

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.

Volume 13, Issue 4

# Waypoint



## Let's go Fly!

It was good to see North Central Section Chapters remain active over the winter months! Even though Midwest weather tends to put a damper on some flying activities, our chapters remained busy with holiday gatherings, chapter awards ceremonies, and zoom or hybrid meetings. Very important annual winter events were held including The Holiday Tree of Hope which delivers toys to children who are hospitalized over the holidays (Minnesota chapter) and Aviation Expo which provides safety seminars for IFR and VFR pilots as well as a Flying Companion Course for non-aviators (Chicago Chapter).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the NCS Spring Section meeting hosted by the Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter in Clarksville, Indiana on the weekend of April 28-30. They have many fun events planned and have offered online registration and online payment options for your convenience. The block of hotel rooms will be held until April 13 so call for your reservation soon! The detailed information was included in the Winter Waypoint and is also on the North Central Section website.

The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon will be open to any North Central Section member who wishes to attend in person.

The business meeting on Saturday morning will be a hybrid format, so if you are unable to attend for the entire weekend but would like to attend the business meeting, you have that option. See the online registration form included in this waypoint and on the North Central Section website. The **deadline** to register for attending the business meeting via zoom is **Friday, April 28 5:00 pm EST**.

There will be two air race classic stops in the North Central Section this year. Volunteer opportunities will be available in Mankato, MN (KMKT) and Ottumwa, IA (KOTM). It is a lot of fun, and it is a great way to be able to meet women pilots from across the country.

## Inside this issue

LET'S GO FLY! GOVERNOR'S RPT...	1
FINAL CALL to the POST.....	2
CALENDAR/GUIDELINES .....	3
MEMBERSHIP REPORT.....	4
TREASURER/AE/INSURANCE.....	5
NCS CONTACT /HOST INFO.....	6
BADGE ORDER FORM .....	7
FALL SECTION PREVIEW.....	8
CHAPTER CHAIR SHARE.....	11
KY BLUEGRASS REPORT.....	12
ALL OHIO REPORT.....	13
CHICAGO REPORT.....	14
LAKE ERIE REPORT.....	16
INDIANA DUNES REPORT.....	17
WISCONSIN REPORT.....	18
MICHIGAN REPORT.....	20
MINNESOTA REPORT.....	22
SHOW US YOUR AIRPLANE.....	23
NIFA .....	24
ARC MN-IA MANIACS TEAM 7 .....	27
ARC RACE ROUTE 2023.....	28

Lets Go Fly .....continued on page 2

Voting for the Ninety-Nines International election of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Trust positions opened March 15, 2023, and the **deadline** to submit your ballot either online or postmarked if by mail is **May 1, 2023**. Please be sure to participate in our elections prior to the deadline!

Online voting is super easy and saves the additional cost of printing & postage to send paper ballots. North Central Section will be electing new officers in the Spring of 2024 and we currently have ~100 people who will require paper ballots. I am hoping that each chapter will check with their members to see if they are willing to save the section extra cost by changing their choice to 'opt in' for electronic voting prior to the North Central Section's election taking place in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deb McGee,*

NCS Governor



## NCS SPRING MEETING

*Hosted by Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter*

Radisson Hotel Louisville North  
Clarksville, IN

Saturday, 29 April 2023

9:00 am – 11:30 am (Eastern Daylight time)

### **ONLINE ONLY attendees MUST register by Fri Apr 28, 5pm Eastern!**

The NCS Spring Business Meeting will be streamed via Zoom for those NCS members who are unable to attend in person at Radisson Hotel Louisville North (Clarksville, IN)

**If you wish to attend the NCS Spring Business Meeting virtually:**

**STEP ONE:** You **MUST** register online using the link provided here (**deadline: Fri Apr 28, 5pm Eastern**)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-6grzgoGtelx4ew6-Xvkv8ee81aKcJ8>

After registering online, you will receive a confirmation email with information and a link to log in and join the NCS Business Meeting – save this and do NOT share your LOG-IN link with others.

**STEP TWO:** Use your **LOG-IN link** to join the Business Meeting on Sat Apr 29. Online attendees will enter the "Waiting Room" upon initial log-in. After members are confirmed, they will be entered into the Zoom meeting. We recommend that you log in at least 15-30 minutes early to ensure that the organizers can review and admit members attending online.

*For questions, contact Erin Thompson or Jenny Myren at [NCSZoom@ncs99s.org](mailto:NCSZoom@ncs99s.org).*

*We look forward to seeing everyone for our NCS Spring Meeting.*

DEADLINE DATE	EVENT
APRIL 29	CHAPTER REPORTS DUE FROM CHAPTER TO SECTION
MAY 1	DEADLINE TO VOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS
JUNE 1	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
JUNE 30	501C3 REPORTS DUE FROM CHAPTER TO SECTION
JULY 15	INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP SPONSOR APPLICATIONS DUE
JULY 31	PPLI FALL APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 1	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 30	NCS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS DUE TO SECTION
OCTOBER 1	AESMF FIRST WINGS FALL APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER
OCTOBER 31	NCS INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORMS DUE
DECEMBER 1	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
DECEMBER 31	INTERNATIONAL INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORMS DUE

APRIL 28-30	NCS SPRING MEETING 2023 (CLARKSVILLE, IN) KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER
MAY 8-13	NIFA NATIONALS (OSHKOSH, WI)
JUNE 20 – 23	AIR RACE CLASSIC 2023 (GRAND FORKS, ND TO HOMESTEAD, FL)
JULY 24 – 30	EAA AIR VENTURE (OSHKOSH, WI)
AUGUST 25-26	INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (OKLAHOMA CITY, OK)
SEPTEMBER 15-16	INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP (ATCHISON, KS)
SEPT 29-OCT 1	NCS FALL MEETING (COLUMBUS, OH) SCIOTO VALLEY CHAPTER
OCT 27-NOV 2	INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE (JORDAN)

### WAYPOINT SUBSCRIPTIONS

What? I have to 'subscribe' to the North Central Section newsletter? to get my "Waypoint"?

Well – not exactly! As a member of The 99s who has a current email address in the Directory, Waypoint drops into your inbox. [check your spam folder too] It will also appear on the NCS website.

