

April 19, 2006

Today I purchased the Air Race Classic 2006 Scarf. This is the scarf that will travel with me throughout this year's Air Race. The signing of a scarf is a tradition I started at my first Air Race in 2000. That year was my first air race across this country, Mansfield, MA to San Diego, CA and back. So, each year as I fly this country, I have the many wonderful people across this country sign it. At the end of the race, it is then auctioned off as a fund-raiser for the Women's Air Race. The Air Race Classic is a non-profit organization, funded to keep the only all women's transcontinental Air Race flying. See our history on [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org) or under the women's [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

This year while shopping for the now traditional scarf to be autographed, I had the pleasure meeting our very first signers. Their names are Christine L. and Mina D. at Macy's, South Shore Mall in Braintree, MA. Thank-you girls for starting the scarf's journey in this years Air Race Classic 2006. It was a pleasure meeting you. Thank-you Keith, my son was there too.

April 20, 2006

Giving a speech @ the Foxboro Rotary - 7:15 AM about Air Race Classic 2008.  
Meeting 6:30 PM: Mansfield Airport - Mansfield Air Race Classic 2008 - 2nd meeting.

April 20, 2006 Update

Foxboro Rotary meeting started at 7:30, many members where there early in the morning. Asked lots of questions and signed the scarf. They will be sending the list of names to add to the site. Thank you everyone for having me there. Especially, for helping me out with my speaking. Thank-you Wendy.

Colin & I took some time out and flew to New Bedford, MA and had Lobster bisque and Clam Chowder at the Airport Restaurant. Everyone there signed our scarf. Thanks everyone, it was a pleasure meeting you all.

We then flew out to Hyannis, Jeannie, Jim & Jim Jr. take care of my Avionics. It was great seeing you guys. All the gang at Griffin Avionics, Hyannis signed on the infamous traveling scarf.

We returned to Mansfield, MA (1B9) our home base to tie down and rush to the Mansfield Air Race Classic 2008 meeting. We had the meeting with the members. Lou Andrews came - filling in for Howard. Good seeing you and thanks for letting us use the Snow Removal Equipment Building, (SRE), in the future, It will cut down on the noise level. Pat - Thanks for being so special and helping out with all the patience of a saint. Meeting adjourned.

As I was leaving, I met a couple of nice fella's from Pennsylvania. Congrats on being a couple of new Granddaddy's. I look forward to seeing you two flying and around the Mansfield Airport in the very near future. Thanks for signing our 2006 Air Race scarf.

April 21, 2006

Oxygen lesson: tank placement and something to keep the tubes in the nose while flying with no distraction is on the list to work out. However, Roger came up with tape, he says who will know at 14,000 feet. Roger is always thinking and our lesson went well. Colin played our test Canary in the back. He did a good job and we where only at 7,500 feet.

The winds where kicking up, so we had to use the grass runway #4. Interesting take-off, I am not a fan of grass runways. Take-off was a skill in lowering the nose for airspeed then climb out over the trees. WOW. I will need practice on the grass landings. Rough coming in across the highway at about 100 feet and onto

the grass. But, Roger was right we actually stopped in a shorter distance than if we had landed on the paved runway.

Well, I am still learning and Roger now says we will be doing ILS landings near Provincetown, MA for my Instrument training. There we must come out over the water at an angle at about 1000 feet, he knows how much I love the water. Sounds like he is going to shake me of my slight phobia's; landing over-water and grass landings. HELP.

A few more people signed the Scarf: Cousin's Pizza Gang in Mansfield, MA, Dry Cleaning Place on Main Street, and a few more interesting people at the Airport. It is always a pleasure to meet new people.

PS: Oxygen is required for passenger and crew above 12,000

April 22, 2006

Colin (my fly buddy) & I flew to the Vineyard for breakfast. It was such a nice day that I had to fly. Oatmeal was on the menu, trying to cut back to loose a few pounds. Someday. We managed to make it back before the front came in, it was a little earlier than we had thought.

PS: Colin remember to thank your wife for letting me borrow you for all our aviation adventures.

Raced to the F1 Boston complex, to meet a great group of people in aviation. R.J. Valentine you did a good job on the Aviation Expo and it was a pleasure meeting a fellow Suffolk Alumni. Julie you are an asset to his company.

F-1 Boston Complex is an inside race track. Yes, I did try my hand at it, but I find as I get older - I am a little more conservative. Can you imagine that? Especially the way I have driven regular cars in the past.

As to the other great people I met, yes I do expect to have the history of Women in Aviation sent to my email. You know who you are and remember no cliff notes are to be used on the subject, they will be graded. 😊

It was good to see all the 99's (fellow pilots). Pat, Jeannie, Margo and Georgia. I missed everyone and I look forward to working with you all on the Mansfield Air Race in 2008.

I would love to hear from all the other wonderful people I met. Rick, (love the quick wit), Paul (the world is getting smaller all the time - we know too many of the same people) and Lou, (the aviation jacket in the silent auction -looks better on you).

The Aviation art and photography was exceptional, I will be in touch, Marilyn & Domenic DeNardo and Margo.

Jeff, (Aero Services of North Central, RI), I will get my plane down to you as soon as I can. I need the extra knots for this air race. Thanks for helping to work things out.

Douglas, Bill, Ron, Jonathan and the women from Air Flyte Inc, in Westfield, MA.

