

AVIATION HALL OF FAME

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Aviation Distinction

The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame commemorates the First State's aviation greats, their distinction in contributing to Delaware aviation; it honors outstanding service in civilian and military contributions.

Youth Award

In addition to the Inductees, the DAHF sponsors an annual Youth Achievement Award, given to the young adult who has distinguished him or herself in aviation career development.

From The President

"Our assessment for 2018 is underway. We look forward to our October celebratory Banquet, at which we will present the medals and plaques, reflecting the achievements and accomplishment of these heroes of Delaware aviation"

Bruce Lambrecht
President, DAHF



2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

2018 Banquet Date - November 3rd

The 19th Hall of Fame Annual Banquet to Honor Aviators with Accolades and Friendship will be held Saturday, November 3rd, commencing at 5pm. Our venue will again be the fabulous U of D's Clayton Hall. Following cocktails and mingling with members, inductees and dignitaries we will enjoy a ceremony and dinner acknowledging the accomplishments of the 2018 Inductees. Each will be introduced to the audience by his/her DAHF Board 'Wingman',

summarizing the achievement and impact to Delaware aviation of the inductee. Each will be formally inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of fame by the Board President.

Additionally we will recognize and award a young man or woman who has distinguished themselves in

aviation training, career development and participation in community activities. (Continued on next page....)





The DAHF Board & Trustees

The DAHF Board of Trustees comprises representatives of Delaware's many aviation activities, civil and military, including several Hall of Fame Inductee's from past years.

Board Members volunteer their time and expertise to the workings of the DAHF, covering such aspects as inductee assessment & selection, finances, banquet organization, publications and much more.

Members also act as 'wingmen' for the selected inductees, offering assistance as we prepare and undertake our Grand Banquet.

You will see and meet the Board Members at the banquet, we'd be pleased to answer any questions you might have.



We complete all of this over an excellent dinner, prepared and served by the fabulous staff of the University of Delaware.

This is truly a unique evening, a wonderful event and a Delaware calendar milestone. Great people, great camaraderie and all in celebration of aviation, both military and commercial. Join us for 2018!

Tickets will shortly available for this event at the DAHF web site.



Do plan on joining us for this unique and wonderful evening!

Members Wine & Cheese Museum Event

DAHF Members are invited to visit the Bellanca Airfield Museum Saturday, April 21st at 1pm. As we unveil a replica Bellanca aircraft. We'll serve wine & cheese as you tour this unique Delaware aviation museum, and meet & mingle with Hall of Fame Inductees and Trustees. An evening of camaraderie and fun, in a fabulous aviation setting. See you there!



DAHF President, Bruce Lambrecht

Our country is slowly running out of pilots. There have already been airline flights cancelled for lack of flight crews. What can we do about this pilot shortage?

To get young women interested in aviation, the Trustees of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame have partnered on a construction project with the Trustees of the Bellanca Museum, the 99's, members of E.A.A. Chapter 240, members of E.A.A. Chapter 1536 and Troop members of the Girl Scouts of America.

We are building a full-sized, non-flying replica of the first airplane that Giuseppe Bellanca built in the United States in 1911. The finished aircraft will be on display in the Bellanca Museum. During the construction, the Girl Scouts will be given the cut-out wing ribs to sand smooth. When they are done, they can sign their names on the ribs. The ribs will then be returned to us for clear-coating and installation. A poster will be placed next to the aircraft in the Bellanca Museum that lists all of the Girl Scouts that worked on the aircraft.

During their work, they will be taught about the principles of flight, the history of Giuseppe Bellanca and what he did for aviation in Delaware, as well as the different career paths in aviation.

Hopefully, this will instill a desire in these young ladies to pursue a further interest in aviation as a career.

Because...this country needs pilots! DAHF President, Bruce Lambrecht



We Rely on YOU!