If you need a printed copy, request it by sending your current mailing address and a check for \$20.00, payable to "NCS 99s" to Kathy Lester-Ross, 2031 N. Beaumont Ave., Kansasville, WI 53139-9739.

July 1<sup>st</sup> is the renewal date for printed issues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, so checks should be received ASAP..... you don't want to miss any issues.

SPECIAL NOTES: A cross reference to the International Directory is not done. The member or Chapter is responsible for notifying Kathy of any change of address for Waypoint mailings. This SPRING 2023 issue is the last one sent to hard copy subscribers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

### WAYPOINT GUIDELINES

Share your story....Photos MUST be print quality, high resolution!!!

If you scrape them from Facebook or Instagram they won't reproduce well. Send in a story you would like to share, along with your regular report. Tell us about a success or an obstacle you have encountered.

Tell us about a 99 who has accomplished something wonderful!

We would like to publish something from each Chapter and each Committee in each issue.

Send your submissions to: [waypoint@ncs99s.org](mailto:waypoint@ncs99s.org)

Help me out ladies—I'm **your** editor! *Madeleine Monaco*

*Waypoint is the quarterly communication tool used by the NCS to update members on chapter happenings, Spring and Fall section meetings, international items and lots more. Milestones, memories, important dates, human interest stories, aviation promotions, chapter activities.....any, all & more could appear.*

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## “850”

Hmmmm – What does that stand for?

The tip for lunch with sister 99s?

Take off time for tomorrow’s flight?

Your hotel room number at the Spring NCS meeting?

The number of emails received in the past week?

The money you can save with that special “extended warranty”

**850** is our membership challenge by the Spring NCS meeting on April 29, 2023.

As of 2/28/23, NCS has 820 members. That’s up 36 from 784 in early December, 2022, and it says each chapter IS attracting new members AND reaching out to members who are listed as standby or hold. Efforts to retain and recruit sisters in the sky ARE paying off! The stats show it.

NB: NCS represents about 12% of The 99s TOTAL international membership! If something does not challenge you, it cannot change you. Challenges create changes.

Each one > Reach One > Teach One > Repeat

*Kathy Lester-Ross, NCS Membership Chair*

### Chapter Totals

All-Ohio Chapter	59
Chicago Area Chapter	128
Greater Kansas City Chapter	44
Greater St. Louis Chapter	43
Indiana Chapter	32
Indiana Dunes Chapter	31
Iowa Chapter	40
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter	68
Lake Erie Chapter	30
Michigan Chapter	88
Minnesota Chapter	98
North Central Section Member	30
Northwoods Chapter	14
Scioto Valley Chapter	31
Wisconsin Chapter	84

**Section Membership total: 820**



**I AM A 99!**

**NORTH CENTRAL  
SECTION**

***TREASURER's  
REPORT***

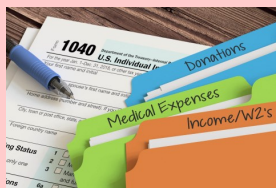
Reminder to Chapter  
Treasurers:

501c3 Reports from  
every Chapter in our  
Section must be sent  
to the NCS Treasurer  
by June 30 each year.

Please email them to  
rjplato@aol.com

or mail to

Joan Plato  
Treasurer  
N65W26307 Lake Dr,  
Sussex WI 53089.



**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION**

**AMELIA EARHART  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

The NCS AE Scholarship Committee is  
pleased to announce that the following  
applicants were chosen to have their  
scholarship applications move on to the  
Trustees:

Macy Arbuckle (Iowa)-  
Instrument Rating

Amanda (Mandi) Neumann (Wisconsin) -  
Commercial ASEL

Sarah Haskett (Michigan)-  
Commercial ASEL

Olivia Parmenter (Kentucky Bluegrass)-  
Professional Flight Degree/Academic

All of these applicants have been working  
hard to pursue their aviation dreams and  
we wish them luck!

Laurie Probst  
NCS AE Scholarship Committee Chair



**NORTH CENTRAL  
SECTION**

***INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT***

Insurance Requirements for  
Ninety-Nines events can be  
found on the website under  
the Library tab, Forms, Lists,  
and Guides. The insurance  
forms include a Flying Event  
Liability Waiver, Chapter  
NonFlying Event (where  
an additional insured is  
required) and Chapter Flying  
Event. For Chapter Flying  
Events helicopters, home-  
builts and experimentals are  
now covered. This is new.  
There are still some cate-  
gories of aircraft that are  
excluded. The excluded air-  
craft are listed on the form.  
Chapter Flying Events may  
require a \$125 fee from the  
chapter. In some cases, this  
fee is waived. Contact Laura  
Ohrenberg at Headquarters if  
there are questions.

*Sue Glisson*

NCS Vice Governor and  
Insurance Committee Chair

## NCS Officers 2022-2024

Governor

**Deb McGee**

[governor@ncs99s.org](mailto:governor@ncs99s.org)

Vice Governor

**Sue Glisson**

[vicegovernor@ncs99s.org](mailto:vicegovernor@ncs99s.org)

Secretary

**Kathy Lester Ross**

[secretary@ncs99s.org](mailto:secretary@ncs99s.org)

Treasurer

**Joan Plato**

[treasurer@ncs99s.org](mailto:treasurer@ncs99s.org)

Directors

**Jeneanne Visser**

**Margaret Wint**

[directors@ncs99s.org](mailto:directors@ncs99s.org)

Immediate Past Governor

**Janice Welsh**

[pastgovernor@ncs99s.org](mailto:pastgovernor@ncs99s.org)

North Central Section  
Nominating Committee  
2022-2024

**Cheryl Daml Chair**

**Dee Dreger**

**Lori Manthey**

**Patti Sandusky**

**Janice Welsh**

[nominating@ncs99s.org](mailto:nominating@ncs99s.org)

## NCS Chapter Chairmen

**ALL OHIO**

Debra Henrichs

[allohio@ncs99s.org](mailto:allohio@ncs99s.org)

**CHICAGO AREA**

Madeleine Monaco

[chicagoarea@ncs99s.org](mailto:chicagoarea@ncs99s.org)

**GREATER KANSAS CITY**

Christa Griffin

[greaterkansascity@ncs99s.org](mailto:greaterkansascity@ncs99s.org)

