Jacqueline Cochran Crossword

Jacqueline Cochran is one of the most famous women in aviation history. She learned to fly in only three weeks. She later broke an existing altitude record by flying a biplane to 33,000 feet in the air.

Jacqueline became very interested in air racing and participated in several races including the Bendix Cross Country Air Race. She had to convince Mr. Bendix to allow her to fly since the race had been open to male pilots only. She won the race in 1937.

Jacqueline also won speed records for flying. The most famous record she holds for speed was when she became the first woman to break the sound barrier in 1953. She was named “the fastest woman in the world.”

Before learning to fly, she had worked for several years in a beauty shop. She later began a company manufacturing beauty products. She named her company Jacqueline Cochran Cosmetics.

When World War II began, Jacqueline was involved in testing new aviation equipment being developed for the war. She also had the idea the military should include women as pilots during the war. After several meetings with the Chief of the Army Air Force General Hap Arnold, she was able to convince him to use women pilots to fly non-combat missions. She became the director of the new organization which was named the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

When the war was over the WASP had delivered more than 12,600 planes and flown more than 75 different types of airplanes.

Crossword Clues:

ACROSS
1. Jacqueline ______ is one of the most famous women in aviation history.
2. Women pilots were used for ______ missions.
3. Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the ______ barrier.
4. Women Airforce Service Pilots (another name)
5. Cochran flew in the ______ Cross Country Air Race.
6. Jacqueline was named “the ______ woman in the world.”
7. Jacqueline learned to ______ in three weeks.

DOWN
A. General Hap ______ was the Chief of the Army Air Force.
B. Jacqueline Cochran broke an ______ record by flying a biplane to 33,000 feet.
C. She also broke ______ records.
D. Before learning to fly, Jacqueline worked for several years in a ______ shop.
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