

**THE NINETY-NINES • NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING
APRIL 25-27, 2008 • OSCEOLA, IOWA**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25, 2008

Noon – 4:00 pm Registration
 Hospitality Room open
5:30 – 9:00 pm Dinner & Hangar Party
 Julie Boatman Filucci (Cessna Aircraft Company)
 “Voices from the DC-3”

Saturday, April 26, 2008

7:00 – 8:30 am Registration
 Breakfast on your own (Bougainvillea Café)
8:30 – 11:00 am Business Meeting
11:00 – 11:15 am Break
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Luncheon
 Bill Fox (YF-12 Blackbird Research Program, Engineering/Program
 Manager; retired)
12:45 – 1:00 pm Break
1:00 – 5:00 pm Fly Market / Hospitality Room open
1:00 – 4:00 pm Free time – touring, shopping, casino
 National Balloon Museum (Indianola, IA)
 Shopping / Antiquing (Osceola, IA)
5:00 – 6:30 pm Winery Experience – Southern Hills Winery
7:00 – 10:00 pm Banquet & Auction
 Paul Berge (Aviation author; Iowa Aviation Promotion Group)
10:00 – 11:00 pm Hospitality Room open

Sunday, April 27, 2008

7:00 – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast & Departure

** Schedule subject to change*

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Julie Boatman Filucci: Our lead-off speaker on Friday night will be Julie Boatman Filucci, a nationally recognized aviation journalist and editor. Julie started flying at Green Castle (IA24; Oxford IA) in 1987 while in high school. By 1995, she had acquired ratings up through ME and CFII after finishing college at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Julie worked as a CFI in Colorado for several years and was employed by Jeppesen Sanderson in courseware development as a writer and editor (1997-2000). Since 2000, she has been an editor with *AOPA Pilot* magazine, becoming Technical Editor in 2004. She has continued to extend her aviation skills to include a FAST (Formation And Safety Team) formation wing qualification, a glider rating, an airline transport pilot certificate, and a Douglas DC-3 type rating. During 2007, she has served as project manager for AOPA's *Catch-A-Cardinal* sweepstakes. In January 2008, Julie becomes Manager of the Cessna Pilot Centers for Cessna Aircraft Company (Wichita, KS). Julie has been a 99 since 1992 with the Colorado Chapter of the South Central Section, and she has served as co-chair and newsletter editor for this Chapter.

Bill Fox: Our luncheon speaker on Saturday will be Bill Fox, one of 20 charter members of the *Blackbird Laurels Society*, honoring those integral to the success of the highly classified Blackbird program. He was born in Osage IA (1933), and after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy, placed in the Naval Aviation Branch, and served on the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany off Korea. Following his service, he pursued engineering at Iowa State University and the University of Minnesota. While working in Honeywell's Engineering Flight Test Division, he was assigned to the top secret Blackbird program in its concept phase. Bill oversaw design of the Flight Control Simulator and was assigned to *Area 51* where he became involved with nearly every system on the aircraft. This spy plane could fly safely over Russia by flying extremely fast and very high. He became Engineering & Program Manager for the Lockheed/NASA/Air Force YF-12 Blackbird Research Program, and back at *Area 51* in the 1970's, he was Lockheed's Site Manager and Engineering Flight Test Manager for the stealth programs. Bill transferred to Lockheed's new Texas division as Engineering Flight Test Manager for *Aquila*, the Army's unmanned aircraft used as a battlefield overhead target designator. In 1988, Bill retired to Iowa and now lives in Charles City. He travels widely speaking on his Blackbird experiences.

Paul Berge: Our keynote speaker at Saturday's banquet will be Paul Berge, an aviation author and Vice President of the *Iowa Aviation Promotion Group*. Paul grew up during the Eisenhower years, joined the Army during the Vietnam War, became a pharmacist, and gained a love for flying and writing about it. Born in New Jersey and schooled in California, he somehow landed in Iowa and worked for 13 years as an FAA air traffic controller at Des Moines International Airport. He is a flight instructor, monthly columnist for *Pacific Flyer* (*Flights of Fancy*), *Pilot's Audio Update*, author of AVWeb's *Brainteaser* quizzes (#65-present) and former editor of *IFR* magazine. For six years (2000-2007), Paul was seen weekly on Iowa Public Television's *Living In Iowa* hosting the Emmy-nominated *Side Roads* travel series. Check out the many facets of Paul Berge's life at www.aileron.com. Better yet, fly to Iowa and hear his stories in person.

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AREA INFORMATION

Airports:

Des Moines International Airport (DSM) – commercial & private aircraft; served by national and regional airlines. DSM is a class C airport with two runways (9001 and 9003 ft) and several instrument approaches (GPS, ILS, LOC, VOR/DME). The Iowa Chapter will provide transportation to/from DSM. All national car rental agencies are located in the passenger terminal for those wishing to rent cars. Elliott Aviation, FBO. www.dsmaairport.com

Osceola Municipal Airport (I75) – private aircraft. I75 is a Class E nontowered airport with one runway (4000 x 75 ft). It has GPS and VOR/DME instrument approaches. The Iowa Chapter will provide transportation to/from I75.

Amtrak: Osceola (OSC) has an Amtrak station, which is a stop on the California Zephyr line running between Chicago IL – Denver CO – Emeryville CA. For those interested in a rail adventure, the train arrives around 8 pm from Chicago and departs around 9 am for the return to Chicago. The Iowa Chapter will provide transportation to/from the station. www.amtrak.com

FBO: At *DSM*, Elliott Aviation (<http://www.elliottaviation.com/desmoines.aspx>) is a full service FBO. Pilot planning room, lounge areas, computer stations and other amenities available. Hertz rental cars may be arranged. No tie down fees. At *I75*, the FBO provides a comfortable lounge and flight planning area with computer connection; self service fuel with no tie down fees.

Terrible's Lakeside Casino & Resort: This all suite hotel has spacious rooms with a microwave, refrigerator and wet bar in every room. The fitness room with exercise bike and treadmill is open from 6am to 10pm daily. The hotel adjoins the casino boat USS Osceola with two decks with gaming facilities. The *Bougainvillea Café-Buffer-Lounge* is open from 7am to 10pm. *Terrible's Sports Bar* is open from 11am to 1am.

The National Balloon Museum: The National Balloon Museum was established by the *Balloon Federation of America (BFA)* in 1973 and strives to educate the public through its exhibitions and collections about 200+ years of ballooning history as an early form of aviation. Displays include balloon envelopes, inflators, gondolas, and other equipment used in both hot air and gas ballooning. Among many things, the museum honors women balloonists with special exhibits chronicling the achievements of women pilots, crew members, crew chiefs, observers and the balloons they work with and details of some of their accomplishments and awards. One such woman honored is pioneer hot air balloon pilot Nikki Caplan, who set many records in the sport, including a flight from Albuquerque NM to Duncombe IA in a gas balloon. The museum was located in Indianola, because this area benefits from prime flying conditions and a large community of active balloonists. In earlier years, Indianola hosted the BFA's *National Hot Air Balloon Championships*. It now hosts the *National Balloon Classic*, a nine-day premier ballooning event that attracts balloonists from all over the country. In 2008, the *National Balloon Classic* will be held July 25 through August 2 in Indianola, IA.

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