**GREATER ST LOUIS**

Becca Rodeghiero

Ann Mongiovi

[greaterstlouis@ncs99s.org](mailto:greaterstlouis@ncs99s.org)

**INDIANA**

Ashley Switalski

[indiana@ncs99s.org](mailto:indiana@ncs99s.org)

**INDIANA DUNES**

Jessica Richardson

[indianadunes@ncs99s.org](mailto:indianadunes@ncs99s.org)

**IOWA**

Jeneanne Visser

[iowa@ncs99s.org](mailto:iowa@ncs99s.org)

**KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS**

Emily Herron

[kentuckybluegrass@ncs99s.org](mailto:kentuckybluegrass@ncs99s.org)

**LAKE ERIE**

Lee Baggott

[lakeerie@ncs99s.org](mailto:lakeerie@ncs99s.org)

**MICHIGAN**

Linda Langrill

[Michigan@ncs99s.org](mailto:Michigan@ncs99s.org)

**MINNESOTA**

Cheryl Daml

[Minnesota@ncs99s.org](mailto:Minnesota@ncs99s.org)

**NORTHWOODS**

Morgan Morgan

[Northwoods@ncs99s.org](mailto:Northwoods@ncs99s.org)

**SCIOTO VALLEY**

Mary Biller

[sciotovalley@ncs99s.org](mailto:sciotovalley@ncs99s.org)

**WISCONSIN**

Krys Brown

Darcy Kulesha

[Wisconsin@ncs99s.org](mailto:Wisconsin@ncs99s.org)

## NCS Meeting Schedule & Host Chapters

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS SPRING 23

SCIOTO VALLEY FALL 23

GREATER KANSAS CITY SPRING 24

MINNESOTA FALL 24

IOWA SPRING 25

WISCONSIN FALL 25

ALL OHIO SPRING 26

MICHIGAN FALL 26

INDIANA SPRING 27

CHICAGO AREA FALL 27

LAKE ERIE SPRING 28

NORTHWOODS FALL 28

GREATER ST LOUIS SPRING 29

INDIANA DUNES FALL 30

## NCS Chapters By State

**ILLINOIS** Chicago Area

**INDIANA** Indiana  
Indiana Dunes

**IOWA** Iowa

**KENTUCKY** Kentucky Bluegrass

**MICHIGAN** Michigan  
Northwoods UP

**MINNESOTA** Minnesota

**MISSOURI** Greater Kansas City  
Greater St Louis

**OHIO** All Ohio  
Lake Erie  
Scioto Valley

**WISCONSIN** Wisconsin  
Northwoods No, Wi

## North Central Section

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2022-2023

AEMSF	Laurie Probst	<a href="mailto:scholarship@ncs99s.org">scholarship@ncs99s.org</a>
AEROSPACE EDUCATION	vacant	
AIRMARKING	Sheryl Rains	<a href="mailto:airmarking@ncs99s.org">airmarking@ncs99s.org</a>
FLYING ACTIVITIES	Dee Dreger	<a href="mailto:flying@ncs99s.org">flying@ncs99s.org</a>
FUND RAISING	Maria Linstrom	<a href="mailto:fundraising@ncs99s.org">fundraising@ncs99s.org</a>
HISTORY & PRESERVATION	Ellen O'Hara	<a href="mailto:history@ncs99s.org">history@ncs99s.org</a>
INSURANCE	Sue Glisson	<a href="mailto:vicegovernor@ncs99s.org">vicegovernor@ncs99s.org</a>
INT'L FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP	Kaye Combs Moore	<a href="mailto:forestoffriendship@ncs99s.org">forestoffriendship@ncs99s.org</a>
MEMBERSHIP	Kathy Lester-Ross	<a href="mailto:membership@ncs99s.org">membership@ncs99s.org</a>
NIFA	vacant	
NOMINATING	Cheryl Daml	<a href="mailto:nominating@ncs99s.org">nominating@ncs99s.org</a>
PUBLIC RELATIONS	vacant	
SAFETY/FAAS Team	Laurie Probst	<a href="mailto:safety@ncs99s.org">safety@ncs99s.org</a>
TAX EXEMPT 501c3	Joan Plato	<a href="mailto:501c3@ncs99s.org">501c3@ncs99s.org</a>
WAYPOINT	Madeleine Monaco	<a href="mailto:waypoint@ncs99s.org">waypoint@ncs99s.org</a>
WEBSITE	Minnetta Gardinier	<a href="mailto:info@ncs99s.org">info@ncs99s.org</a>

## BADGE ORDER FORM

BADGE ORDERED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ 99 \_\_\_\_\_ 49 1/2  
FULL NAME TO APPEAR ON BADGE \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE WHERE CHAPTER IS BASED \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF YOUR CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_  
BACKING PREFERRED \_\_\_\_\_ PIN \_\_\_\_\_ MAGNETIC  
SHIPPING ADDRESS STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, ST ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$22 PIN BACK BADGE (\$25 MAGNET BACK)

MAIL FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S

Linda Uznys

EMAIL [luznys855@gmail.com](mailto:luznys855@gmail.com)

contact info in the 99s Directory  
Allow three weeks for delivery



**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL 2023 MEETING.  
SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Join the Scioto Valley 99s as we discover Ohio's remarkable women in aviation!

**FRIDAY TOUR.** From our base at the **Dublin (Ohio) Embassy Suites**, we'll have the opportunity to venture west to observe the B-17 Project at the **Champaign Aviation Museum** and inspect ongoing restorations of the Mighty Flying Fortress. It's likely we'll also encounter here a few WASPs we may not have heard of before, which makes it an excellent place to reflect on the WASPs who trained in the B-17 at Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus.

**MEET, GREET, AND EAT!** Back in Dublin, we can relax with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres, before setting off by foot or in shared rides to the new **Bridge Park of Dublin**. You cannot fail to find a restaurant to satisfy on either side of the Scioto River. Or you can stay in and dine at the Urban Craft restaurant at the hotel.

**LUNCH PRESENTER.** During our Saturday morning business meeting, our spouses or partners can tour the **Columbus Vets Memorial**. But we'll all look forward to lunch at the hotel, during which **Jenny Hurst, an Ohio State University ASL instructor and deaf pilot**, will share the trials and tribulations, joys and jubilation of hearing impaired pilots.

