

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 Wednesday, March 14, John and Rose Dorcey, directors of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, will present, “WOW, Women Over Wisconsin,” at the Manitowoc County Airport (KMTW). Learn of 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.

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 383, the event takes place in Hangar #22 off Freedom Way, and is free and open to the public. The chapter will hold its brief business meeting at 7 p.m. and the presentation begins shortly thereafter.

For more information, contact EAA Chapter 383 President Al Forner at 920-946-8260. Alternatively, contact WAHF President Rose Dorcey at 920-279-6029 or 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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