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Quarterly Newsletter for our Chapters

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THEY Find ME! And They Can Find You Too.

by Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area)

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We struggle, as 99s, with recruitment and retention. Our membership numbers increase and decrease, ebb and flow, expand and contract. We are volunteers, but we are believers. The organization has tremendous value. It did in Amelia's time, and it still does today. But how do we keep it vital and help it grow? Sometimes, the simplest answer is the best one, right?

Before our recent COVID-mandated cut back in personal contact, while I was showing the third excited woman that week around the flight school where I work as CFI, one of my co-workers asked me a question – “Where do you find these people?” My answer was immediate – “They find me.” And they do. But there is no magic to the finding – I make myself easy to find. I am present (often) at the flight school, I identify myself as a pilot, a Flight Instructor, a 99, and a woman who welcomes others to aviation.

Some of the many factors that apply are listed here:

I wear my work uniform – part of the job. It makes me visible, identifiable, if not attractive 😊.

I bring copies of our Chicago Area Chapter 99s newsletter *AirNews* to the flight school. And I hand it out

I tell my fellow CFIs about the 99s. Some don't know. Can you imagine?

I introduce myself to every visitor/customer/student that I see at the flight school.

I stop what I am doing and greet anyone who has a child with them looking through the airport fence. Lots of kids get to sit in the pilot seat of an airplane. Lots of parents and grandparents get close to a plane, and learn where to book a flight.

I tell all the women who have gifted their husbands, boyfriends, etc., with an Intro Flight that their turn is next!



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Gear Up and GO With the Governor

Always looking skyward, Ladies!!

What's been going on in North Central Section September 1 through November 30, 2020?



Doing my Civil Air Patrol flying as Instructor Pilot, Major Janice Welsh.

Fall 2020 Section Meeting – September 26, 2020

We had our first-ever meeting online. The consensus? That it was a smooth-run meeting. We were pleased to have 65 members in attendance with 14 of 15 chapters and all 9 states represented. A huge thank you to the NCS Board for their tireless determination to practice, practice, practice and to Erin Thompson (Kentucky Bluegrass), our fearless director of the Zoom Webinar PowerPoint. You will see the meeting minutes from Sue Glisson, NCS secretary, elsewhere in this edition of Waypoint.

Chapter Chair 'Share' inaugural meeting – October 29, 2020

We had nine chapter chairs in attendance and loads of information sharing. In spite of the pandemic, our chapters have continued to meet 'in-person' safely or virtually. You kept on flying, earned advanced ratings, soloed, and even honored WASP with fly-bys. You met online, held meetings in-person outside during warmer weather, and enjoyed online book clubs with the author in attendance. Having a member within the chapter share their expertise has been a win-win for chapters, also.

International Board of Directors Fall Meeting – November 6-7, 2020 (virtual)

All members were invited to this event where we had front row seats to this online experience. I had the opportunity to represent NCS as your governor and give my report. Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin), section membership chair, coined the phrase "*Slow the Slide*" referencing membership retention and recruitment during the time of this pandemic.

Represent your chapter in Waypoint

The 2020 Fall *Waypoint* issue (reporting for June 1 – August 31) had only 4 chapters reporting their activities. I realize that many chapters share via social media, but not all members are on social media (especially outside your chapter) and some of our members rely on *Waypoint* (web, hard-copy) to read about what we are doing. Please consider having your chapter newsletter reporter send articles (with photos please) to *Waypoint*. The following bears repeating, even though posted in every *Waypoint* issue:

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Gear Up and GO With the Governor (cont.)

Waypoint Deadlines

- March 10 (activity period Dec 1 – Feb 28)
- June 10 (activity period Mar 1 – May 31)
- September 10 (activity period Jun 1 – Aug 31)
- December 10 (activity period Sep 1 – Nov 30)

Here's hoping we can meet as a section "in-person" sometime soon.

See the 99s' smiles behind the 99s' masks.
Let's stay hopeful.

~ Janice Welsh, NCS Governor



L-R: Lewie Weise, Donna Moore, Betty Huck

**Congratulations to our 2020 NCS Award winners
who were announced at our Fall NCS Virtual Meeting.**

NCS Governor's Service Award - Darcy Kulesha (Wisconsin)

NCS 49½ Award - Yosh Kano (Chicago Area)

NCS Spinning Prop Award - Ellen Quist (Minnesota)

Who will win the 2021 NCS Awards?

**Don't miss the 2021 NCS Annual Awards Celebration
on Saturday May 1st!**

THEY Find ME! And They Can Find You Too. (cont.)

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I invite any and all women flight students to join me in a flight. To a meeting, to a fly in event, to lunch. It isn't easy, schedule-wise, and doesn't always come to pass, but I invite them and we try.

I invite the women students whom I meet to come to our local pilots' association safety meetings. I tell them about community, and camaraderie, and conversations about our aviation compulsion. The value in friendship and common interests and newly formed associations is huge.

I stop and talk to the office staff at my airport and the FBOs. I go around the airport and put out the newsletter. I introduce myself to the line guys who fuel the airplanes. Make friends. Be visible.

I should give everyone my 99s business card, but darn it, I always forget!!! (Maybe you won't.)

I communicate – mostly email and text – but I respond to everyone. If someone says they have a friend with questions, I make contact. And I add new emails and names to our newsletter list. Email is free. Why not? I tell women who ask that they can meet me at the flight school, and we can talk about their interest. I don't get a commission from the flight school or the 99s, but I make the newbies welcome.

Not all 99s can spend time at the airport. But those who do, can share more and be more welcoming.

Now we have COVID constraints. Don't like it. Can't help it. Won't be over soon. So all we can do is try to make alternate efforts work for those who are trying to

find their way to us. As newsletter editor, I have trouble getting people to share, but some do, and the effort is worth it. Recently I looked over the roster of Chicago 99s and found that it included a group of members that I hadn't met and didn't know about. So I emailed them. I asked them to make contact! I met 6 great new members right away and will share their stories in our next newsletter. One is an ex-Navy aviator who flew CH-46D helicopters in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Wouldn't you want to meet her? She's

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Leire Kennedy and Amaya at Girls in Aviation Day (Fall 2020)

THEY Find ME! And They Can Find You Too. (cont.)

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re-energized and working on a CFI. Yay, another woman instructor at my flight school, hopefully. Two of the names that President Bulluck mentioned in the January message as PPLI participants are from my Chapter. I didn't know either one! Well, I do now. When we were preparing for the ill-fated Spring Section meeting in Chicago, we put a message in our newsletter asking for volunteers. One delightful new member made contact, offered any preparation help, but would not be available during the meeting. Because it was her due date!!! She helped us prepare goody bags, for lots of hours. Then she had a beautiful baby girl who has been to a 99s meeting already. Mommy pilot passed her Private checkride oral recently and is waiting for weather for the flight portion. We didn't get to host our Section Meeting, but reaching out and welcoming whatever help is offered has netted our Chapter a very valuable active member.