**AFTERNOON TOUR.** We Ohio Belles are proud of the airplanes and pilots Port Columbus serviced from 1929 through 1964, when **Jerrie Mock** began her solo flight around the world from here. So we look forward to showing off the **old Port Columbus terminal**, with its own storied background, now being renovated to become the **Ohio Air and Space Hall of Fame and Learning Center**. And it's the perfect venue to learn more about Ohio's notable aviatrixes.

**DINNER AND KEYNOTE.** After evening cocktails and dinner, our own **Christine Mortine, DPE**, will present her extraordinary story of a forced landing in a metropolitan area, survived by dint of skill and a cool head and, perhaps, a touch of Providence.



### KEYNOTE BANQUET ADDRESS:

Within 2 minutes of departure from KOSU, **Christine Mortine** experienced an engine failure 1,000' AGL within the greater Columbus, Ohio metropolitan area. Christine's presentation shares her experience from requesting take off from tower, the decision making, landing in a canopy, to the aftermath of a traumatic event.

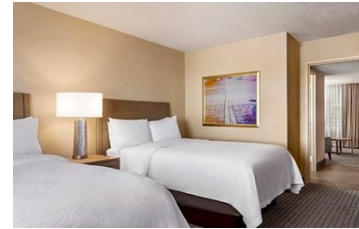


### LUNCH PRESENTATION

Instructor of American Sign Language at The Ohio State University, **Jenny Hurst** is also a pilot and the past president of the Deaf Pilot's Association. Her talk will answer some of these questions: What is it like in a silent cockpit? How do the deaf pilot and ATC communicate? Are all control towers accommodating? How do the regs differ for the deaf pilot? What is some of the developing assistive technology that could expand the flying experience for them?



### DUBLIN EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL:



Located within walking distance of downtown Dublin's Bridge Park, the Embassy Suites offers a completely renovated space with double bed suites. Free breakfast and free evening cocktail hour with drinks makes this \$132 a bargain. The website for making reservations will be posted soon on the NCS website and included in the Summer issue of Waypoint.

### DUBLIN BRIDGE PARK:

Dublin's new downtown Bridge Park features a suspension bridge over the Scioto River that connects you to restaurants galore!



### CHAMPAIGN AVIATION MUSEUM

Originally started in 2005 with three flatbeds of parts and pieces of several B-17s, the Champaign Aviation Museum has grown to become a center of excellence for the restoration of B-17s.

And while we admire the workmanship of this Flying Fortress, let's pay tribute to the women who trained in this warbird in Columbus in 1944.



## JERRIE MOCK FLIES FROM PORT COLUMBUS



INAUGURAL TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT WESTBOUND AT COLUMBUS, 1929

The old **Columbus Vets Memorial** reopened in October 2018 as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, completely renovated and with a new vision and mission. The museum's main focus is on the personal stories of U.S. veterans, as opposed to individual conflicts. Visitors can walk on a grassy area on the roof to view the Columbus skyline and visit the outdoor memorial grove and reflecting pool.



**Port Columbus** opened in 1929 and hosted the penultimate stop of the first National Women's Air Derby. But it saw a lot of other action that first year and in the years to follow. We'll have a chance to tour the old terminal and absorb some of that history, at the same time expanding our knowledge of Ohio's exceptional aviatrices.



Fly commercially into the John Glenn International Airport (CMH) or fly yourself into Ohio State University Airport (OSU). Whichever, we'll pick you up!

## FROM THE FEBRUARY CHAPTER CHAIR SHARE

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

The February Chapter Chair share was held via zoom February 26, 2023.

Those attending were Debra Henrichs, All Ohio; Madeleine Monaco, Chicago; Becca Rodeghiero, Greater ST Louis; Tricia DeBlock, Indiana Dunes; Brenda Frye, Iowa; Terri Donner, Kentucky BG; Linda Langrill & Sandy Denton, Michigan; Cheryl Daml & Brenda Hanson, Minnesota; Morgan Morgan, Northwoods; Darcy Kulesha, Wisconsin. Board members attending were Governor Deb McGee, IA; Vice Governor Sue Glisson, Kentucky BG; Secretary Kathy Lester-Ross, WI; Director Jeneanne Visser, IA; Margaret Wint, Indiana Dunes. International VP Minnetta Gardinier, IA also joined us.

- International VP Minnetta Gardinier informed us that Lyn Caywood will no longer be running the Ninety-Nines Booth in the main hangar at OSH-Airventure. Minnetta strongly feels that since OSH-Airventure is located within the North Central Section, we should play a large role in volunteering at the booth in the main hangar. She has volunteered to be co-leader for the booth and asked for volunteers from the chapters. The booth is open from 9am – 5pm and volunteer shifts consist of 2-hour blocks of time, usually 3-4 people. The leader role may involve more time in the booth.

Thank you, Linda Langrill, for volunteering to help Minnetta as a co-leader!! There will definitely be volunteers from 99s outside of our section, but please check with your chapter members to see if they are willing to spend some time in the booth to make sure NCS has a noticeable presence!

- The directors have changed the due date for submitting the 3 NCS awards to 3/19/2023.
- The Annual Chapter Chair report template covering 4/1/2022 – 3/31/2023 was distributed. The mandatory written report is due 4/29/2023. A two-minute oral summary report is requested at the Spring Section meeting. Please let me know if you will be presenting either in person or on zoom.
- Please stress to your chapter members that election votes by mail cost more than online voting. If anyone has not opted-in please consider changing your preference prior to the NCS elections to be held next year.
- We were informed that Mail Chimp has changed their program of free accounts and NCS will no longer qualify. Minnetta is researching other options & plans to have something in place in time to distribute the next Waypoint.
- Minnetta gave us an overview of what is available on the Ninety-Nines website regarding the 2023 International meeting in Jordan. Detailed information and the registration information should be available hopefully by mid-March.

Minnetta gave us a heads up on the following:

- Your passport needs to be good for 6 months after you leave Jordan.
- A Visa will need to be obtained when you arrive in Jordan.
- Jordan requires that you have travel medical insurance.
- Make sure that your credit cards or ATM cards will work overseas.
- Cash will be required to pay for the post conference travel.

