

## *Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame*



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### **“WOW, Women Over Wisconsin”**

#### **Presentation highlights the accomplishments of Wisconsin’s women aviators**

OSHKOSH, WI. February 1, 2012 – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will highlight the accomplishments of our state’s women pilots by sharing their stories at a series of presentations in March, known as Women’s History Month.

On Monday, March 26, John and Rose Dorcey, directors of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, will present, “WOW, Women Over Wisconsin,” at The History Museum at the Castle in Appleton, Wisconsin. Learn of the first woman passenger to fly in Appleton, way back in 1911, and Wisconsin’s earliest female pilots and airport managers, their contributions to the war effort during World War II, and the challenges they faced to make it to the sky. You’ll hear the story of Ruth Harman, Wisconsin’s first female airport manager; Marie Towle-Schuette, who in her time was the country’s youngest pilot; and two Madison women, who in 1950 took off on a 19-day adventure by flying a tiny Piper J-3 Cub to Florida and back. If time permits, expect to hear more stories about our daring aviatrixes.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. There is no charge for this presentation. The History Museum at the Castle is located at 330 East College Avenue in Appleton, Wisconsin.

For more information, contact Patty Wagner, Curator of Education at 920.735.9370 ext. 115. Or e-mail [patty@myhistorymuseum.org](mailto:patty@myhistorymuseum.org). Alternatively, contact WAHF President Rose Dorcey at 920.279.6029 or [skyword@new.rr.com](mailto:skyword@new.rr.com).

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 100 men and women since it organized in 1985. Its mission is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education to future generations.

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