Amanda, Madeleine, and Chapter Chair Eva at August fly-in to Bult Field

I joined the 99s a long time ago. When I did, I felt like a newcomer, an unknown. I didn't think there was a place for me, but I was glad that I was eligible to join. Within a few months, I was present when a few members were meeting at the airport restaurant. Looking for a way to be of help, I offered to help the membership committee when there was a vacancy. The woman I was addressing got up from her chair, went out to her car, brought back a file box and handed it to me. She said, "You are now the Membership Chair." Wow. The 99s gained a life-long active and involved member that day.

I don't spend all day every day being a 99. I just am. I don't look for women to introduce to flying. I just speak to them with enthusiasm when I meet them. I don't give up my independence to share the joy of participation with others. I gain an opportunity to make a new friend, net a pair of helping hands, gain a new entrant to aviation and the 99s, and swell the ranks. Our numbers are increasing – but oh so slowly.

Pick just one thing on the list above – and do it. Wear a name tag. Hand out your business card. Invite someone to fly with you. Ask someone to help with a project. It will make a difference. Really. Don't wait for someone else to do it.

They will find you.



Student waiting for her CFI...

Editor's Hangar

Got a **COVER STORY** to share? A few great photos? C'mon, we know that you have stories to tell.

Editor's challenge - a new cover story with every issue from a *different* Chapter across our Section. It doesn't need to be flashy. It's just 'hangar chat' in the newsletter. Who's in for the Fall and Winter issues?

Cover story guidelines - an aviation-related story; 1000 words (max); and 3-4 nice, high resolution photos.

Our readers love shorter aviation pieces too. Consider sharing your stories - flying, training, airports, mechanical matters, book/movie reviews,

photos - the sky is the limit. Share!

Chapter news - We look for a brief update from each Chapter. A few lines of what's been going on. Photos. Milestones achieved.

Photos - Don't forget to include the caption for the picture - WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN...

Leave a print copy of Waypoint at your local airport. It's a great way to advertise NCS 99s and your Chapter.

Waypoint is **YOUR** newsletter. Own it!

Blue skies & tail winds.

~ Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa)
Waypoint Editor



Waypoint Guidelines

Photos MUST be print quality, high resolution!!! Photos that are poor quality may not be published at the discretion of the Editor. For a HIGH quality photo, set your camera to high or better quality (300 dpi minimum). Copies of social media photos are usually *poor* print quality as they are down-sized when uploaded to these platforms.

Waypoint Schedule		
Issue # (release):	Activity coverage:	Submissions due:
1 - Summer (July)	Mar 1 - May 31	Jun 10
2 - Fall (October)	Jun 1 - Aug 31	Sep 10
3 - Winter (January)	Sep 1 - Nov 30	Dec 10
4 - Spring (April)	Dec 1 - Feb 28	Mar 10

Send submissions to: waypoint@ncs99s.org

WAYPOINT SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL Reminder:

If you are receiving a paper copy of Waypoint, please be sure your correct address is provided to **KATHY LESTER-ROSS**.

There is NO manual cross-referencing to the International 99s membership directory.

Chapter Treasurers: Renewals for paper copy subscriptions are due *JULY 1* each year. Please make sure to send your Chapter's list of subscribers along with the appropriate **subscription fee (\$20)** payable to **NCS 99s**. Note the **subscription cost increase**; it has not been increased in 10+ years while costs have risen. Mail to:

Kathy Lester-Ross, 2031 N Beaumont Ave., Kansasville, WI 53139

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships

2021 NCS AEMSF Candidates

Four NCS applicants were selected to recommend for consideration by the International AEMSF Trustees and review panel. We wish them the best as they move forward.

- Cherish Brumley (Scioto Valley) – Instrument rating
- Bridgett Corning (Wisconsin) – Commercial certificate
- Maria Lamia (Wisconsin) – Instrument rating
- Caroline Schmid (Kentucky Bluegrass) – Commercial certificate



FIRST WINGS Awards (previously FLY NOW Awards)

To avoid confusion between the AEMSF Fly Now awards and the 99s Let's Fly Now program, AEMSF has renamed their award to FIRST WINGS.

The First Wings Awards remain unchanged otherwise - semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet the eligibility requirements:

- Hold a student pilot certificate
- Have been an official Student Pilot Member three months prior to the application deadline
- Have logged 5 hours in the six months prior to the application deadline
- Have a current and valid medical if required for the certificate
- Show financial need

The **application deadlines** are **April 1** and **October 1**. Plan accordingly.

Get involved with your chapter well before the award application deadline.

They can get to know you and help you find a suitable mentor. The mentor must be a current 99, and ideally, she will be in your chapter, be someone with whom you will be comfortable sharing your ups and downs of training, and will be available to communicate with you and the AEMSF trustees throughout the award period.

Have a plan to fund your training. Payments are made only AFTER you have achieved a milestone, so you need to be in a position to pay for the training as you go. Although financial need is a requirement, the award will not cover all expenses. You must have a plan in place to handle the remainder of your expenses in order to complete your certification in the allowed time. Milestones are only eligible if it is the first time you achieve them and if they are required for the certificate you seek (i.e., no award for retaking a knowledge test that has expired, or for performing a solo again after a lapse in training or change in flight schools).

For questions & information,
contact your NCS
AE Scholarship Chair.

Tina Hartlaub
Wisconsin Chapter

Email: scholarship@ncs99s.org

Phone/Text: (920) 901-5407

For all AEMSF updates and details, visit:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm>

International Forest of Friendship

by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa)

“Welcome - The Forest was established as a bicentennial project by the City of Atchison and The Ninety-Nines Inc., an international organization of women pilots.



Each September, new honorees are inducted into the Forest with plaques embedded in the walkway that winds through trees representing all 50 states and over 35 countries.”

Have you walked the paths at the Forest? Found your state tree?

Do you know who is honored there from your Chapter? Your State?

Our Chapter has had two fly-outs to Atchison to visit the AE Birthplace Museum and IFOF. They were great fun, and we were amazed how many aviators and 99s we found honored with their 'bricks.' Great fun (and good exercise). Pack a picnic.

Has your Chapter honored someone recently?

Sponsor an Honoree - deadline, July 15

Celebrate your Honoree - September 17-18

For details, visit <https://ifof.org/>

Anybody Flying South?



