

# Waypoint

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## Quarterly Newsletter for our Chapters

All Ohio, Chicago Area, Greater Kansas City,  
Greater St. Louis, Indiana, Indiana Dunes,  
Iowa, Kentucky Bluegrass, Lake Erie, Michigan,  
Minnesota, Northwoods, Scioto Valley,  
and Wisconsin



## Gear Up and GO With the Gov!!!

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Well, dear NCS members, it's a wrap. This is my last report to you as Governor.

It has been an unusual 2-year term. We certainly learned a lot about zoom meetings and flexibility.

I'm so proud to say that North Central Section 99s have stayed the course, learning how to do virtual Girl Scout Days, virtual Poker Runs, starting zoom book clubs, hosting Monday night study group, and staying connected with each other in many creative ways. In spite of it all ... our section has moved forward, which was a main goal achieved. We've moved from May 2020 membership of 703 to March 2022 membership of 741. Let's keep reaching for 800.

"Thank you"...to the NCS board members. You have been a rock of support and encouragement. The many things we accomplished together have been phenomenal. It was a joy running with you. Thank you, Vice Governor Deb McGee (Iowa), Secretary Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Treasurer Maria Lamia (Wisconsin), and Directors Deb Henrich (All-Ohio) and Kathy Lester Ross (Wisconsin).

Here is a list of some of the things accomplished:



- Revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules; continuing to work on SOPs for section officers and committees
- Successful Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Virtual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Thank you, Lori Manthey and Lake Erie chapter, for the NASA speaker and Goodyear Blimp tour. Thank you to Erin Thompson (Kentucky Bluegrass) for the Zoom support.
- Back together in person and virtually for Fall 2021 in Tomahawk, WI. Thank you Dee Dreger and Northwoods chapter. Thank you, Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) for the IT support
- Treasurer Lamia assisted section and chapters with IRS 501c3 state registrations for the section to reach 100% compliance.
- Secretary Glisson and Governor Welsh assisted in revitalization of the Indiana Chapter.
- Dissolution of the inactive Intercollegiate Internet chapter

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## Editor's Hangar...

*by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa)*

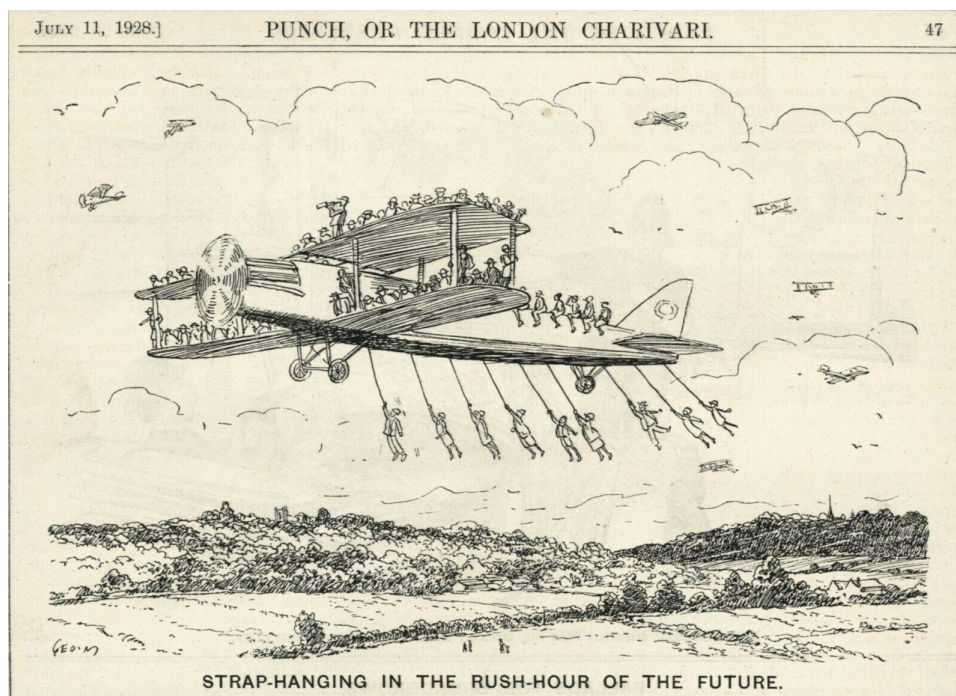
There is no better way to learn about what's going on in our Section - editing our Waypoint newsletter. For the past 12 years, I have received your stories and chapter updates, tidied some of them up a bit, worked with chapters to advertise our NCS meetings that they are hosting, and reported back our Section meeting minutes, annual chapter and committee reports, Last but not least, there are the little fillers sprinkled in - book covers, movie posters, humor, air show and air race promos...whatever catches my eye to add to an issue.