*Each month, the Governor hosts a meeting via zoom for all of the North Central Section Chairs to discuss matters of interest to all. This additional means of communication keeps us in touch with each other for shared talk on problems, questions, and member news.*

## KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER NEWS



DECEMBER 2022  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

We had a rowdy good time at our December Holiday Gathering playing our gift exchange game and visiting with our members, their families, and our Friends of the 99s. We were served a delicious lunch to top off the festivities.

January found us at Addington Field, Elizabethtown, KY, explaining and soliciting volunteers for our March 18, 2023, Girl Scout Day and for our April 28-30, 2023, NCS Spring Section Meeting. We enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch in the conference room overlooking the runway.



Our February meeting at Flight Club 502, Bowman Field, Louisville, KY, zeroed in on planning the Girl Scout Day event there. We all enjoyed touring the building and had another potluck lunch. Flight Club 502 provides aviation and STEM education to high school aged youth along with other activities. It is a wonderful facility and program for area youth.

# ALL-OHIO NEWS

from Margaret Hazlett, Secretary

**March 2023**

Our Chairwoman Debra Henrichs instituted a mentorship program several months ago to support and welcome our many new members and increase chapter participation.

Our January ZOOM meeting was a program on PPLI (Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative) by Megan Dukes and Ilene Pineada, pilots based in Puerto Rico. This is a 99s online mentoring program open to commercial 99s pilots

In February, we Zoomed again, this time with a program by Scholarship Chairwoman Betty Huck. She informed us about the available scholarships and how to optimize one's applications and chances.

The weather has been an impediment to flying for the last three months. CFII Peg Ballou has had six appointments for student checkrides that were stymied by high winds, low ceilings, or rain. However, in sunny Mississippi, our military member **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Abby Burdue** is in the academic phase of training for the KC-135 refueler. She will start flying the T6 turbo-prop this month and stated it is similar to the P-51 Mustang. Also, she has been tested in the altitude chamber. You go, gal! **CFI Megan Dukes** will be womaning a booth at the Women in Aviation event in PHI. Megan is a rotorcraft pilot who previously flew EMS and news crews. Now she flies for Shell Oil out of Puerto Rico to oil platforms 180 miles offshore. She has been participating in the 99s group PPLI, a program whose mission is to develop diverse female pilots as leaders in the aerospace industry, enhance leadership skills, and improve networking.

**Valerie Palazzolo** is retiring from the FAA at the end of this year. She has opened many doors for women in her long career with the FAA and as an airline pilot. She had the honor of getting her checkride from a Tuskegee Airman! Val will be at WIA conducting safety seminars.

Congratulations to our members who are on the upward move with new achievements: **Claire Gerber** passed her instrument written. **Wendy Stivers** earned her Private Pilot. **Leota Lane** is now a certified A&P, plus she is a few hours from her Commercial Rating, having passed her PP and IFR Ratings. Leota will be moving to Alaska this month and may be working in maintenance for a flight school there.

A  
L  
L  
  
O  
H  
I  
O

**99s**

## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER SPRING REPORT

By Yanina Belazorava

### December Holiday Party

Chicago Area Chapter's December Holiday Party was great fun and we raised funds for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. Almost \$500 went to help those in need. Sharing what we have is so much a part of the holiday season. The tables were full of interesting people having pleasant conversations and enjoying the food and friendship.

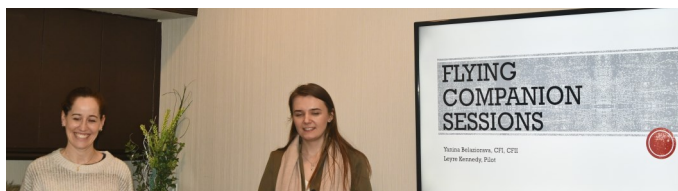
We held an Aviation Trivia Game. It was a fun brain teaser—highly competitive. It was won by a team that included long time 99s with lots of brainpower. And they won the best prize! Bragging Rights!!!!

The food was yummy, the bar in the room was a nice addition, the cake with airplane on top was beautiful and delicious.



### Aviation Safety Seminar

On January 28 our chapter held a very successful annual Aviation Safety Seminar. I want to extend a huge Thank you and recognize our organizers Madeleine Monaco, Expo Manager and Eva Kozlowski, Vendor Manager. This event could have not been completed without your hard work. It takes endless time and effort to take care of every detail, call for volunteers, outreach to sponsors, venue arrangement, and more and more. And I should mention, this educational event was completely free to the attendees. In my opinion the event was informative to pilots of all levels – from those just making their decisions to become a pilot – to experienced professionals. I am sure everyone learned something new. The presentations were broken down into three tracks IFR Flying, VFR Flying and Flying Companion. We learned about topics such as IFR Competency, Avoiding Hazardous Attitudes, ATC Communication for IFR, Winter Weather decision making. The attendees who were in the IFR and VFR track presentations earned FAA Wings credits as well. Over 15 Chapter volunteers were involved in organizing the Aviation Safety Seminar.



I personally was one of the speakers at the Flying Companion Track – a series of educational presentations targeted for non-pilots and frequent flyers in the general aviation world. Together with my friend and excellent pilot Leyre Kennedy we welcomed more than 15 attendees and hopefully encouraged a few people (including 2 teenage girls) to become pilots. It was a rewarding experience to speak to such audience. You get a chance to bust the myths and rumors about the aviation world, share your passion for flying and maybe even inspire. If you missed the event this year – I strongly encourage you to look out for announcements for the next year's expo!

### **IFR PROGRAM**

#### **IFR Competency Review, Part 1 + 2**

Joe Standley, CFII Pilot Flight Training Courses

#### **The Fit Pilot: 10 Principles for Health**

Dr. Warren Bruhl, D.C., CFII, MEI, Helicopter

#### **ATC Communication for IFR**

Eddie Trujillo, Controller, Chicago TRACON

#### **Cross Country Winter Weather Decisions**

Mark Ratzer, NWS Forecast Office Chicago

### **VFR PROGRAM**

#### **Avoiding Hazardous Attitudes**

Tim Miller, CFII, Retired High School Teacher

#### **Things You Wanted to Know About Your Airplane**

Tom DeJan, A and P, Ret USAF, Comm Pilot

#### **What's Your Clearance, Clarence**

Jennifer Settle, FAA ATC, Surface Safety Mgr.