2021 Air Race Classic Air Derby

A Twist on Tradition

by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa)

As we continue to emerge from the COVID pandemic, the Air Race Classic made the difficult decision to postpone our annual cross country air race. Despite this disappointment, The ARC Board of Directors decided to make "lemonade from lemons" - and the AIR DERBY was born!

I like to call it the DIY route. Do-It-Yourself...make your own route! Highlights:

- Derby days are June 12-26
- Fly your route in one day, VFR only
- Five legs (65 NM each, minimum)
- Pilot (required) must be a private pilot or higher with 100 hrs PIC
- Copilot (required) must be a student pilot or higher

For full details: visit <https://www.airraceclassic.org/>

Entry fee: \$200 (incl. pilot and copilot) + \$25 per additional team member

Prizes: \$25 - \$1,000

Registration closes: **April 30 (11:59 pm Eastern)**

For more information, watch the 99s First Wednesday Webinar (March 2021) highlighting the Air Derby - <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm> - scroll down to Previous Webinars on this page.



2021 ARC AIR DERBY

— *A Twist on Tradition* —

The advertisement for Julie A Murray Fine Art Photography features a scenic landscape of snow-capped mountains and a lake reflecting the scene. In the bottom right corner, there is a small portrait of Julie A Murray. The text 'Julie A Murray Fine Art Photography' is centered at the top. Below the portrait, the website URL 'https://6-julie-murray.pixels.com' is displayed, followed by the text 'Shop for artwork based on themed collections. Purchase wall art or other fine products imprinted with an image.'

<https://6-julie-murray.pixels.com>

NCS Spring 2021 Meeting - SAVE THE DATE!

CLEARED FOR A GOOD TIME!

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Hosted by Lake Erie 99s

Attend the business meeting...

Stay for the education and interaction!



10:00 – 11:30 CDT NCS Business meeting

12:00 – 12:45 CDT NCS Annual Award Celebration

13:00 – 13:45 EDT

- 49½ Award
- Spinning Prop Award
- Governor's Service Award

Richard J. Santori Scholarship Awards
BREAK

13:00 – 14:30 CDT Lake Erie Chapter Virtual Tours

14:00 – 15:30 EDT

- 13:00 CDT / 14:00 EDT** NASA Aeronautics Presentation
Mary Wadel, NASA Glenn Executive
- 13:40 CDT / 13:40 EDT** 5-minute break
- 13:45 CDT / 13:45 EDT** Goodyear Blimp Hangar Tour
Johannes 'Joe' Erbs, Blimp Pilot
- 14:30 CDT / 15:30 EDT** End of tours

14:45 – 15:45 CDT "Hangar Crawl"

15:45 – 16:45 EDT

(What's behind the breakout hangar doors?)

Enjoy three 15-min fun, educational, and interactive sessions.
Small groups will rotate through each "hangar".
Each "hangar" will be presented 3 times...or better yet, the hosts bring the "hangars" to you.

Please volunteer to host a "hangar" – contact governor@ncs99s.org

Questions: Janice Welsh, NCS Governor
governor@ncs99s.org

Lori Manthey, Chapter Chair
lori.manthey@gmail.com



**ZOOM will be used
for the meeting
platform.**

**The meeting
registration link will
be distributed soon.**

Be sure to register!

**We'll see you on
ZOOM!**

NCS Spring 2021 Meeting (cont.)

NASA Aeronautics Program

Mary Wadel, Deputy Director for Aeronautics

[NASA Glenn Research Center](#)

Mary is an engaging speaker, who has a long history doing research in rocket propulsion and project management in aeronautics safety. She will talk about current and future work in aeronautics research (with a focus on aircraft icing) and will talk about her career as a female engineer at NASA. She welcomes your questions and looks forward to spending time with the NCS 99s and their guests. Mary's biography is found here:

<https://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/about/bios/mary-f-wadel>



Mary Wadel
Aeronautics
NASA Glenn Research Ctr.



Goodyear Wingfoot Airship Base

Johannes 'Joe' Erbs, Airship Captain
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Joe will take us on a virtual tour of the Goodyear Blimp Hangar located at Wingfoot Lake in Mogadore, OH. Joe has had an amazing career as a Blimp Pilot, Airline Pilot, and Corporate Pilot. He also served our country for 20 years as a Pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He looks forward to answering your questions. Joe's biography on LinkedIn is found here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/johannes-Erbs-9019b542/>



Joe Erbs
Flying Wingfoot One



Chicago Area

by Yanina Belazorava



Skydive National 2.0

Some of our members attended the Skydive National 2.0 Event on September 19-20. Natalie, who flies an A320 for Spirit, and Madeleine who instructs at Chicago Executive Flight School attended. They supported Natalie's boyfriend Adam who competed. Natalie's sister Audrey also did her first jump, and the rest watched. Our Chapter Chair/student pilot Eva and her guy Ted flew out in a 172 with Madeleine and her friend Dave who usually spends weekends at a campground nearby. They didn't know how close until they flew right over his campsite on departure. The event was big fun, and everyone enjoyed it.

Carol Skiber Retires from Southwest Airlines



Carol Skiber

Southwest Airlines Captain Carol Skiber recently flew her last flight, CVG-MDW, and retired after a flying career of 41 years! She flew twenty years as a Navy pilot, almost 5 with United, and 16 with Southwest.

For many years Carol has been our go-to for Girl Scout Day, as she covered the career segment of the event.

After she sells her house, she plans on heading South – to the St. Augustine / Jacksonville area. We will miss her.

Member Achievements

Jill Tonne - Private Pilot Certificate

Yosh Kano - won the NCS 49½ Award at the NCS Fall Section meeting. We appreciate everything that he does to help our Chapter thrive.

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Chicago Area (cont.)

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Cal Sawyer

Our very long time member Diane Hromek-Sawyer lost her husband Cal Sawyer on Oct 3. Cal was an accomplished aviator and flew for Alliance Airlines out of O'Hare. He had 23,000 hours and half of those hours were as a flight instructor. Some of his students eventually became airline pilots. He flew the Sabreliner, the Learjet as co-pilot, and the Golden Eagle, as well as many other aircraft for various business owners.

Diane and Cal lived in Lake Tomahawk, Cape Coral and Downers Grove. Diane was owner of a court reporter business in Chicago, specializing in aviation cases. She was one of the pilots who was able to fly to work at Meigs Field from their home in Brookeridge .

Cal was her flight instructor. She's flying solo now with their precious dog Luke by her side.