I 'inherited' Waypoint from Sally Siebe, Donna Moore, and Betty Huck, who managed it after Charlene Falkenberg stepped down as its long-time editor. I am sure that these ladies enjoyed the stories as much as I have.

Our newsletter is a rich tapestry of stories and activities from across our Section. An editor's job is to edit and stitch the pieces together...not to create the content. We need to hear the stories from members and each one of our chapters - the accomplishments, the activities, the contributions, and the struggles. We learn from each other's stories, and we love to hear about all aspects of aviation. All of the different perspectives coming together in each issue provides a glimpse into our North Central Section.

So as our next Waypoint Editor Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area) kicks off the new publication season with the next issue (Summer 2022), please be sure that you make her job "easy" by making sure that she has a story from your Chapter.

Finally, I'll leave you with one last bit of vintage humor...



## Gear Up and GO With the Gov!!! (cont.)

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- Started monthly “Chapter Chair Share”
- Started monthly “News You Can Use” e-newsletter to chapter chairs from the Governor with information, dates, deadlines and summaries of “Chapter Chair Share” discussions

“Thank you”... chapter chairs for coming together for monthly “Chapter Chair Share.” You learned a lot from each other. I’ve learned a lot from you. It’s wonderful to see each chapter have its own “claim to fame.” It speaks to our individuality.

“Thank you”... chapter and section members for persisting in your aviation goals and showing up for chapter activities. You have accomplished much. You’ve helped at those Girl Scout Days, Boy Scout events, Flying Companion Seminars, Monday Night Study Groups, and Right Seat Companion events. You’ve hosted fly out events, helped other members achieve their aviation goals, and have often been the last one to turn out the lights at the end of the day.

We’ve had students solo and earn their wings. Private pilots have participated in FAA Wings programs, completed additional ratings. Commercial pilots have become CFIs and CFIs. In two years, some have gone all of the way to the airlines. Many of you have been recognized by other groups and organizations for serving. **Way to GEAR UP and GO!**

It’s been an honor and a privilege to be the leader of such a great group of women pilots.

Respectfully,

Janice Welsh, NCS Governor



## INTERNATIONAL Elections 2022

### Election Time – Vote by May 1st!

While we have completed our Section election process so that we can install our new officers at the NCS Spring Meeting (April 23rd), **our INTERNATIONAL elections are still ongoing**. The new International Board members, Nominating Committee members, and Trustees will be installed at our Annual Meeting in July in Charleston.

### Looking for your electronic or paper ballot from International?

Ballots, electronic and paper, were sent on March 15.

All those who opted in for electronic voting received a link for an electronic ballot by email from "The Ninety-Nines, Inc." For email, if it's not in your Inbox, check your spam/junk mail. If not opted in, then all others were sent a paper ballot.

For questions or difficulty finding your ballot, contact Laura Ohrenberg at Headquarters ASAP to assist you - [hqmanager@ninety-nines.org](mailto:hqmanager@ninety-nines.org).

### How can I learn more about the International candidates?

99s Magazine – March/April issue (pages 10-17)

(<https://www.ninety-nines.org/99-news-magazine.htm>)

Review each candidate's documents – 1) Position Statement, 2) Resume, and 3) Intent to Seek Election (<https://www.ninety-nines.org/election-page.htm>)

View the 2-part "Meet the Candidates" videos for clips with the candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors (<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>)

**Your vote counts!**

**Your vote matters!**

**Cast your ballot!**





## 2022 International 99s Conference & Career Expo



**6-10 July 2022**

Conference information, registration forms and instructions for online registration may be found on the Conference website.

