

Top Women Aviation Authors Featured at WAI Conference.

Attendees at the Women in Aviation, International (WAI) Conference will have the chance to meet aviation authors in person to purchase their books and have them autographed. Each author will have a specific time period to be showcased.

The authors that will be featured at this year's conference at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort from February 25-27, 2010 include:

Susan Butler is author of *East to the Dawn* which chronicles the life of Amelia Earhart and was the inspiration for the major motion picture *Amelia*. The *Washington Post* described *East to the Dawn* as "the single best book that we now have on Earhart's life."

Ann Cooper is a well-known aviation biographer and author of *Stars of the Sky* which contains 50 biographies of women pilots which was published in conjunction with *Women in Aviation, International*.

CarolAnn Garratt is the author of *Upon Silver Wings II World-Record Adventure* which documents an amazing flight that Garratt took with Carol Foy to break a world record and raise money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The pair circumnavigated the globe in seven days in a Mooney.

Bernice Haydu is the author and subject of *WASP Letters Home 1944-1945*. During training and active duty, she wrote home on a regular basis giving detailed descriptions of her life in the Air Force. She continued describing the many other flying experiences she had as a civilian pilot.

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes is the granddaughter of General Jimmy Doolittle. Her book *Just Doing My Job* was published in May 2009 and preserves the personal histories of ordinary citizens who left jobs and families behind to contribute to the war effort. Previously Hoppes authored a biography of her grandfather called *Calculated Risk: The Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Doolittle*.

Sue Hughes is a pilot and flight instructor who launched a series of children's books about flying including *Claire Bear Presents the Pilot Alphabet* and *Claire Bear's First Solo*.

Sarah Rickman is an authority on the WASP and author of *The Originals* (2001); *Flight from Fear* (2002); *Nancy Love and the WASP Ferry Pilots of World War II* (2008); and her most recent book, *Nancy Batson Crews: Alabama's First Lady of Flight*.

WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian commented, "Our attendees have a great opportunity to meet the authors and have one-on-one conversations with them. And the authors often comment that they enjoy the interaction with their readers at our Conference.

Secure on line registration for the conference is available at www.wai.org/10conference. Discounted registration is available for military personnel and full-time students.

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