Cal Sawyer



Jump plane loading up at Skydive National 2.0

Greater Kansas City

by Laura MacAllister

Membership Achievements



Julia Rew

Julia Rew – Our newest CFI, 9/2020

Chapter Activities

We created our Chapter website <http://greaterkansascity.ncs99s.org/>

Fall Kickoff Meeting / BBQ (9/19) – We had a guest at our Fall Kick Off, 14-year-old Rebekah and her father John Malone. Rebekah is interested in flying and has never been in a plane before! John is a controller at MCI and has never flown in a small plane before. Jeanné took them up after our September meeting on a Young Eagle Flight out of LXT. What an amazing experience for them to share together! Always great to see young ladies with an interest in aviation. Congrats Rebekah and John.

Virtual Girl Scout STEM Career Panel (10/24) – a few of our members participated on this panel. It went off quite smoothly with numerous breakout rooms for the girls to have time for 1-on-1 dialogue with different STEM-related careers.

Airmarking planned for the Spring at K59 Amelia Earhart Airport (Atchison, KS). Details to come. All are welcome to help out, some will be coming out from NY-NJ Section. Future airmarking in the works for MKC.



Vintage Airplanes and Helicopter 3-D Pop-Up Greeting Cards - \$5 each

We had planned a **December Holiday Dinner**, but it had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions. We are planning to move our **Wright Day Dinner** to the Spring and hope we can return back to somewhat more normal activities by then.

In the meantime, we began a **fundraiser** to raise money towards our Chapter Scholarship. Pop-up cards for sale! All money goes towards our 2021 Scholarships. For details, visit our website - <http://greaterkansascity.ncs99s.org/fundraisers/>



Fall Kick-Off Meeting / BBQ
(L-R: Julia, BJ, Jeanne,
Lindsay, Liam, Rebekah,
Laura, Billie, Isabelle, Renee)

Greater St. Louis

by Kate Benhoff



Join the Greater St. Louis 99s for our

**SPRING
FLING**

March 12 through April 26, 2021

Fly/Drive/Dine-in at these participating airports and restaurants for an ink stamp

AIRPORTS:

RESTAURANTS:

KCOU – Columbia, MO

KSIK – Lambert’s Café

KSAR – Sparta, IL

KMVN – Bonnie Café

KHAE – Hannibal, MO

KMTO – Airport Steakhouse

KAIZ – Lake Ozark, MO

KUIN – Bluehaven Café

KOLY – Olney Noble, IL

Each stamp on an entry form will be given one entry in our prize drawing which will take place April 28, 2021 via Zoom



RAFFLE PRIZES:

Cost: \$20 per entry form

Garmin D2 Delta S Watch

\$15 will go to our scholarship fund
\$5 will go into a 50/50 cash drawing with one entry per form

Sporty's Learn to Fly Course

Ideal Aviation Discovery Flight

Southwest Airlines gift card

Register at any time until April 26

Restaurant Gift Cards

To register or donate, send an email to greaterstl99s@gmail.com

Other prizes TBD

Greater St. Louis 99s is a 501c3 organization

Visit us at www.greaterstl99s.org for more information

Indiana Dunes

by Jessica Richardson

Joy Black Valek

Ninety-Nines and Indiana Dunes member, Joy Black Valek, passed away November 17, 2020 at age 88. We salute your life and wonderful friendship! Below is a poem that Joy wished to share with you all.

*I am standing on the grass beside the runway.
Nearby a small single-engine plane pulls up.
She moves slowly down the taxiway to the end of the runway.
After a check and a warm-up, she rolls briskly down the runway.*

*She is an object of beauty, strength,
and pure determination as she passes.
Her wheels leave earth as she joyously leaps into the air.
I stand and watch her climb eagerly skyward,
becoming smaller and smaller
until she is a little speck on a white cloud.*

*Someone at my side says, "There, she's gone!"
Gone where?
Gone from sight, that is all.
She is just as large, with her bright painted fuselage
and gleaming wings, as she was when she left my side.
She is just able to bear her load of living freight to her destination.
Her diminished size is in me not in her.*



*Just at the moment when someone at my side says,
"There, she's gone," other eyes are watching her coming
and other voices taking up the glad shout,
"There she comes!!!" ...and that is dying."*

Original poem by Henry Van Dyke.
"I Am Standing Upon the Seashore" (adapted)



Iowa

by Minnetta Gardinier

Welcome to new Student Pilot Member **Brenda Frye**, who is working on her Private Pilot certificate! Jeneanne, Jenny, and Minnetta flew over to Davenport to meet her. She solo'd at the end of October - congrats!

Congratulations to **Shellie Darr** on winning her new tailwheel endorsement.

We flew out to **Mason City Municipal Airport MCW** in October. It was a sunny, brisk fall day. Socially distanced and masked while inside, of course.

Fly Now awardee Sam Claypool passed her PPL knowledge test. Chapter Chair **Minnetta Gardinier** passed her Commercial Pilot knowledge test.

November marks our **annual planning meeting** where we come together to choose our monthly fly out locations for the next year. We usually pick out one 'big' adventure - we're hoping for an overnight trip to Atchison KS in 2021. It was a hybrid meeting with a small group in the Iowa City Municipal Airport conference room and another group on Zoom.



Shellie Darr with her intrepid taildragger flying machine



50 years of Iowa 99s history reclaimed! Past members Kirschen Seah and Sarah Barber found a box of scrapbooks, newsletters, and slides(!) in their home. The oldest scrapbook starts in 1950! Gotta find a slide projector...



We painted a new compass rose at Oskaloosa Municipal Airport OOA. The ghost of the old compass rose can be seen behind it, and it provides a great example of why runway numbers change over time.

Michigan

by Sandy Denton



Isabella Gianni

We are pleased to announce the awarding of two Hecksel-Sutherland Scholarships for 2020.

Isabella Gianni and Brenda Weilnau received \$3,000 each to continue pursuing their aviation education.

Isabella Gianni is a Private Pilot and senior in high school. Isabella did not grow up with aviation but, after her friend told her to take an introduction flight she was hooked. While in the process of gaining her pilot's license, she convinced her dad to gain his as well. Isabella and her dad took their check rides just 3 days apart. Isabella and her Dad fly often together, and she says it is one of the most rewarding things she does.

Next year Isabella plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where she will major in Aeronautical Science. This scholarship money is going toward her tuition putting her one step closer to her dream of becoming an airline captain. Isabella would like to thank The Ninety- Nines and all of the people that have believed in her.

Brenda Weilnau is an Air Traffic Controller in Grand Rapids, MI. She has always been interested in aviation, dating back to being a young girl attending EAA AirVenture with her family. She had known about The 99s for several years but was nervous to join. After making the decision to get back into flying she felt that joining The 99s would be a good resource.

She wanted to get to know the pilot community in Michigan a little bit better, and as Chapter Secretary, she helps the Michigan Chapter grow by connecting the members through the chapter newsletters she produces each month. Brenda also uses her 99s connection to learn how to serve the members better as a controller. Brenda states, "I am all about improving pilot and controller relations." Brenda thanks the Michigan 99s for this scholarship, which will help her continue her instrument certification.