#### **The Next 2 Things, Situational Awareness to the Next Level**

Marc Epner, 2000+ hour Cirrus Pilot

### **FLYING COMPANION PROGRAM**

#### **Aerodynamics 101**

#### **Navigation for Beginners**

#### **Customary Communication**

#### **Stay Calm and Carry On**

#### **Weather with IFR Class**

This course designed, researched, and prepared by Chicago Area

99 CFIs **Yarina Belazorava Necker and Jessica Best**

**It is presented this year by**

**Yarina Belazorava Necker and Leyre Kennedy**

### **Member news and milestones:**

Nicoletta Salvatore earned her Private Certificate on December 19, 2022. She is hoping to move on to instrument training and get a tailwheel endorsement.

Kara Haake has also earned her Private Certificate.

What a great way to complete the year 2022, congratulations, Nicoletta and Kara!

Tina Willman-Hammar has been hired by United Airlines and is transitioning from her flying with N-Jets to training for flying the AirBus at United. Congratulations Tina!

Eva Kozlowski is enjoying her new position as Manager, Infusion Pharmacy. Congrats Eva, glad the business world appreciates you as much as we do!

### **New Horizons**

Over the winter months we mourned with Cynthia Madsen the loss of her mother. We also lost former member Marilyn Mertz—long time friend of Diane Hromek-Sawyer, and Gail Wenk, mother of Wendy Wenk Deeter, and very long time, very active member of the Chicago Chapter 99s.

**See you when we answer the “Call to the Post in Kentuckiana”**

## LAKE ERIE CHAPTER SPRING REPORT

In the past quarter, our Chapter has:

- scheduled 3 fly ins
- scheduled an ATC Class B tower tour
- funded an initiative to defray the cost of 1 flight lesson per quarter with an instructor to maintain FAA currency or toward a new rating.
- committed to sponsoring a table at a local aviation event to promote the 99s.
- a member completed unusual attitude flight course
- a member passed the 4 written FAA tests toward instrument and commercial pilot qualifications.
- a member began flying for a major airline.

*Our board, which includes Lori Manthey, Ava Vidovich, Grace Dempsey and Meghan Newyear helped make this happen.*

### Announcing the new Lake Erie 99s FLAP initiative! LE99s Flight Lesson Awards & Promotion Initiative

The Lake Erie Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. has authorized on Feb. 12, 2023, up to \$150 per calendar quarter from the Lake Erie 99s treasury, to help support any qualifying LE99s member's flying per calendar quarter. Program to initially last for 2 calendar years. Purpose of the initiative is to promote women's aviation by helping LE99s members remain current and/or advance their flying skills. This initiative may secondarily develop relationships between our organization and local flight instructors/flight schools. Flights must be done with a CFI/CFII.

Eligible flight activities include:

- Flights to maintain currency with the FAA with a CFI/CFII
- Having a Flight Review (formerly a "biennial flight review")
- Instruction flights to maintain instrument currency, type currency, check rides.
- Night/day landings to maintain currency
- A flight (not ground) lesson with a CFI or CFII, which is part of working toward a new rating, skill or type certificate:
 

Sport/recreational	Private pilot	Instrument rating
Commercial maneuvers	Glider rating	Multiengine training
CFI and CFII	Unusual attitude and/or aerobatics training	
Seaplane, complex, high altitude, tailwheel		

*Time in an FAA-approved simulator, with an instructor (CFI CFII) during the time of use, which is logged as such, is acceptable if used and logged toward any purpose above.*

Simple summary:

1. Be a Lake Erie 99s Member
2. Schedule a lesson with a CFI for a qualifying purpose
3. Have the lesson, get logbook signed by your CFI/I, get the bill
4. Within 5 days of the lesson, scan and e-mail a copy of your qualifying logbook entry and bill to the Chair, which completes your entry.
5. If you are the first LE99 in the quarter to be eligible, you will win the quarter's award.
6. You can win in up to 2 quarters per year.

## SPRING REPORT

Indiana Dunes Chapter's  
December Holiday gathering  
at Portofinos Grille in LaPorte



February Meeting at Porter County  
Regional Airport; Erin Rausch (front  
row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right), chapter member,  
FAA Safety Management employee  
was our speaker



Ashley Thorsen, KSBN Airport Operations  
Manager receives her Accredited Airport  
Executive Certificate



With a heavy heart we bid farewell to  
Rawson Murdock 49 1/2, Christine's  
husband. Rawson passed peacefully  
December 30, 2022 at the age of 100

Chapter Chair,  
Jessica Richardson  
hired by Southwest  
Airlines; started  
class on February  
14th



## Wisconsin Chapter News

[Submitted by Kathy Lester-Ross]

Early winter months have been busy for Wisconsin 99s. In spite of some bitter cold and windy days, our sisters in the sky have logged many hours and achieved ratings, milestones and memories.

Mandi N. achieved her Instrument Rating & received Chapter recommendation for an AEMS advancement.

Olivia G is now a Private Pilot. The sky is not a limit for her. Keep on climbing, Olivia.

Christina K, with her new PPL, had her 1<sup>st</sup> Young Eagle passenger so enthused he has started flying lessons.

Astrid M. completed both her Commercial Single and Multi-Engine ratings. WOW!



Nancy B. has logged 500 hours & continues to enjoy the views of Wisconsin from above.

*(Nancy Burton at 500 hours photo by CFII Sara Siddiqui, WI 99)*



Maddie E. has completed all her 'stage checks' @ Purdue's Aviation school and awaits her check ride date.

Sarah M. has accepted an appointment to the USAF Academy & hopes to complete her PPL by late June



WI 99s at Christmas Luncheon [L>R] Nancy, Astrid, Hannah, Dana, Mandi, Julie, Krys, Laurie, Tina, Darcy, Kathy, Maria, Minal, Guest Jeanne Scholes [PPL 1946]

The Brodhead Airport [C37] and Kelch Aviation Museum was the site of our annual Christmas, hosted by Astrid and Hannah S. Our special guest was Jeanne Sholes, a local aviatrix who started flying in the '40s' at the age of 15! She soloed at 16 in 1944 and achieved her PPL in 1946 ....a woman way ahead of the times. A regular at the Broadhead Airport, she still loves flying vintage planes with local pilots and landing on the wonderfully maintained grass runways. Jeanne was impressed to learn of The 99s and wished she'd had more women interested in aviation in 'her' day. Members exchanged gifts, did a bit of gift 'take-away,' donated to our 2022 Charity, Hope for the Heroes, and then visited the Museum.

