

## Janet Fisher (Co-Pilot) Bio



Every June, my husband, Jim, and I attend a great fly-in at Lock Haven, PA, called Sentimental Journey ([www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com](http://www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com)). Lock Haven is the "birth place" of many Piper airplanes, including our own Comanche 400. This fly-in is very special to us...it is where we have met so many aviation enthusiasts over the years, learned a lot about airplanes, and have formed many lasting friendships with people from all over the world.

It was there, in June 2004, that I met a female pilot named Kathy McDonald. Kathy was on her way west to participate in the Woman's Air Race Classic. We talked at great lengths about the woman's air race, what a great experience it is and how much fun she has. She then challenged me to get my pilot's license and fly with her as her copilot in a future air race. I have been flying with my husband ever since I met him in 1993 and had considered taking lessons several times, but this was the catalyst that I needed. I became a student pilot in August of 2004 and completed Ground School that Fall semester. I finished my training and received my Private Pilot license in December 2005. I love flying and thank Kathy for the challenge.

Kathy will be flying her Piper Dakota to the York, PA airport (THV) to meet me around the middle of June. We will spend several days preparing for our trip...completing our flight plans, checking the weather, and attaching our racing number 9 to the tail of her plane. After goodbyes to my family--daughter Jill, son Brian and husband Jim (who has been very supportive and encouraging of my flying and participating in this race)--I will be ready to begin our trip to Mesa, AZ, the starting point of the race. The arrival deadline in Mesa is Saturday, June 17th. The plane will then be inspected and impounded until the start of the race on Tuesday, June 20th. Between arrival and start of the race, we will be attending contestant briefing meetings, a safety seminar and I will also be attending a clinic for first time race participants. Sunday evening we will be attending a Take-off Banquet where the teams will be introduced.

Tuesday, June 20th is our BIG DAY. We will start our day early with a Take-off breakfast and contestant briefing meeting before the race begins at 8:00 am (PST). We are scheduled to be #9 for take-off. Four days and 2154 nautical miles later, we should be flying over the finish line in Menominee, MI, on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The race route will take us to check points in New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Minnesota. Be sure to log on to [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org) to see map of our route and learn more about race. We will stay in Menominee for post-race activities...welcome parties, tours of the area, and many fun activities mixed in with debriefing meetings and the Awards Banquet that will conclude our Woman's Air Race 2006 experience. Kathy and I will then be flying to Mackinac Island for some R & R before heading back to PA.

While I will be participating in my first air race, which is a trip of a lifetime, I will really miss seeing my Sentimental Journey friends at the fly-in. I am really looking forward to participating in this year's Air Race Classic with Kathy and being her co-pilot.