Go to [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org) and click on the conference logo.

Stay at the historic [Francis Marion Hotel](#) in the heart of Charleston (\$189/night)

Overflow hotel (just 1 block from the main hotel - Courtyard by Marriott Charleston Historic District (\$199/night)

**On time registration @ \$349 (by 5/31/2022)**

Late registration \$369 (after 5/21/2022)

## 2022 Air Race Classic Route



**Lakeland FL to Terre Haute IN**

**Racing?**

**Volunteering at a Stop?**

**Questions?**

Contact [info@airraceclassic.org](mailto:info@airraceclassic.org)

## Chicago Area

by Yanina Belazorava

### December Holiday Party

With cocktails and Lucky Monk's delicious soft pretzel appetizers starting at 2pm, we began enjoying our own 99s version of holiday cheer. The raffle tickets were sold, the collection jars in front of each raffle prize were filled, and people drifted in and visited with everyone. The collection boxes for the Frankfort Township Food

Pantry were available and there were no cans, boxes, or bottles delivered - but lots of gift cards, cash and checks. The beautifully decorated sheet cakes were put out on display, and of course, we took photos.

Around 3pm, the meals that each guest ordered were served, and we enjoyed them. Everyone had salad, an entree of their choice from the special menu, and whatever soft drink was desired. The two waiters taking care of us were terrific. The service was REALLY good. And it was just as good for drinks from the cash bar.

After dinner, we invited our newest 49½ Tim Linstrom to pull the winning ticket from each jar. Mona's choices were well received, and the winners were very pleased. Our Treasurer, Shelley Ventura, was also very pleased as the net proceeds of the raffle and the luncheon were good for our bank balance!

Special thanks to Student Pilot Member, Claire Carr, for selling raffle tickets, to Madeleine Monaco for making the centerpieces, to Diane Cozzi for taking pictures, to everyone else who donated, purchased, or just attended this event.

If we forgot anyone, our apologies. Mona and her team kept us busy, entertained, well fed, and comfortable. Thanks to everyone!



Party hostess Mona Knock and Chapter Chair Madeleine Monaco.

### The Annual Safety Seminar

The Ninety-Nines have existed since 1929. Since Amelia's time, we have always been focused on support and encouragement of women pilots. As the years have gone by our Mission Statement has evolved to state that "The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots that promotes advancement of





## Chicago Area (cont.)

aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. “

Our Chicago Area Chapter has always been committed to safety education and this annual IFR/VFR Safety Seminar is the ultimate expression of that commitment. Over the years, we have attempted to involve more and more organizations in the process, and for the last 3 events we have hosted a dinner in conjunction with the local Chapter of Women in Aviation, Chicago's Leading Edge.

This year, for the first time, we jointly entertained our vendors, sponsors, exhibitors and speakers at a cocktail hour and dinner the evening before the big event. Watch for the time and place for next year's dinner. It was relaxed, fun and friendly. Join us!



### Ratings & Wings

**Leire Kennedy** is a new Instrument Pilot - congratulations!





## Iowa

by Minnetta Gardinier

### Iowa is looking forward to Spring...it's coming!



Our winter meetings are planned for locations where our active members can fly or drive to - the east side of Iowa. Oftentimes that does mean 'flying 0 AGL' on I-80. We did have 3 gatherings - Davenport, Clinton, and Waterloo that provided great opportunities for folks to check in and update everyone with their activities and progress. It was also time to talk about our upcoming Chapter elections.

**Minnetta Gardinier** is redoing the interior of her Cardinal. Hooray for new seating, carpet, sidewall panels, AND plastic!!! She hopes to unveil a near complete job when she flies to St. Louis for our Spring Section meeting.

#### Welcome to our new members!

- Camille deJorna (returning)
- Madison Doepke (student)
- Stacy Hess (student)



Susan Tallieu and Kate Timmerman check out Holiday Lights at the Lake benefiting The Bird House Hospice Home (Iowa City).





