



The Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc.
- Queen Bess - An American Legacy -



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**THIRD ANNUAL FLY-SISTER - FLY EMPOWERMENT
BREAKFAST & NATIONAL MEETING**

On August 13, 2008, the Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc, will host its Third Annual "Fly-Sister-Fly" Empowerment Breakfast. This year eight outstanding women from the aviation community who have made significant contributions to the field of aviation will be honored at the breakfast. This empowerment breakfast will also serve as a mentoring opportunity between established career aviators and aviation enthusiasts and approximately 30 young minority females from the local Miami community ranging from grades 4 – 12, who are interested in aviation and aerospace technology. It is our hope that this event will not only motivate but inspire these young women to consider a career in aviation, following in the footsteps of the first African-American licensed pilot, Bessie Coleman.

In addition, immediately following the breakfast, BCF will host a panel discussion with the honorees. This platform will give each individual the opportunity to share information about her experiences in the field of aviation.

BCF will hold its general membership meeting on Aug 13, 2008 from 12 – 2pm, followed by an information session entitled "Women in Aviation" from 2 – 4pm.

The BCF Board of Directors (BOD) will meet on Aug 14, 2008 from 10am – 12pm. The BOD will take this opportunity to review the BCF Bylaws. Please take this opportunity to review the BCF Bylaws and submit all recommendations to Nancy Lawrence, Parliamentarian at lawre353@erau.edu no later than July 1, 2008.

An official photo of BCF members will be taken on Aug 13 at the Fly-Sister-Fly Breakfast. All members of BCF are encouraged to purchase the official 2008 BCF Fly-Sister-Fly polo shirt. If you are interested, please complete the order form with instructions by July 10, 2008.

All attendees must register online at www.obap.org.

For more information go to www.wearethelegacy.com or www.obap.org or contact Jennifer Myers at jmyers@wearethelegacy.com

We look forward to seeing you in Miami!

SAVE THE DATE
Fly-Sister-Fly!
Third Annual BCF
Empowerment Breakfast

Wednesday August 13, 2008/7:30am
Doral Resort, Miami, FL
Hosted by: The Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc.
The Organization of Black Airline Pilots
Black Flight Attendants of America

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TRIVA: What is the name of the ship Bessie Coleman boarded on November 20, 1920, bound for France?

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thelma Rudd,
National President of
Bessie Coleman
Foundation, Inc.

Thank you so much for your interest in BCF and in Queen Bess' legacy.

I hope that you plan to attend our third annual Fly-Sister-Fly Empowerment Breakfast on Wednesday August 13, 2008 at the Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida. Please help us to honor and to archive the aeronautical achievements of eight (8) "*Sisters of Distinctions*". BCF is proud to announce this years recipients: Dr. Wanda Austin, Dr. Eddie Glenn, Athina Holmes, Trisha Hughes, Rhonda Lyons, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Mary McDaniel, and Arquila Todd. Each of these women made personal sacrifices in the vast field of aeronautics or in the continuance of the legacy of Bessie Coleman. This is the one time of the year that we all get to sit together and honor the life of Queen Bess and to honor each other's shared love of aviation!

Over the next two years as president of BCF, I hope many of you will work with me to uphold BCF member's activities as they ensure that Bessie Coleman's legacy

ACE CAMPS

ACE Academies are summer educational programs for middle and high school students that can last from one day to one week. ACE Academies are co-sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) along with many other organizations.

The focus is on aviation career exploration with emphasis on opportunities for women and minorities. Students experience instruction in aviation history, the physics of flight, field trips to aviation sites and hands-on activities.

The plan is to have one program in each state and U.S. territory. This program reaches approximately 2,000 students each summer. Dates, locations, cost and age requirements vary according to sponsoring organization.

continues. I have personally talked with BCF members all over the USA. I have learned so much about Queen Bess and aviation history in general through this interaction. Our members are doing some phenomenal activities. For instance, in a New Jersey after school program, BCF member, Willie Robinson gave books about Bessie Coleman to the students and then had an essay contest to present prizes for the winning essays. In California, BCF members, Earnie Growe, Sherly Urbe, and Captain Fred Pitcher helped with the ribbon cutting of the Bessie Coleman Aerospace Laboratory at Crenshaw High School and BFAOA president Jackie Williams represented BCF at a Math and Science Day at the UCLA!

As the president of BCF, I pray that we all continue to actively ensure that "We are the Legacy" of Bessie Coleman. We need your ideas, and your talents. We would love to add your aviation story to our website. Please forward your ideas via the website or contact me personally. I would love to hear from you.

It looks like a good day to fly,

Thelma L. Rudd

Thelma L. Rudd, President
Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc.

Some upcoming events:

TAI MEMPHIS.COM Memphis, TN www.taimemphis.com	June 9 – 13, 2008
FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City Airport, NJ	July 14-18, 2008
William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City, NJ	July 28- August 1, 2008

For more information go to:
www.faa.gov/education_research/education/student



Answer: SS Emperor

To Our Valued Member!

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sep 08 issue, please send a draft by Aug 8, 2008 to jmyers@wearethelegacy.com

Thank you!

We're on the Web!
See us at: www.wearethelegacy.com