DAHf cannot exist and we could not commemorate the great aviators of Delaware without your support. Our thanks to the current, loyal membership who renew with us each year.

We invite and welcome new members to the DAHF membership to ensure the continuance of the organization, and the recognition of our great Delawarean aviators.

Become a Member!

At just \$25 we can ensure the process and programs continue. Membership provides free entrance to Friends of Bellanca Museum events and a DAHF Membership Evening Event in 2018. Please consider becoming a member, which can be easily accomplished via www.dahf.org



Building a Bellanca Replica!

by Bruce Lambrecht, President DAHF



The Bellanca parasol monoplane replica is nearing completion! The building process has been an interesting, exciting, year-long journey. After several trial and error episodes on parts of the plane, it struck me that Giuseppe didn't have a home improvement store to go to buy more material when he made a mistake (and I've made many). I will be delighted and at the same time sad to see the end of the project. I think that my wife, on the other hand, will just be delighted.

I remember when I first broached the subject with her. "I'm going to build an airplane" I exclaimed to my wife with all the officious bravado that I could muster. After 54 years of marriage, she is used to my occasional lapses of sanity, and she greeted the announcement with the same bemused indifference that I get from my cats when I call them. But soon her synapses started to connect and I could see in her eyes the DEFCON LEVEL rising. You see, quite a few years ago, since she knew that I always wanted to learn to fly (and being the loving wife that she is), she gave me flying lessons for Christmas and it became my passion. She is fond of sarcastically saying that it was the gift that "just keeps on giving". When people ask me if I own an airplane I usually tell them "No, but my wife says I can buy one right after I buy her a 50 foot yacht...so she didn't say NO!". Looking back, I think that there was some concern for not only my mental condition but maybe also a little bit of surprise at my taking an end-run around my promise of a boat.

In order to contain her obvious growing level of concern and probably internal flashing warning lights, I quickly added that it was a non-flying airplane. DEFCON LEVEL SUBSIDED-CRISIS AVERTED.

She said, "Don't mess up the basement too much". Truth be told, I do have several model planes that reside in my hide-a-way in the basement. So I surmised that she probably thought it was just another model. Carefully and quietly I added, "It's a full-size, non-flying replica of the first airplane that Giuseppe Bellanca built in the United States ... that I will be building in the garage".

Now, anyone who has been married for any length of time will recognize the following scenario, and it always amazes me that women can do this. Even though I know that every single nerve in my wife's body was screaming at her brain," STRANGLE HIM NOW!", she looked at me, calmly turned away and said "My car will not live outside...you move your truck".

The Bellanca Project started. And, now **you** can see the unveiling of the completed plane.

SO SAVE THE DATE: April 21st 1:00pm, Bellanca Airfield Museum

Girl Scout Aviation Day 2018 Saturday March 10 !

by Rachel Andrews Anderson, Photography by Cynthia Lee!

What do you get when you mix 50 girl scouts, with about 20 99's!
And they invade a running flight school and airport for an entire day?!

A lot of fun, and surprises... especially for the dudes hanging out at the airport. They told me they were so surprised that so many Girl Scouts were actually interested in airplanes!! Everyone around the airport worked hard and enjoyed the day. There was lots of laughter and smiles... as recorded by our own pilot photographer Cynthia Lee.



We combined our amazing ideas while eating fried chicken and pizza, which Polly brought for us at the flight school on Thursday. Bruce Lambrecht stopped by, bringing the airplane wing ribs and talking about the Bellanca airplane replica we are helping him to build. Members of the Tuskegee Airman also kept drifting into our meeting: wondering what kind of meeting WE girls were having...they were also meeting at the same time. It was fun!



Then the team got to work all day Friday. Rachel coordinated via texting with Penny most of Friday from her job teaching music.

(When I wasn't teaching, I was updating the printed schedule on my laptop as we continued to improvise.) Penny, Shelbe and Marlene Cox then directed the rest of the team to set up the hangar with 50 chairs and tables, move the airplanes around, fixed up the goody bags, the prize drawing, and prepared signs. I am so grateful for all of their hard work.