The Kelch Museum features aviation & land vehicles from the 'Golden Age of Aviation' – the years between WWI and WWII. From their biplanes to the historical vignettes, with their displays of aviation art and films from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, to the evolution from cloth-covered wings and radial engines, sharing blueprints and photographs from those days, and the stories of women and men who paved the way for modern aviation – all bring this era to life. Plan a few hours at the Kelch – land on their grass runways – and maybe meet Jeanne. [Special note: WI 99 Hannah S. is a curator and helps develop their educational materials.]

Laurie hosted our semi-annual business meeting at Sheboygan County Memorial Airport KSBM. In addition to reviewing the past 6 months of Chapter activities, plans until the June ABM were discussed. Attendees were able to see The 99s compass rose completed in September, 2022 & met in new building which hosts the US Customs area. The Aviation Heritage Center of WI at KSBM features many Viet Nam era aviation historical items. KSBM is another WI airport to visit – and well known to Road America and EAA visitors. Ask 99 CFII & KSBM tenant, Bridgett, for more info.

February found 99s and 49 ½ enjoying our annual awards luncheon at Hi-Way Harry's. Krys B. not only hosts the meeting, but also tallies and prepares the achievement certificates AND precious pins. These pins reflect earning at least 75 points by participating in varied 99s and personal & general aviation events. Each year the pin has a specific gemstone embedded. Members 'trade' their current pin when they earn another year's award. At 10 years, members keep that pin and begin earning another with a different gemstone. This year, 15 members earned pins and recorded over 2,000 points. That's a lot, considering points are earned in 5-25 increments!

99s at the Awards Luncheon PLUS 5 49 1/2s !



WI Chapter Awards Pin — 9 years with blue sapphire stones set in gold



Actual size 1/2 inch

### An interesting side note:

Wisconsin native aviatrix Lauren Sherrick was featured in an article of the WI State Journal. Her aviation career of firsts include being the first WI Air Services woman pilot, first female section chief and manager making her in charge of the state's fleet of 19 aircraft. She was (and is) the 1st female captain for a flight for a sitting Governor, in a Pilatus PC-12.

Statistics about females in aviation are shared, making this article all the more important for advancing the dreams of any woman who wants to be a pilot.

# M I C H I G A N C H A P T E R 99s

## Michigan Chapter 99s

## Spring 2023 Waypoint Report

It is with deepest regret that we share that Michigan chapter member, **Deborah Franceus**, 65, from Temperance, Michigan, died on January 12, 2023. She was an OB-GYN nurse for 42 years and had earned her pilot license in 2021. She had retired in early 2022 and a month later was diagnosed with breast cancer. Deb will be greatly missed.

**Suzette Biela** earned her instrument rating and has passed her commercial knowledge test. Congratulations, Suzette!

The Michigan Chapter hosted a Holiday Party in Kalamazoo at the Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum on December 3, 2022, with a catered lunch. We previewed the film *Women in Aviation*, produced by chapter member, **Frances Rose**, and featuring four of our members plus historical photos and video clips of women pilots of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. We presented a plaque of appreciation to former Chapter Chair, **Sandy Denton**, who served as chair for over four years and is an excellent leader and motivator. We thanked **Cora Grace** for her service to the chapter as Events Chairman and Website Webmaster.

We had a Zoom meeting on December 6, 2022, with guest spotlight speaker and chapter member, **Isabella Gianni**. She called her talk "How to find Aviation Internships and find your Space in the Aviation Sector." Isabella is a college student at Embry-Riddle in Daytona, Florida and member of the 99s since 2020. Isabella shared her tips on how to find an aviation internship. She also shared her experience working in Whittier, Alaska last summer. Her next internship will be with Delta Airlines working on a project involving pilot fatigue.

Our Zoom meeting of January 3, 2023 featured a panel of 99s from the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative, led by Ninety-Nine **Christine Oksas** from California. The panelists shared their individual experiences and answered our pre-submitted questions and many additional questions. It was an excellent presentation and group discussion. Three of our chapter members indicated an interest in applying for the program, which accepts new participants twice a year.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, our chapter book club was honored to have **Col. Eileen Collins**, USAF (Retired) and Lifetime member of The Ninety-Nines, join us to discuss her book, *Through the Glass Ceiling to the Stars*. The book is an excellent history of the space shuttle program and is also the story of Eileen's journey to become the first Female Space Shuttle Pilot and the first Female Space Shuttle Commander. Her goal today is to help inspire the leaders of tomorrow, and she is doing a wonderful job of spreading that inspiration.

On February 18, 2023, we had a snowman build at Midland Barstow Airport. The day before the event Midland received 5 inches of snow! After building two snow people, the group went inside the terminal building and successfully frosted and decorated home-baked snowman cookies. One of our newest Michigan Chapter 99s members, **Cherry Kan**, from Ann Arbor, hosted the snow build along with Friend of the Ninety-Nines and Midland Barstow Airport Manager, **Sarah Pagano**.

**Morgan Duling** chairs our chapter scholarship committee. She prepared an Excel spreadsheet of all scholarships, including deadlines for applying, and gave a webinar to the chapter. She continually updates the spreadsheet and submits it monthly to the chapter newsletter editor for publishing. She assisted Michigan Chapter member, **Sarah Haskett**, in applying for this year's Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

**Linda Langrill**, Chairman  
Michigan Chapter 99s

## NEW HORIZONS FOR DEB



**Deb Franceus** after passing her Private Pilot Check Ride, July 9, 2021.

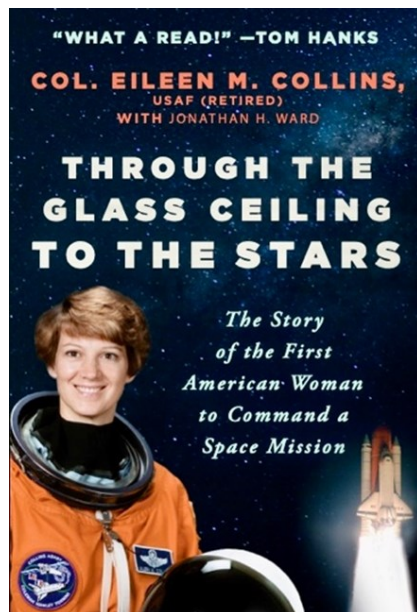
Deb passed away from cancer on January 12, 2023.

