CAPTAIN JULIE CLARK TO RECEIVE
2008 KATHERINE AND MAJORIE STINSON AWARD

Arlington, Virginia, September 25, 2008 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced that Captain Julie Clark will receive the 2008 Katherine and Marjorie Stinson award. The Stinson Award was created in 1997 to honor the accomplishments Katherine and Marjorie Stinson who were among the first 11 American women to be certified as airplane pilots through the Aero Club of America. Their flying school helped numerous U.S. and foreign pilots to earn their Aero Club licenses. The award recognizes a living woman for an outstanding and enduring contribution, a meritorious flight, or a singular technical development in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space or related sciences.

Julie will receive the Stinson Award on Monday, November 3 at the NAA Fall Awards Banquet.

Julie Clark is being honored for her “determination, enthusiasm and professional accomplishments as an airline pilot and air show performer that have provided inspiration and motivation to many women aspiring to a career in aviation.”

Julie’s passion for flying started as a young girl. As she scraped together anything she could to build flight time, Julie finally was hired by Golden West Airlines – the first and only woman to be hired by them. In 1977, Julie was hired by Hughes Air West (which eventually merged with Northwest Airlines) and became one of the first women to fly for a major airline. She retired from Northwest in 2003 as a Captain on the Airbus 300 series.

In addition, Julie has performed before millions during her thirty-plus years as an air show performer, inspiring many others to learn to fly. In 2006 and 2007 she was named one of the “Living Legends of Aviation.”

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America’s aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.