Brenda Weilnau

It Started with a Book Club

by Linda Langrill

We talked pretty extensively about Florence Gunderson Klingensmith (aka FK) when we discussed the book *Fly Girls*, by Keith O'Brien, at our Michigan Chapter meeting in December. I followed up with the young woman, who led the town of Moorhead, MN to proclaim October 28, 2019 as "Florence Klingensmith Day." She also had a mural created in FK's honor.

The young woman is **Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel**, from Moorhead MN, a special-ed teacher and mother of three, who connected with the author after reading *Fly Girls*. Marisa is an aviation enthusiast and flew during college in the late 1990s in Crookston, MN. She plans to apply for scholarships and finish the requirements for her private pilot's license.

Marisa says, "I used to fly in college. Flying and airplanes are my passion. I couldn't believe that Florence was from my town and that I had never heard of her!" Our 99s members said the same thing - we couldn't believe that we had never heard of FK. She was one of the founding members of the 99s in 1929! She was bold in her flying, her self-confidence, and her determination. She lived a short life (1904-1933), dying in an airplane crash doing what she loved to do.

Florence Klingensmith is buried about 20 miles north of Moorhead in the Oak Mound Cemetery (Kragnes Township, MN). Marisa visits her grave, where a monument was established by a local youth organization a few years ago, including a model of her Gee Bee Model Y Senior Sportster NR718Y, sitting atop the monument.

Marissa has a dream and a plan to name the Moorhead Municipal Airport (JKJ) in memory of FK. She has started the ball rolling with the local officials. "I sent a message to my friend who is the previous mayor of Moorhead. She gave me some pointers on where to start! I'll start by emailing the council person on the airport committee and get on their next agenda. I'm going to contact the historical society and get them on board, too!"

I told Marissa that our Michigan Chapter 99s are pumped up about Florence and particularly the way she was treated after her death near Chicago. Her body was wrapped in newspapers and shipped on a railroad car back to her family. She deserves our belated efforts to recognize the important role she played for women in aviation.

If you are interested in helping publicize her story, finding sources of funding, or just want to be kept informed on the Florence Gunderson Klingensmith Memorial Airport project, please let us know.

Look what Keith O'Brien's research and book has started!



Minnesota

by Cheryl Daml



The Minnesota Chapter had our last in-person business meeting at the Alexandria Airport in September. Member Leeann Jorgensen arranged for a fun day for all of us, with packets of information about the area, treats, and a couple speakers after the business meeting.

The airport manager, Kreg Anderson talked about the history of the airport dating back to pre-WWII. It was even used as a stopping off point for P51s during WWII.

We had a socially-distanced lunch outside, where it was nice to catch up and converse with members we hadn't seen for a while. After lunch we toured the shop of Paul Clark, who is designing his own aircraft and working with youth to teach them designing and aviation skills.

Like the rest of the country, our Chapter has been affected by COVID, and we had our first Zoom meeting on November 21. About 18 people joined, and it was great to see everyone. We plan on continuing with a Zoom meeting once a month.

We look forward to the time we can gather in person.



Paul Clark's shop at AXN - wing design



Northwoods

by Dee Dreger

Planning for Fall 2021

Northwoods is moving into Spring...perhaps a little more slowly than some other NCS Chapters.

They are looking forward to welcoming NCS members to the WISCONSIN Northwoods! We are all hoping to be able to gather together again. It has been too long.

SAVE THE DATES! Plan to kick back up north!

September 24-26, 2021

Treehaven (UW Stevens Point, Tomahawk, WI)

Wisconsin's natural resources education and conference facility - The facilities rest on an ancient glacial ridge overlooking 1,400 acres of forest and wetland habitat that hosts an abundance of wildlife species including osprey, deer, black bear, wolf, coyote, and fisher.



Treehaven is located between Tomahawk and Rhinelander.

Commercial flights are scheduled at Rhinelander Oneida County Airport (RHI) and Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA).

GA flights can arrive at Rhinelander (RHI) or Tomahawk Regional Airport (TKV).

Transportation will be provided to/from RHI and TKV. Rental cars are available at CWA.

Full details coming in the Spring issue of Waypoint.



Wisconsin

by Kathy Lester-Ross

With no EAA AirVenture and most fly-ins and fly-outs on hold or cancelled altogether in Wisconsin, 99s were anxious to see each other and work together. So we decided to again host our **21st annual pancake breakfast** at Watertown KRYV on Sep 13th. Krys B. and her staff were able to 'socially distance' all the tables, how the food was served, who cracked eggs and how dishes got done in the kitchen. We served 380 breakfasts, cracked 45 dozen eggs, and prepared 80 lbs of pancake mix. Wisconsin Aviation gave 121 rides, the drones were a big hit, and 19 planes flew in. Not bad for less than ideal flying weather. This, our only chapter fundraiser, generated more than \$380 over what was budgeted. In addition, the bake sale and silent auction added another \$400, which was earmarked for the chapter scholarship. Though 'old fashioned,' pancake breakfasts, bake sales & silent auctions still 'work' for us.



Ken and Darcy Kulesha -
Congratulations to Darcy
Kulesha on winning the
2020 NCS Governor's
Service Award!

Having had no 99s meeting since June, in October we got 'caught up' on business. We presented **Darcy Kulesha** with the prestigious **NCS Governor's Service Award** and gave **Vonda Benson** the **Chapter's Spinning Prop Award!** Belatedly, we heard more about Astrid's wedding and how Joan P. achieved her LSA license. Congratulations went to Maria on being appointed to chair The 99s International Trademark Committee. Kathy accepted the challenge of being the NCS membership committee chair. While the Girl Scout aviation day was cancelled, it will return as a virtual event in 2021.

Early October, Wisconsin LTA [Lighter Than Air] pilots joined other pilots and crews from around the world, to have a **"Lifting Spirits"** hot air balloon event, honoring all who have given so much during the pandemic. To some extent, participants Kathy & David felt this was more meaningful than the usual Albuquerque festivities, which were cancelled for the first time in 40 years. [See next pages.]

Our October meeting speaker, **Father William 'Bill' Menzel**, provided an enlightening presentation about his 'angel' flights over his 53 years as a pilot. Of interest, he was ordained a priest the same year that he became a pilot! His stories of transporting those with medical needs reminded us how blessed we are to be able to enjoy aviation, and how we can share our aircraft, aviation, and personal skills with those who use our services.

