

The Museum would be greatly interested in interviewing anyone who knew Mr. Auerbach. He lived in Alameda during his photographic career here in the Bay Area, but passed away in his home state of Indiana in 1971. He was a graduate of the University of California at Davis in 1923, and was deeply involved with the California Wool Growers Association, as well as with aviation. Please contact the Museum if you have any information, or would like access to the collection.

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## *Flyabout* Review

By Tracy Zedeck and Laura Smith

*Flyabout* is a documentary film created by Ventura County Chapter 99 Monika Petrillo. Santa Rosa Chapter hosted a showing of the film, which was attended by Bay Cities Chapter members Tracy Zedeck, Renee Craig, and Laura Smith (plus student pilot Connie English, whom we hope will soon be a part of the chapter). The website for the film is: [www.flyaboutmovie.com](http://www.flyaboutmovie.com).

**Tracy Zedeck:** A spectacular and inspirational movie that makes me appreciate what life has to offer, reminds me that it's never too late to do something you want to do in life - in which case... just do it!

**Laura Smith:** *Flyabout* has many life and flying lessons to impart to the viewer.

Monika and her father (also a pilot) decided to embark on a general aviation flying group tour of Australia in September 1998. One of the essential flying lessons that the film relays is the importance of finding a compatible flying partner, and sometimes flying with a family member is a difficult arrangement. Monika was the more experienced of the two pilots, and she was the one who got checked out in the aircraft. So, a suggestion for others: if you are going on a flying adventure with another pilot and you both want to fly, then you should both get checked out in the aircraft. From what I could figure out, Monika's father only got to fly a very limited amount, and it appeared that he did that from the right seat. I'm guessing that he had no right seat experience prior to the trip. Flying from the right seat isn't overly difficult, but it is helpful to be introduced to the experience with a flight instructor in a comfortable setting.



I have been to Australia twice, but have only seen a little tiny piece of the vast country. General aviation provides a tool that literally opens up a world of opportunities, especially when time is limited. The film is a great promotion of the usefulness of general aviation.

It took Monika seven years to put the documentary together (she did have to work and did start a family during that time). That is certainly clear evidence of her dedication, but also of the impact the trip had on her.

There were some real challenging destinations and experiences along the way. You could tell how much confidence Monika gained as a pilot as the trip went on. That's one of the biggest appeals of flying for us all--the chance to challenge ourselves, to learn, and to grow. Well done!



## **Santa Rosa Chapter Ninety-Nines Aviation Scholarship**

### **Purpose**

Each year the Santa Rosa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, awards a scholarship to a local woman pilot. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds to be used for a specific rating or certificate in flight training and/or continuing education to further the recipient's pursuit of a career in aviation.

### **Eligibility**

- 1 Any woman pilot holding at least a current private license, a current medical, and a current flight review is eligible.
- 2 Applicant should be planning a career in any area of aviation, with flight training or education in mind.
- 3 Applicant must reside within 150 miles of Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, CA.
- 4 Applicant must be eligible for the rating being applied for (i.e.: number of flight hours required, ratings required, medical required), and have completed written requirements for the rating before scholarship funds are dispersed.
- 5 The applicant must be at least 17 years old.
- 6 The applicant may be a member of the Ninety-Nines, and may be a member of the Santa Rosa Chapter, but it is not required.
- 7 Previous Santa Rosa Ninety-Nine aviation scholarship recipients are not eligible.