So many wonderful people, including Al Haynes (United Flight 232's story), I met you the first time while flying my first air race in 2001 in San Diego, CA. Excellent speech, enjoyed seeing you again.

Sorry, I forgot the now infamous scarf, it just means that I will have to meet up with you all again at some other time in the near future. As I said, I am more than happy to take different people flying. Sterling, Barnstable, Hanscom and the various other areas, here I come. I have always believed firmly in exposing one and all to positive Aviation influences. This is a very good thing for all, and besides I love to fly.

PS: Everyone please consider being a sponsor or advertising in our 2008 Aviation Booklet into Mansfield, MA. I look forward to hearing from and working with you all.

April 24, 2006

Weather not so hot, unable to fly. So, spent Sunday catching up with family and Monday -back to work. Busy in the office. Looks like no flying until Wednesday afternoon. I will try to drop the plane off in North Central for her to be polished. 2006 Air Race is around the corner.

New meeting minutes are in: Board Members should review. Thanks Pat.

April 25, 2006

Spoke to Becky F. at Lycoming (A Textron Company) in Williamsport, PA  
I had a few questions about my Lycoming O -time engine, put into service on October 19, 2004. They did a great job and they are always so helpful at Lycoming. Thanks Becky

I look forward to hearing from you on the history of Women in Aviation, as well as through the 2006 Air Race.

Working as usual today. Must make a living to support my baby bird.

April 26, 2006

Managed to get my plane to North Central, RI. Plane will be polished there by Aero Services. Jeff, Neil, Kathleen, and the crew signed my scarf  
Thanks everyone. It was a bit windy down that way, Neil thanks for the ride back - see you all on Friday.

Made it to the Tri - Town Chamber get together. Steve May and family at Quality Connections put on a good business after hours. Check out the photos everyone. Thanks for doing the group photo and signing my traveling scarf. It was nice seeing some many friendly faces - new and old.

Ruthie & Trish - thanks for all your wonderful suggestions to help promote the 2008 Air Race in Mansfield, MA.

Everyone remember to check out this site periodically for any updates. If possible could you send your email addresses so I can start a newsletter to you all. Send it via my email - [theflyingnonny@msn.com](mailto:theflyingnonny@msn.com).  
Thanks.

Continued the evening to Jimmy's in Mansfield. Everyone there signed as well. Thanks - this is going to be one heck or an event for the town of Mansfield in 2008. Especially with so much enthusiasm about it. It is infectious. You guys can send your email addresses as well.

I look forward to hearing from all of you, throughout this air race and the next. Thanks for all you support.

April 27, 2006

I did some visiting to Dennis, MA area with a great group of people. It was a pleasure meeting everyone with the tour de Dennis. I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Cape Cod Corvette Club, I will be bringing my scarf down next time before I depart on my journey. I hope to get a group photo of all of you for this site too.

April 28, 2006

I picked up my plane at Aero Services. They did a great job polishing my baby, she looks great. Thank-you Steve, Jeff and everyone at Aero Services. Thanks Colin for flying me over to pick her up - you did a great cross-wind landing on runway 15 at North Central, RI. I saw it folks - it was a 3- point landing. Great Job.

I departed just after him and made it back before him. I think I am a tad faster.

I realized it when I radioed and asked where he was and he said he was behind me. I had already flown past him and was more than half way home. I forget how fast my baby is - now that she is polished and no drag. Wow. That silly meter extra knot helps a lot.

April 29,2006

Woke up and went flying with Roger and Colin. We did lots of practice landings on the grass. Roger is right, the more we do landing on the grass the better we do. Practice makes perfect. Although, when I volunteered to do a landing in Katama, Ma - I forgot about the water. Martha's Vineyard is surrounded by it. Katama is right on the shore line of the Vineyard. Landing on runway 6 was interesting - left downwind and base to final over the water. No, Roger I will not close my eyes. Thank God, he is always kidding with me. I will finally overcome my phobia of flying over water and landing on the grass. Thanks again Roger.

April 30, 2006

Another busy day, started out late. I finally made it down to the airport. Colin & I flew to Lawrence, where my sister took us to Newburyport, MA

Had a really nice time. Thanks Reenie.

Before she arrived, I met a great couple of kids who sat in my plane. Their mom was excited too. It is always nice to show kids up close what a plane looks like. Someday I may see one of you flying, and that includes you mom. You never know in life, I started at the ripe young age of 40.

Thanks Judy, Michelle, and Tyler, Maybe someday Brad and Ray and the whole Darling family will go for a ride. There were lots of questions from Michelle and Tyler; they did a good job handling the yoke.

While waiting inside at Joe's Landing Café, (Hi Joe), I met Aden & his Dad. Maybe someday you guys can catch me there at the airport and we can go for a ride too. So many potential pilots out there, you never know who will want to learn to fly.

You too, Shaun. It was nice meeting everyone today. Aviation is such a fun way to meet new people.

Purchased my second scarf, this one will stay in the plane. Thanks to all the great people at "Oldies" along the waterway in Newburyport, MA. It is such a pretty little town. Look forward to seeing you all again. Thanks for signing my scarf.

Came back into Mansfield, MA, (1B9), our home base and the winds where at least 12 knots cross and gusting 16. Interesting landing on 14, that last little gust picked us up a little. That is what flying is all about, learning to fly in various conditions. 😊