## Michigan

### Hecksel-Sutherland Scholarship

**Morgan Duling** of Grand Rapids has been selected to receive the Hecksel-Sutherland Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

Morgan graduated *magna cum laude* from Western Kentucky University in 2018. While as a young girl Morgan loved flying on commercial flights, her dream of becoming a pilot began when she took a flight on a Cessna 172 shortly before graduating college.

In June 2020, Morgan began flight training and achieved both her private and instrument ratings in less than a year. She earned the money to attend flight school by waiting tables, selling items on eBay, donating plasma, and delivering 'Shipt' orders. She is concurrently training for her CFI and commercial certificates. Once she gets her CFI, she plans to build time as a CFI with the long term goal of becoming a commercial airline pilot.

Morgan plans to serve as a role model and mentor for others. She especially wants to use her platform to support and inspire women to believe in themselves. She enjoys sharing her love of flying her partner's two daughters (ages 7 and 8) demonstrating to that they can achieve anything they put their minds to.

Morgan is a new member of the Michigan Chapter of the 99s and is the Outreach Chair of the Great Lakes Chapter of WAI. She helped lead the WAI Great Lakes Chapter Girls in Aviation Day where she taught high school girls how to plan a cross country. She is also a member of the Grand Rapids Civil Air Patrol Senior Squadron and is working to become a mission pilot.





## Minnesota

by Cheryl Daml

The Minnesota Chapter ended a busy year filled with air markings and fly outs, with a hybrid quarterly meeting and holiday party on December 11. We had much to celebrate and some new members to meet. We have been trying to include Zoom meetings whenever we can so that our snowbirds and others who can't attend in person are able to join us. There was our usual smorgasbord of appetizers and treats, and great socialization. It was good to gather in person this year.

We participated in the *Holiday Tree of Hope* toy collection for children who are hospitalized during the holidays. About 10 of us helped tag, sort, bag, and drive toys to about 35 Minnesota hospitals in December. Last year's event was online, so it was great to be in person working for this wonderful non-profit organization.

One of our members, Laura Herrmann, gave a Zoom webinar in January on "*Busting Class Bravo*." It was a great presentation and was well attended. We are getting pretty good at this online stuff.

In February, we put on our first "*Companion Flyer*" course to benefit our scholarship fund. There were about 30 participants, which was just about right for our first time. The companion flyers learned a lot, as did the pilots. We learned some things ourselves and will make some changes, but it was a great success. We will definitely do it again.



Congratulations to several of our members for their many accomplishments:

- **Melissa Aho** received her PHD! Huge accomplishment, and we are so proud of her!
- **Aura Austin** was hired by a company to fly the Hawker 850XP...her dream job!
- **Carmen Kivisto** passed her CFI checkride on December 9! Carmen will also be leaving to begin her flight training for the Air National Guard. She will eventually be training in the C-130. Way to go Carmen!
- **Susan Bailey Schmidt** was inducted into the Delta Chairman Club. This is a HUGE honor. She received the red carpet treatment at a gala induction event. We are so happy for her!

## Minnesota (cont.)

- **Laura Herrmann** has been named the 2022 *FAA Safety Team Representative of the Year*! Laura hosts a virtual seminar every Saturday, finding interesting speakers on all kinds of aviation topics. Her audience has grown to include almost every state and several countries!
- **Erin Koelling** won the chapter award for the “*Most Minnesota Airports Landed At in 2021.*”
- **Brenda Hanson** won the chapter award for the “*Most 99s Events Attended in 2021.*”

Several members passed their written tests in preparation for their upcoming check rides.

We look forward to a fun year with participation in more aviation events, air markings, seminars, and flyouts...as well as many more accomplishments from this amazing group of women.



*Brenda Hanson attended the most 99s events in 2021.*



*Erin Koelling landed at the most Minnesota airports in 2021.*



## Wisconsin

by Kathy Lester-Ross

### U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program



Early December found Wisconsin 99s gathering gifts for our 2021 holiday charity, the Marine's Toys for Tots program. Bessie's Diner at KJVL was the gathering space for 23 members and guests who brought their donations to our December 4th luncheon, hosted by Astrid M. After a brief meeting, serious, silly or must-have gifts were exchanged, with a new rule being implemented after 49½ Keith had his items 'taken' three times!