You would never know how hard they had worked by seeing them in action on Saturday!

Here (below) is Marlene in hot pink, Piedmont Rep Lynette Darnell, Zaniyah, and Penny in the back ground asking a flight instructor questions... part of the hunt we are all familiar with... Finding a good flight instructor!! ! Penny Organized a Scavenger hunt around the airport. The prize was getting to fly the flight sim... and they were able to get a dude to help run it on Saturday with Kate.



Left to Right part of the Delaware State pilot crew! Penny, Shelbe, Kate, Dee, and Piedmont Representative Lynette Darnell !



Here is Kasheba in red shirt ,with Alaina in blue. Alainia was one of the scouts who was presented a discovery flight with DE State as she was very intrigued with aviation. Kasheba was assisted by Cindy Blair in the preflight.

We were instructed to offer scouts with an avid interest in aviation a discovery flight to be taken on another day at Delaware State University.

On the left below is Alex and Meeta. Alex came to our 99s aviation event last year and this year too. Meeta's enthusiasm is contagious! Both girls were awarded discovery flights.



Across the hangar, Rachel and Barbara were helping the scouts sand wing ribs for the Bellanca Airplane Replica and listening to their tales of the day. Rachel is shown below explaining the project.



Below are Iris and friends Jilana and Miranda working on wing rib number 1. Each rib was numbered and signed so when the girls visit the museum they can find their wing rib on the assembled full size replica.



Polly wore a bright purple shirt with lightning bolts on it!! She was teaching a weather class... the scouts made clouds in bottles.



A few Scouts visiting the Cockpit of Cynthia Lee's Twin Diamond. Diamonds are a girls best friend after all..... Especially ones with 2 wings and 2 engines!!!



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Shelbe left, Penny on the right.
Two 99s at Delaware State, the
real Flying Hornets !

A good day for making new, younger friends, and deepening old friendships with the rest of the 99s.

At the end of the day we did what pilots do... sat around the airport reminiscing about the day!

No pilots left until we finished watching a special takeoff. Cynthia and Barbara departed in a Diamond Twin Airplane pulled up the gear, and flew north. One of the Dudes commented that Cynthia's plane was "dumb quiet" !

We couldn't hear the engines start inside the building, although we could see them. Then the completed wing ribs were respectfully put in the car, the chairs were put away, the signs were taken down.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

I would like to thank all the 99s and friends and helpers of the 99s who both attended and encouraged us from behind the scenes. It was a true group effort. So many contributed I feel like we should have movie credits:

Marlene Cox, Delaware State Aviation Coordinator

Rachel Anderson , 99s coordinator, 99s Vice chair , DAHF Trustee

Dr. Skye Schmidt and Danielle Lubbers Girl Scout Coordinators

Nancy Rohr 99s Chapter Chair, Flight Safety Pilot

Penny Kimani, DE state student pilot coordinator and scavenger hunt Assisted by :

Shelbe Jarrett, Dee Alford, Holly Lehr, Kate Kalousek, and Zaniyah

Kasheba Sweeney and Cindy Blair preflight

Barbara Wright, ATC and Bellanca plane

Cynthia Lee, photographer, pilot , Polly Steenhagen, weather class

Jackie, AP Mechanic, showed off an airplane engine and answered questions Ruth Schadel and Chris Schissler, Ellen Nobles- Harris, treasurer.

Bruce Lambrecht with DAHF Bellanca Airplane replica designer and builder

Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts, their parents, and troop leaders, Flight instructors of Delaware State

Lynette Darnell, Piedmont Airlines



JOIN US!

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 1:00pm

Bellanca Airfield Museum, 1 Centerpoint

Blvd., New Castle, DE.

Unveiling of the aircraft at the Bellanca Museum