Members learned of a NEW airport located between MKE and MSN – **Sullivan Airport 31WI** – which has a 4,548 ft paved runway, heated hangars for rent, AV fuel, do annual inspections and flight instruction, and have additional storage. We'd love feedback from NCS 99s who visit. NB: The setting is quite rural and there are no restaurants on site!

The **'virtual' November Section meeting** was packed with content, if not with people meeting in person. The two-minute video created by Brittany for the Fall NCS meeting was discussed. Featuring quite a few WI chapter pictures, it has since been posted to several 99s sites. We took deep dives into how to make changes to our newsletter and website, and we began serious discussions about having a Wisconsin Chapter zoom-like platform. Laurie accepted the NCS chair position as FAASteam Liaison – what most of us currently call our aviation, safety,

Wisconsin (cont.)

and education committees.

The **Monday night (virtual) study sessions**, lead by Minal, Tina, Laurie and Vonda [and others intermittently], have been very successful. This was started after the first Wisconsin G.I.F.T. week a few months back and has evolved to a much appreciated way for those near and far to brainstorm with other females, to achieve aviation dreams with the support of sister aviatrices. The informal discussions and Q&As are very much appreciated by students, gals seeking help for other ratings, or just wanting to refresh their knowledge base. Special congrats and thanks from all WI 99s, to those who are leading this collaborative effort!

More Wisconsin 99s are stepping up to help on committees, achieving more, and performing more like teams working toward goals. It is neat to see and feel the influence of having a nice blend of seasoned and newer members, all bringing fresh ideas, talents and energy!

We recently lost two very special 99s angels – Lillian Kulesha, mother of Ken and 99 Darcy; and **Tom Baumann**, spouse of 99 Diann. Both were well known to us, and their loss is felt by many. **A special scholarship called the “New Horizons” scholarship, was created to honor members, supporters and friends of WI 99s who pass on.** Privately endowed at first, anyone can now contribute to this scholarship to honor those who have helped us become better persons, pilots, and friends. Patterned after the WI 99s Chapter scholarship, it is another way their memories can live on. The families review the applications and determine who the recipients are and make the decisions about what funds will be awarded. New Horizons scholarship winners can more easily fly to their chosen horizons, with these angels aboard each flight.



Vonda received the WI Chapter Spinning Prop award



“Lifting Spirits” Balloon Event

By Kathy Lester-Ross and David Ross

As most know, late September and early October would usually find many hot air and gas balloon pilots [think more than 800!] gathered in Albuquerque NM for that very spectacular yearly event. As the second largest balloon event in the world, with Mondial in France being the largest, it is attended by 700,000 to almost 1 million people over the 10 days of ‘Fiesta’ each year.

COVID and pandemic requirements, of course, caused ABQ to cancel for the first time since 1972, leaving another void in our usual aviation lives.

Balloonists, however, decided to create an international ‘event’ and invited pilots and crews from all parts of North America and elsewhere to fly wherever and whenever they could October 3-4. The goal was to honor and acknowledge caregivers at all levels with “Lifting Spirits” flights.

At ‘zero-dark-thirty hours’ on Saturday, October 3rd, 10 hot air balloon pilots, crews, and spectators prepared to honor front line and all workers who have been caring for us through the pandemic, especially those in Wisconsin and

northern Illinois. The launch site was far east of runway 10/28 at KUES (aka Waukeshas County Airport - Crites Field), on the grassy hill area near Pewaukee Road.

Several pilots ‘lifted the spirits’ of mask-wearing passengers, who were healthcare providers from nearby facilities. It was a first balloon flight for each of them.

Our 10 balloons flew 6-11 miles and landed in various subdivisions in Waukesha and Sussex. We were greeted by dozens of residents who then also shared in the “Lifting Spirits” event. It is estimated that 35-40 flights occurred in Wisconsin and Illinois that weekend – and literally, hundreds more around the world.

Pilots will proudly carry special banners created for these flights thru the year, as a reminder of how thankful we are for any and all who help us ‘rise above’ the effects of Covid-19 and the pandemic.



“Lifting Spirits” Balloon Event (cont.)



NCS History

by Ellen O'Hara

Did you ever say something like "Remember when...?" or "Remember what's her name who...?" We all have. And we usually remember part of it but not all of it. Aargh! Well, the same thing happens with our chapter histories. We don't believe we'll ever forget something until we do forget it. And now we're at that point when we want to remember it again, and we have to find it so we can see it.

For us as 99s that means we have to find our chapter histories — wherever they are! — and that brings us to the "scratching the surface" stage. Most of us are at the beginning of a history search during which we start looking for who has what. Maybe we should call or contact some of those members who aren't around much anymore. Now I said most of us, but there are some who already started, and that's exciting! Michigan Chapter has been working on their history for years! Decades! It can also be added to The 99s archives so that anybody doing research will be able to look up 99s and events. Now don't feel bad because Michigan is leader of the pack right now. They still have a few recent years to do, so there!

But I'd like to hear from you about what you have done to take a step in the right direction. Have you asked for volunteers to start looking for history stuff? Have you found some book, papers or years of history and recorded where it is? Have you started contacting former or retired 99s to see if they have anything or know where it might be? To start this, ask members to name those former members. Ask them to contact these former members and to report their findings at the next meeting.

It doesn't have to be just one or two people. The job is lighter when done by many, so every member can do a little searching! Who knows, you might find something in your own house!

Another item that I'd really like to hear from y'all is – please let me know what pdf high resolution program you have found that would be good to use. That description is what headquarters has indicated they want for future use in future media releases and printed magazines for good clarity. As a head start, you can use free *Adobe Pro* and practice with family photos!

I'm anxious to hear from you for those three things: 1) have you started looking; 2) what have you found; and 3) have you tested a pdf program that you think is good.

We want to share!

I look forward to hearing from everyone. Officers, send this out to everyone. Please feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email. My contact information is in the 99s Directory.



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Email luznys855@gmail.com

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Badge will be shipped by supplier.	
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NCS 2020 FALL BUSINESS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 ONLINE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Governor Janice Welsh at 10:03 a.m. EDT / 9:03 a.m. CDT as an online meeting.

Attending Board Members: Governor Janice Welsh (Indiana Dunes), Vice-Governor Deb McGee (Iowa), Secretary Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Treasurer Maria Lamia (Wisconsin), Director Deb Henrichs (All Ohio), Director Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin), and Past Governor Ellen O'Hara (Chicago Area).

Governor Welsh discussed the meeting instructions for the Zoom platform.

Vice-Governor McGee gave the invocation and asked attendees to observe a moment of silence for those who have flown on to New Horizons.