### Planning for 2022

Our semi-annual business meeting was held January 9th at the new Sheboygan Airport (KSBM) Terminal Facility. Our 99s activities for the previous 6 months were reviewed, and meetings and events through the summer were discussed. Future plans include refreshing the Manitowoc [KMTW] compass rose, creating a new rose at Morey Field [C29] in Middleton with the help of the local WAI chapter, and a new one as part of an Eagle Scout project with Bridgett's son at KSBM. Having 99s compass roses at these 3 well-traveled airports brings more 99s visibility to the aviation world. KSBM can be a particularly busy airport, with significant volumes of private, high end, well-

appointed aircraft when races and other events are held at the Road America race track in Elkhart Lake, less than 15 miles away, and Oshkosh is less than 55 miles by car.

### Chapter Awards

Our annual 99s Chapter Awards meeting was held in February, and found us



enjoying lunch at Hi-Way Harry's. During the brief meeting, Sarah H. reported on the progress of the Nominations & Elections committee, with at least one person having expressed an intent to serve in each of the available positions. Chapter, Section and International scholarship dates were reviewed. Hostess Krys presented many members with appreciation certificates and special stone-studded pins to recognize various aviation activities over the past year. Four members received their first pin, having earned at least 75 points. Fifteen members logged a total of 156 years of recording at least 75 points each year. That's a lot of aviation activities!

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## Wisconsin (cont.)

### Ratings and Milestones

- Hannah S. soloed in an Aeronca Champ (12/14/2021) - winds 150/14G20 with 60° crosswinds.
- Dana M achieved her PPL (2/28/2022).
- Vonda surpassed 1,000 hours of flight time with over 440 hours of dual instruction.
- Astrid's application for an AE scholarship advanced to the Section level.
- Mandi started "Jeopardy – GA Style" contests at Hartford [KHXF]
- Madeline was accepted into the Professional Flight Technology program at the Purdue Polytechnic Institute and received the Purdue University Trustees Scholarship.
- Brian B. and Jeff C. officially became 49½ Wisconsin members



Top: Hannah and the Aeronca Champ that she soloed

Middle: Dana following her successful checkride

Bottom: Chapter Awards meeting in February.





## Editor's Wishlist

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](mailto:waypoint@ncs99s.org)

### WAYPOINT SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL Reminder:

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**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**. Mail to:

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## Name Tags & Business Cards

### GET IN SHAPE

If you want a name badge in the shape of your state, send your check for \$16 (\$20 after 1-1-19) payable to

Chicago Area 99s

and mail with this form to:

Linda Uznys,  
address and phone in the 99s Directory

Email luznys855@gmail.com

Allow three weeks for delivery.



### 99s NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Print out this form, complete it and send it with your payment (see below)

Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	
ZIP code	
What name do you want on the badge?	
Official chapter name	
U.S. state where chapter based	
Pin back or magnetic back?	
Address to where badge should be shipped (if other than address above)	
Badge will be shipped by supplier.	
Email address to resolve any further details	

Mail this form and \$16 (\$20 effective January 1, 2019) to Linda Uznys, Chicago Area Chapter 99s, for each badge ordered.  
Her address can be found in The Ninety-Nines directory.

### Looking for new 99s business cards?

Visit the new 99s VistaPrint Custom Print Portal:

<https://theninetyynines.go.customprintcenter.com/register>

- 3 styles available
- Customizable text (front and back)
- New products are coming...





## Soar the Dunes with the Indiana Dunes

September 30 - October 2

Porter, Indiana

*Hosted by Indiana Dunes Chapter*

Sit down, *relax*, and check out the link to the [Official Indiana Dunes Travel Guide and video](#) providing you with tons of places to explore and things to do when you come to the southern shore of Lake Michigan - home of **Octave Chanute** and the **IN Dunes State & National Parks!**

Located one hour east of Chicago IL and 25 minutes from Michigan City Municipal Airport KMGC (Michigan City IN) and Porter County Regional Airports KVPZ (Valparaiso IN).

