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LOCAL 99s TAKE 6TH PLACE IN 2012 AIR RACE CLASSIC

Tuesday, June 19, 2012, it is 90 degrees in Lake Havasu, Arizona as 49 airplanes line up each awaiting their turn to take the runway for the beginning of the Air Race Classic, an all women’s transcontinental air race. Plane number 39 sits in anticipation as finally they are waived onto the runway for take-off. Pushed to full throttle the plane quickly accelerates, lifts off and climbs over the nearby mountains to begin the nine leg, 2600 mile journey to the terminus in Batavia, Ohio.

Pilot Elizabeth Frankowski and navigator Carol Brackley, both based out of West Houston Airport, have spent months preparing, planning, looking at charts, reviewing the route and the required airport stops, and talking about strategy. The first 2 legs of the race are over the mountains. Being Houston pilots neither have much mountain flying experience so in preparation for this, they both read *Mountain Flying* and took an on-line course for same. Is all this preparation going to pay off? Their greatest desire would be to make it into the top ten.

The weather is looking good for them to make several legs on this first day of the race. First stop, Gallup, New Mexico, a bottle of cold water, a snack, add some fuel and off again to Hereford, Texas, where they were greeted with a 40 mph wind and a density altitude of over 9000 feet. The good thing about that wind was that it gave them a tailwind all the way to their next stop at Goodland, Kansas. The race must be completed under VFR conditions between sunrise and sunset, and each plane must arrive at the terminus by Friday at 5:00 pm. Elizabeth and Carol stopped for the night in Goodland, Kansas having completed 3 of the 9 legs with only 6 legs left and 3 days to complete those. At this point they felt they were in good shape.

The second day of the race was spent on the ground in Goodland waiting for the weather to clear which never happened. The third day the weather was clear and they headed out from Goodland, to David City, Nebraska, Watertown, South Dakota, Ashland, Wisconsin, and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Completing 4 legs in one day and feeling exhausted yet exhilarated at the same time.

With only 2 legs left they looked forward to an easy fourth and final day of the race. The morning found the airport under IFR conditions. Finally around 11:00 am the weather cleared and they were off again to Benton Harbor, Michigan and then with 45 minutes to spare, they arrived at Batavia, Ohio, the airport where Sporty’s is located at 4:15 pm on

Friday. They were thrilled just to have completed the entire race. It would not be until the Sunday evening banquet when they would learn that they took Sixth Place. Texas girls are fast! Three of the top ten were teams from Texas.

Participating in this race was a tremendous learning experience. You can learn more about the race and various related safety issues when Elizabeth and Carol present the FAA Safety Meeting on August 28th. Hope to see you there.

~Carol Brackley



Special points of interest:

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Pilots Bill of Rights passes Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), a member of the Senate General Aviation Caucus and CFI with more than 10,000 flight hours, hailed the Senate’s unanimous passage of his bill, the Pilots’ Bill of Rights (S.1335). Inhofe has worked to pass the legislation for the past year. His bill had 65 co-sponsors. For the past few weeks, Inhofe has worked with Sens. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), chairman and ranking member of the Senate Commerce Committee, to reach a unanimous agreement on the legislation.

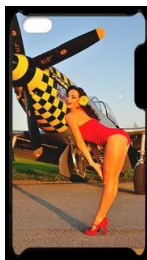
“This is a big victory for general aviation pilots all across the country,” said Inhofe. “Last year, I introduced this bill and presented it to the general aviation community at Oshkosh. Thanks to the efforts of so many pilots, and organizations like AOPA and EAA, we were able to get this important bill passed. Over the course of my years in Congress, I have helped an untold number of pilots facing the pressure of dealing with the FAA. This bill remedies many of the most serious deficiencies in the relationship between general aviation and the FAA, and ensures that pilots are, like everyone else, treated in a fair and equitable manner by the justice system. ~Janice Wood | [General Aviation News](http://www.generalaviationnews.com)

*For complete article and details about the Pilots Bill of Rights, go to: <http://www.generalaviationnews.com/2012/07/01/pilots-bill-of-rights-passes-senate/>

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99'S MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., Terminal Building, 2nd Floor. Women's Organization of Pilots, Men welcome! Contact Sophie Thibodeaux 281-391-2958. See website www.ninety-nines.org.

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Quarterly Seminar Saturday, July 21, 2012, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. San Jacinto College, Anderson Technology Building, Room A 105 C17, 114. Contact John VanPaasschen, email jvp20117@msn.com.

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