



WAI Wishes All Air Race Classic Pilots a Safe, Fast and Memorable Race

...And one filled with friendly competition!

May 30, 2019 – Fifty-one teams of women will take off for the 42nd Air Race Classic, racing from Jackson, Tennessee, beginning on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, for a 2,538-mile race course which ends in Welland, Ontario, Canada, on Friday, June 21, 2019.

“We wish blue skies and tailwinds to all the racers, many of whom are WAI members,” says WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian. “This year, 17 collegiate teams represent aviation colleges and universities nationwide, and we wish safe landings to all.”

As the oldest race of its kind in the United States, the Air Race Classic traces its roots to the 1929 Women’s Air Derby. Then known as the Powder Puff Derby, the race marked the beginning of women’s air racing with this year celebrating the 90th anniversary of the race. The July/August issue of WAI’s magazine, *Aviation for Women*, will include a feature story on the history and details of women’s air racing and will be distributed at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

Interested individuals can follow frequent, real-time updates during the race at airraceclassic.org. Next year’s Air Race Classic will be held from June 23 to June 26, 2020.

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI at 3647 State Route 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381, Phone (937) 839-4647; Fax (937) 839-4645 or through www.wai.org.

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