

# A Hunger For The Sky

By Sparky Barnes Sargent

The percentage of women pilots in the U.S. today and in the past is included in the preface of this very interesting and well written 220 page book by Sparky Barnes Sargent, AAA M-22606

Unfortunately to me as a long time aviation book collector and reader, I recall that in recent years I have read more books about just one women pilot, Amelia Earhart, than I have seen published about the many talented lady pilots of today. Articles yes, but few in-depth books about how and why the fair sex took on the mantle of aviation. I am well aware of the backgrounds of some of our own "Lady Antiquers" within the AAA and we hope to read more books about them in the future.

In regards to *A Hunger For The Sky* we noted the foreword was by Patty Wagstaff, AAA M-18554, but we have yet to meet Patty. Elaine Huf who is featured in the chapter entitled "Never Stop Learning" is AAA M-20377-A and even found one of her dream planes here at the 2007 AAA/APM Fly-in, a Stinson 10A, so we were very pleased to learn more about Elaine's background in aviation. I was surprised to read she was a professional police officer as well as a past owner of a variety of collectible types of aircraft.

Although the chapter on Suzanne Ashbury-Oliver provided some more memories of past long time members like Jack Strayer and the "Pepsi Sky Writers", several visits to Antique Airfield by Steve Oliver in the Pepsi Travel Air and their DeHavilland Chipmunk added another dimension to the ongoing history of Antique Airfield.

The first chapter entitled "It's a Whole New World", about Evelyn Bryan Johnson, turned up a long time AAA member, John Reed, IV, AAA Lifetime M-11921, of Atlanta, GA who recently told us that Evelyn taught him to fly.

This book will provide a lot of memorable connections amongst AAA members and we recommend it highly for the Antiquer's library.

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