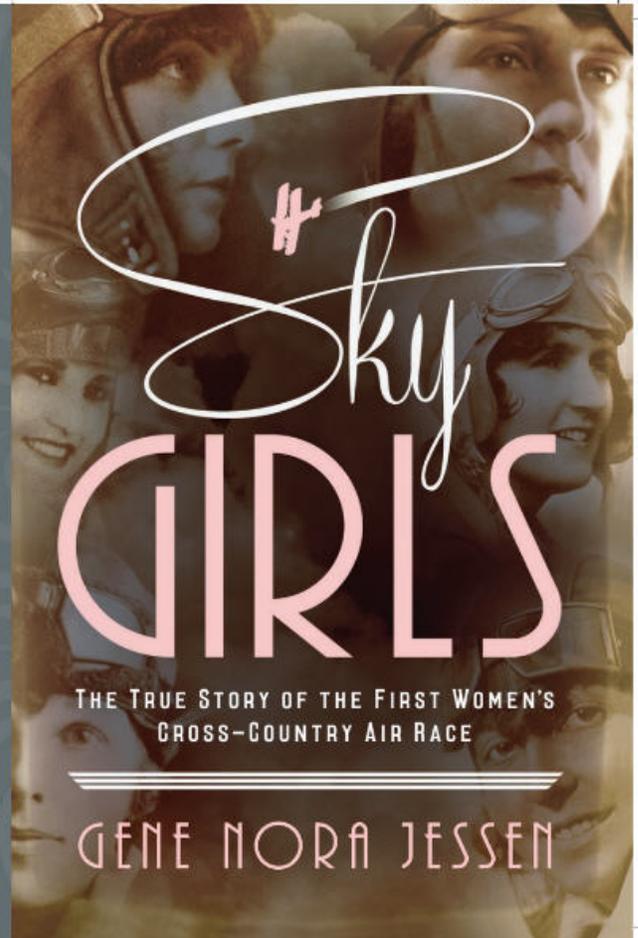
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THE TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST
 WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY AIR RACE

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Gene Nora is heading to the "Netflix/Mercury13" which has been selected to screen at the San Francisco Film Festival April 8th. Congratulations to the Mercury 13. Some of the filming was shot at the Nampa Airport the past two summers. Exciting!!!!

Lewiston Compass Rose Project lead is being taken by the Intermountain Chapter. We are to provide painting equipment and painters. It is scheduled for May 10-12. More information will be provided when we can narrow the date down.
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