

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 throughout Wisconsin in March, known as Women’s History Month. The event coincides with Women in Aviation Worldwide Week, March 5-11, an effort to encourage anyone involved in aviation to honor the women of aviation of the past (and the present) as a means to reach out and introduce girls and women to the opportunities aviation has to offer.

On Wednesday, March 7, Tom Thomas, of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will present, “WOW, Women Over Wisconsin,” at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library. 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.

The presentation will feature Stephanie Kirschner, who will answer questions about the important role she plays as an operations specialist at Dane County Regional Airport in Madison. Stephanie was the first woman hired on airport management staff at Dane County Regional Airport. Her duties include daily airfield inspections, coordination of maintenance, construction, and snow removal operations; responding to emergency situations; wildlife management; and special aircraft operations.

The event takes place at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library, 625 N. Monroe Street, Waterloo, Wisconsin, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the presentation and it is open to the public. For more information, contact Cecilia Wiltzius at 920-478-3344.

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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