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Hello!

In many ways, 2009 has been an excellent year at the International Women's Air & Space Museum.

- * *Flight to Fame: The Life & Legacy of Amelia Earhart* has been a tremendous success. We've seen a huge increase in attendance because of the exhibit. Our special events in conjunction with it have been well-attended.
- * Our collection continues to grow, with additions this year that include Elinor Smith's book collection, the remainder of Margaret Hurlburt's collection, and a piece of landing gear from Earhart's 1937 crash in Hawaii.
- * We've welcomed many more young visitors to the museum - hosting 300 Cleveland Metropolitan School District students for a day of activities, providing programming to the many summer camps that have come for a visit, and continuing to provide free activities at our annual Family Day during Women's History Month.
- * We hosted over 20 female high school students at aviation and engineering camps on two Ohio college campuses, and introduced them to the many career opportunities available in aviation and space.
- * Loans of our valuable artifacts have taken place this year to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo and the Museum of Flight in Seattle.



Cleveland students attending Women on the Frontiers of Flight



This old photo, dated July 28, 1911, was in pieces when we received it. We scanned the photo and enhanced it digitally. The pilot in the photo is Lillian Leischner. The photo and accompanying news articles were donated by Lillian's daughter-in-law.

Despite the effects of the economic downturn, which everyone has experienced, the staff and volunteers at IWASM have done more this year than ever.

But we need your help! Please consider a gift during this year's Annual Campaign. Your donation will be an excellent investment toward preserving women's history in aviation and space and encouraging young people to learn from that history and reach for the stars.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

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Young Amelia and her famous namesake