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Who Was Alice E. Taylor?

The EAA AirVenture Museum recently acquired these aviation artifacts through the online auction house eBay. According to the seller, they belonged to the late Alice E. Taylor, a parachutist from Detroit. Unfortunately, we don't know much else about her, except for these clues from her scrapbook: 1934-36 *Detroit News* clippings about parachutists, flying, and Junior Birdmen of America lessons; class notes from a ground school sponsored by the Works Progress Administration (WPA); a Switlik parachute manual; a March 1, 1936, Michigan Chapter of the Ninety-Nines meeting entry; and an A.R. Taylor Command-Aire dealership business card and brochure.

Was she a parachutist? How many years did she fly? What did she do afterward? Questions like these often remain unanswered as many contributors to aviation pass on with little or no mention in history books. That's why the EAA AirVenture Museum began the Timeless Voices of Aviation program—to collect first-person oral histories of *anyone* involved with aviation over the last hundred years and to share them with future generations. Its motto: Let no story go untold.

Who was Alice E. Taylor? If you know, write to EAA Publications, P.O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086 or e-mail editorial@eaa.org. We don't want her story to go untold.

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