Governor Welsh introduced NCS Board members and welcomed International and other attendees including Past Int'l President Jan McKenzie (Colorado), Current Int'l President Corbi Bulluck (Kitty Hawk), Int'l NIFA Chair Marilyn Shafer (Florida Suncoast), Int'l Nominating Committee Member Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes), Int'l Director/ South Central Section Governor Monica Randolph Graham (Fort Worth), Int'l Director Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa), Southwest Section Governor Pat Chan (Bay Cities), New York / New Jersey Governor Shannon Osborne (Greater New York).

A video highlighting North Central Section members, titled "NCS Flies," created by Brittany Lewin Jeyaseelan (Wisconsin) was presented.

Vice-Governor McGee reported 62 attendees, with 14 chapters represented. Director Henrichs announced we had a quorum.

BOARD REPORTS

Governor Welsh greeted and welcomed attendees. Serving her first term as Governor, she shared that some of her goals, along with the NCS Board, are being accessible to the chapter chairs, strengthening communications and connections, and providing any support needed to the chapters. An online meeting for chapter treasurers with NCS Treasurer Maria Lamia and regular online meetings for chapter chairs with Governor Welsh are being planned. She noted the membership would be voting on the board approved NCS 2020-2021 budget later in the meeting.

Vice-Governor McGee, serving her first term as Vice-Governor, reviewed some of her duties and pledged support for Governor Welsh and the chapters during her term.

Secretary Glisson is serving her second term as Secretary. She noted the NCS 2020 Spring Meeting was canceled due to the pandemic. There were no minutes for the canceled meeting. The NCS 2019 Fall

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Meeting Minutes were published in the Winter 2019/2020 Waypoint. Secretary Glisson asked for corrections or additions. As there were no corrections or additions, Governor Welsh asked for a motion to accept the NCS 2019 Fall Meeting Minutes as published. *Jessica Richardson* (Indiana Dunes) made the motion to accept. *Linda Langrill* (Michigan) seconded. The membership voted. The minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer Lamia presented the financials for the NCS Dayton Int'l Conference (July 2019). She also presented a Three-Year Bank Balance Comparison and a Three-Year NCS Actual Financials Comparison with Revenues/Disbursements. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Director Lester-Ross, in her second term as Director, outlined her duties and encouraged chapters to submit candidates for the NCS Governor's Service Award, 49½ Award and Spinning Prop Award.

Director Henrichs, in her first term as Director, will be working with Director Lester-Ross on the NCS Awards and as a liaison to the chapters for section meetings.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

International Past President Jan McKenzie discussed a new **Buy One, Get One Free Membership** program. All renewing members' names will be placed in a drawing each month to win a dues free membership for the next year.

First Wednesday Webinars have been launched covering a variety of aviation topics on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. CDT. Some of the webinars will be eligible for WINGS credit.

Members were encouraged to subscribe to the International Organization of Women Pilots **YouTube channel** to see uploaded videos.

On the International 99s website, there are yellow tabs for **Find an Instructor**, **Post Job Openings**, and **Career Opportunities**.

Past President McKenzie invited members to attend the **International Board of Directors Fall Meeting** on November 6-7, which will be an online meeting.

Several international positions will be open for election. If members are interested in serving at the international level, the **Intent to Seek Election Form** (found in the library section of the International website) should be sent in by October 31, 2020. See the International website for requirements.

Past President McKenzie encouraged chapters to support the 99s **Museum of Women Pilots** in Oklahoma City, OK and the **Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum** in Atchison, KS. The pandemic has caused loss of revenue for the museums.

The **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund** application deadline is January 1, 2021.

Chapters were encouraged to nominate individuals for the **International Awards** – the Award of Achievement (for a 99), the Award of Merit (for non-99s), and the George Palmer Putnam Award (for supporters of the 99s). Deadline for submission is January 31, 2021.

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Past President McKenzie ended with encouragement to stay safe and stay connected in these uncertain times.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Lester-Ross named the **Spinning Prop** winners for each of the chapters that submitted nominees. Ellen Quist (Minnesota) won the Spinning Prop Award for the North Central Section. Chapter winners included Lee Ann Baggot (Lake Erie), Vonda Benson (Wisconsin), Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Yanina Necker (Chicago Area), Jeneanne Visser (Iowa), and Ellen Quist (Minnesota).

Past Director Cheryl Daml (Minnesota) named the **49½ Award** winner, Yosh Kano (49½ of Larisa Kano, Chicago Area).

Past Governor Ellen O'Hara read the accomplishments and service of the **Governor's Service Award** winner, Darcy Kulesha (Wisconsin).

Congratulations to the award winners! The certificates and gifts will be sent to the winners' chapter chairs for local presentation at a chapter event.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Lamia presented the proposed NCS 2020-2021 Budget. The floor was open for discussion. Shelley Ventura (Chicago Area) questioned the increase for Waypoint subscriptions from \$10 to \$20. Waypoint Editor Minnetta Gardinier and Director Lester-Ross explained the rise in postage, printing and paper costs. Betty Huck (All Ohio) asked what budget deficiencies were being covered by the NCS donation to International. International Conference Chair Gardinier and Treasurer Lamia explained most of the \$1,000 one-time donation was covered by NCS profits from the 2019 International 99 Conference & Career Expo hosted by the NCS, so it does not adversely affect the budget. The donation will be used as needed by International. Governor Welsh asked for a motion to approve the NCS 2020-2021 budget. *Cynthia Madsen* (Chicago Area) made the motion to approve the budget. *Elaine Morrow* (Minnesota) second. The members voted. The NCS 2020-2021 Budget was approved.

International Nominating Committee Member Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes) related that several positions on the international level were open for election. She suggested contacting the current committee or trust chair to discuss the position duties and requirements if interested in serving. Intent to Seek Election forms are available on the International website under Forms. (due October 31, 2020.) Those elected will be named at the International 99s Conference in Long Beach, CA, in July 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AEMSF - Committee Chair Tina Hartlaub (Wisconsin) noted two NCS members won scholarship awards – Samantha Claypool (Iowa) won a Fly Now Award, and Emmy Dillon (Greater Kansas City) won an AEMSF Academic Scholarship. October 1, 2020 is the deadline for Fly Now applications, and January 1,

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2021 is the deadline for AEMSF applications.

Flying Activities – Committee Chair Dee Dreger (Northwoods) has asked members and chapters to share information and photos of flying activities they have done. Dee realizes the pandemic curtailed many flying opportunities in 2020, but as things open up again, she hopes to receive information about 99s' flying activities and events.

Insurance – Committee Chair Deb McGee (Iowa) noted there have been no changes to the SOPs for insurance since 2017. Information about insurance for 99s activities can be found on the International website.

Membership – Former Committee Chair Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass) welcomed the new NCS Membership Chair, Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin). Kathy is looking forward to working with chapter chairs and membership chairs to help expand and retain NCS membership. As of September 26, 2020, the North Central Section has 696 members.