<https://www.indianadunes.com/>

**IN Dunes Visitor Center** 1215 N State Road 49, Porter IN 46304 Ph. 219-926-2255

**Convention hotel:** [Spring House Inn and Speakeasy Bar](#) at 303 N. Mineral Springs Rd, Porter, IN is nestled in a woodsy area and only four miles from the parks.

### *Hotel Services & Amenities*

- Complimentary Breakfast
- Indoor Pool and Fitness Room
- Free Wi-Fi Internet
- Refrigerator and Microwave in every room

**Friday** "Meet and Greet" with hors d'oeuvres; NCS Board meeting

### **Saturday afternoon**

1:30-3:00 pm Ranger led hike to historic [Chellberg Farm-Baily Homestead-IN Dunes](#) (easy-moderate); **OR** attend session with renowned Birder and Author, [Dr. Kenneth Brock](#) (at hotel) - *More than 350 species of birds migrate through our area!*  
<https://tinyurl.com/mrywhja7>

3:30-4:30 pm In-depth program on the history of **The Dunes and Octave Chanute** (at hotel)

### **Saturday evening**

Banquet and Speaker: Toni K. Ferrel, Air Traffic Manager, South Bend International Airport

### **Sunday**

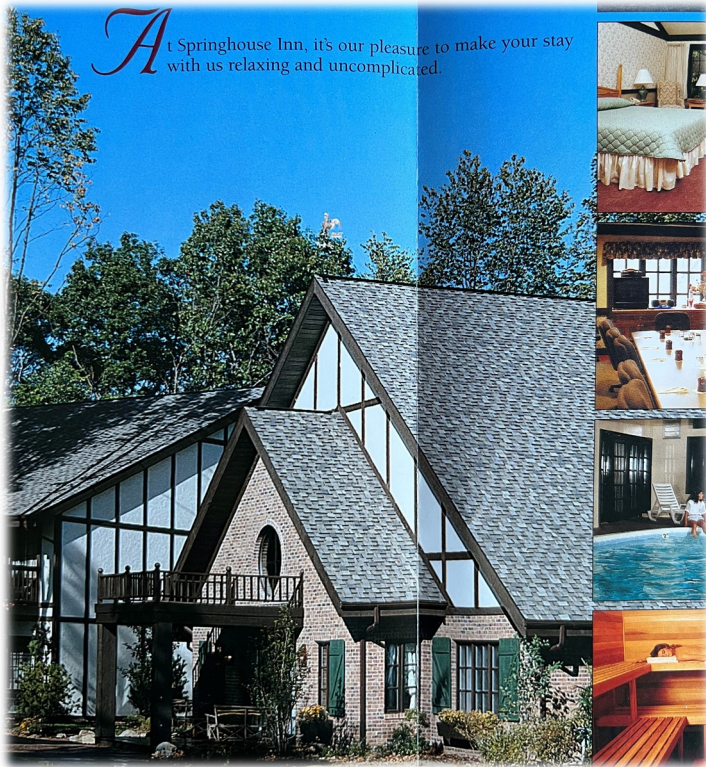
Breakfast included at hotel; Hospitality open.

(Note: Chicago & northwest Indiana will be on CDT; South Bend IN will be on EDT (an hour ahead of the Dunes area))

***Come soar with the Indiana Dunes chapter!***



## NCS Fall 2022 Meeting - Preview (cont.)



In 1896 - 7 years BEFORE the Wright Brothers took their powered flight - Octave Chanute flew his gliders off the Dunes. His experiments laid the foundation for powered flight.



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NCS Meeting Schedule & Host Chapters

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
Lake Erie	Spring 2028
Northwoods	Fall 2028

NCS Chapters By State

Illinois	Chicago Area
Indiana	Indiana Indiana Dunes
Iowa	Iowa
Kentucky	Kentucky Bluegrass
Michigan	Michigan Northwoods (Upper Peninsula)
Minnesota	Minnesota
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