Public Relations - Committee Chair Brittany Lewin Jeyaseelan (Wisconsin) offered suggestions for public relations activities and to help the chapters to increase public awareness of the 99s.

Website - Committee Chair Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) said the new NCS website is up and running. Most of the chapters have their subdomain websites running. Go to ncs99s.org to see the new website. Scroll down to the chapter list, and click on the chapter name to see your chapter's site.

Airmarking - Committee Chair Linda Pulver (NCS Member at Large) was unable to attend. Governor Welsh asked chapters to share photos and information about their airmarking activities with Linda.

History/Preservation – Committee Chair Ellen O'Hara (Chicago Area) encourages chapters to accumulate chapter documents and photos to preserve your chapter's history. Photos or scanned documents should be sent to Int'l Headquarters with chapter name and time period. They can be saved as PDFs. She suggests chapters find an interested member(s) to start this chapter project.

International Forest of Friendship - Committee Chair Sue Sears (Indiana) was unable to attend. Governor Welsh noted the dates of the Forest Induction Ceremony are September 18-19, 2021. See the Forest of Friendship website for nomination information.

NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) – Committee Chair Keegan Starkey (Indiana Dunes) was unable to attend. International NIFA Chair Marilyn Shafer (Florida Suncoast) encouraged donations to the NIFA Awards, an annual collegiate flying competition partially supported by the Ninety-Nines. If a donation check is sent to the 99s International Headquarters, please designate on the check that it is a NIFA donation. See the NIFA website for more information. Marilyn presented a video of the NIFA competition.

Publications/Waypoint – Committee Chair Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) asked members and chapters to submit cover stories for future Waypoint issues. Stories can include aviation or flying topics of all kinds. Send your cover stories to waypoint@ncs99s.org. Minnetta also related that a MailChimp account has been started to enable sending bulk emails to all NCS members. The email list is taken from the 99s

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Directory, so please encourage your members to update email addresses if they have changed from that currently listed. Chapter chairs are asked to contact members without email addresses to update them when information is sent. (50 of 700 NCS members do not have email addresses listed).

501(c)(3) – Committee Chair Maria Lamia (Wisconsin) reported that all summary reports had been sent.

NCS 2021 SPRING SECTION MEETING

The **Lake Erie Chapter** will host the NCS 2021 Spring Section Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn near the Akron-Canton Airport, from April 30-May 2. Section Meeting Chair Lori Manthey (Lake Erie) presented a video of attractions in the Akron/Canton area. Some of the highlighted meeting activities included aviation seminars on both Friday and Saturday afternoon, Friday dinner at a local restaurant, Saturday banquet at the MAPS Air Museum with speaker and awards, special tour of the Pro Football Hall of Fame for the 49½s, in addition to our business meeting and fly market.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Lamia will have a Zoom meeting with chapter treasurers in early October. Heather Stalnader (Michigan) passed her Knowledge Test. Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes) is retiring from her position at the Ionia, MI Airport as of September 30, 2020.

CALENDAR

Governor Welsh presented a calendar of upcoming events:

- January 31, 2021 – PPLI applications due
- February 26-27, 2021 or March 5-6 (to be determined) – International BOD Meeting
- April 13-16, 2021 – Sun N Fun
- April 30 - May 2, 2021 – NCS Meeting, Akron, OH hosted by the Lake Erie Chapter'
- June 22-25, 2021 – Air Race Classic (2 stops in the NCS – Mt. Vernon, IL; Terre Haute, IN - terminus)
- July 7-11, 2021 – International 99s Conference, Long Beach, CA
- July 26-August 1, 2021 – EAA AirVenture
- September 17-18, 2021 – International Forest of Friendship

Governor Welsh thanked the NCS Board, committee chairs, international reps, all those who contributed to the online meeting, attendees and guests. Special thanks to Erin Thompson (Kentucky Bluegrass) for her technical expertise to make the meeting possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. EDT / 10:30 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Glisson, NCS Secretary

NCS Fall Meeting Add'l Committee Reports

NCS Safety / FAASTeam Liaison Committee

Laurie Probst (Wisconsin)

It is a pleasure to be serving at the Section level for the 99s. My name is Laurie Probst, and I have been a part of our organization since 2004, as a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. In the past, I have served as the international 99s committee chair for the *International Forest of Friendship*, held several positions at the Chapter level, and been fortunate to win AE Scholarships and other awards. The 99s have supported me in my efforts to advance and bring aviation to others, and I am happy to share my time and talents to help support our mission of promoting advancement of aviation through education.

My role will be as FAASTeam Liaison Committee Chair for the NCS. You may notice that this committee name sounds new. It used to be the Safety Committee. Because the FAASTeam's mission falls nicely under this "wing," and many 99s utilize the WINGS Program, it was felt that having this specific focus could help us grow our safety culture and recognize those who work to help maintain it. As a FAAS-Team Lead Rep in WI, my role is to promote seminars (you may have seen some of my posts on social media), help others become representatives if desired, and facilitate and/or give presentations as an Advanced Ground Instructor (AGI). Having a safety culture helps everyone keep flying, and we learn so much from the experience of others. I am looking forward to working with chapters to see what your needs may be and how I can assist. I also welcome anyone who has a desire to work on this committee – let me know!

Here are a few initial goals/ideas, as we get this committee off the ground:

- Increase awareness of the WINGS program and access to safety education resources
- Provide 99s who wish to become safety representatives the information and support they may need
- Gather information about existing representatives for networking
- Explore and help facilitate possible partnerships/programs, such as VMC/IMC Club from EAA, flight schools, CAP, etc.
- Any questions/needs generated by chapters

If you have any questions, ideas, feedback, my email is: kosalof@aol.com

Blue skies!

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NCS Meeting Schedule & Host Chapters

Lake Erie	Spring 2021
Northwoods	Fall 2021
Greater St. Louis	Spring 2022
Indiana Dunes	Fall 2022
Kentucky Bluegrass	Spring 2023
Scioto Valley	Fall 2023
Greater Kansas City	Spring 2024
Minnesota	Fall 2024
Iowa	Spring 2025
Wisconsin	Fall 2025
All Ohio	Spring 2026
Michigan	Fall 2026
Indiana	Spring 2027
Chicago Area	Fall 2027

NCS Chapters By State

Illinois	Chicago Area
Indiana	Indiana Indiana Dunes
Iowa	Iowa
Kentucky	Kentucky Bluegrass
Michigan	Michigan Northwoods (Upper Peninsula)
Minnesota	Minnesota
Missouri	Greater Kansas City Greater St. Louis
Ohio	All Ohio Lake Erie Scioto Valley
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Northwoods (Northern WI)
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