## My summer in Alaska

- Small crew, I held many hats
- In charge of making sure all the planes were ready and doc operations
- Weather is very variable in alaska.



Isabella Gianni's summer in Alaska



Eileen Collins was a guest at the Michigan Chapter 99s Book Discussion via Zoom on February 7, 2023. Her book will be out in paperback in March 2023.



Michigan Chapter Snowman Build at Midland Barstow Airport, February 18, 2023

# MINNESOTA CHAPTER

99s

## Waypoint Article Spring 2023 Minnesota Chapter

A woeful winter of flying has beset the Minnesota Chapter. We had No-fly November, Dismal December, and Just Too Cold January which made flying very challenging, if not impossible for much of the time.

Our membership continues to grow as we welcomed 4 new members into the Chapter since the first of the year. We look forward to meeting them at an upcoming meeting. Welcome to: Rebecca B., Julie M., Erin S., Jessica Y.

### Ellen Quist teaching Companion Flyer Course



However, the Minnesota Chapter planned and executed a Companion Flyer Course, which we presented to about 7 pilots and their companions in February. It was well received and the proceeds went towards our Scholarship Fund. We plan to offer it again this coming summer.

Several of us participated in an indoor flying experience in February. Complete with flight suits and helmets, the participants were instructed on how to let the wind tunnel support you for a short flight. Everyone had a great time and hopefully we will go back and do it again.



**Front: Melissa Aho, Marcy Drescher, Madison and Michelle Kaslow, Lisa Karan, Emma Gaustad. Back: Laura Pham and two friends from flying club**

Our logbook reunion project continues. We have now catalogued over 1400 abandoned logbooks from the University of Minnesota Flight School (1950s-1980s) and returned 130 logbooks to their pilots or survivors. In the process we have heard some amazing stories. This project will continue for quite some time.

We are working on a Chapter biography/memoirs book, asking for each member to send us a short autobiography to include in the book. We hope to preserve the stories of our amazing members so that we can get to know each other and learn what aviation means to each of us.

## Congratulations to:

**Becky Juarez** for earning her Commercial in February!! And for winning the Chapter Scholarship for advanced rating!



**Kjersti Kittleson:** Hired by Southwest Airlines and earned B737 Type Rating!



**Malorie Stone** for getting hired as a CFI for ATP flight school at KANE.

**Aura Austin** for earning her ATP

Looking forward to Spring!!

Submitted by

*Cheryl Daml*

Chapter Chair

### SHOW US YOUR AIRPLANE

One you rent  
One you own  
One you borrow  
One you train in

Why?

'cause we need more airplane pictures

This beauty belongs to  
Governor Deb McGee!



*If you are active and engaged, its because you believe the work you are doing has value and fulfills a need. So when a Chapter encourages new 99s to take on a small task, they empower them. They feel wanted, they feel needed, they feel accepted, and they feel VALUED. Try to find a way to engage as many of your members as possible.*

*The Ninety Nines*

## DO YOU KNOW NIFA?

Each year, North Central Section has a line item donation in our budget for NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association). Each year there is a 99s Women's Achievement Awards presented at the Nationals. This award is funded solely by The Ninety-Nines.

Question? Does your chapter have a NIFA committee?  
Does your chapter donate annually to NIFA?  
Do you know what NIFA is?

On behalf of the North Central Section Board, I have offered to help solicit to fill the Chairman position for the North Central Section NIFA Committee from amongst our 14 chapters, all of which fall into 1 of 3 NIFA Regions.

On this page you will find a map depicting the regions(states) in which our section chapters fall.

On the next pages is an SOP that Marilyn Shafer, Int'l NIFA chair, was kind enough to share. The document very clearly spells out what NIFA does, the regions, the judging.

Marilyn Shafer, a very dynamic 99, is excited to work with whomever forms this committee. **Our hope is to have a dynamic NCS NIFA committee, reporting to our chapters information from Marilyn.**

Region III ---OH, MI, PA, WV

Region VI ---IA, KS, MN, MO, WI, ND, SD, NE

Region VIII ---IL, IN, KY, TN

Please contact me with your interest asap, so we can start this partnership. It would be great to have a 3-person committee with 1 member from each region. Maybe you know someone in your chapter that is just waiting for this opportunity.

Thank you!!

*Janice*

Janice Welsh

NCS Past Governor Indiana Dunes Chapter

jwelshcfi@yahoo.com 219-448-9536



## 99s SOPS for NIFA

**Mission Statement:** To promote world fellowship through flight.

**Purpose:** To encourage participation in regional and national NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) events and recognize the top three 99s Women's Achievement Award recipients annually.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Ó NIFA's objectives are to promote skill, safety, sport and education in college flying. The 99s donate generously with time as judges and officers and monetary considerations. The NIFA Committee Chair should communicate with the International Board of Directors, Sections, Chapters and members regarding NIFA's activities on a regular basis
- Ó Ensure that National and Regional Events are listed in the Perpetual Calendar of the 99s News Magazine, including dates, locations and identifying the NIFA website [nifa.aero](http://nifa.aero) for further details.

- Ó Ensure that information and procedures on how to volunteer are disseminated to members via The 99s website and official publications (Headquarters Dispatch and The 99s News Magazine) and that National SAFECON results are publicized, including recipients of the 99s Women's Achievement Award sponsored by The 99s.
- Ó At least annually alert members that any donations to NIFA should be made payable to and sent to 99s Headquarters, with the notation "99s Women's Achievement Award" on the check or donate online at [ninety-nines.org/donation.htm](http://ninety-nines.org/donation.htm)
- Ó The 99s sponsor the 99s Women's Achievement Award at NIFA, which is a competition for women who have outstanding records for the preceding year in aeronautics, community service, and scholastic standing. Cash awards and Amelia Earhart medals are given to the winners of this award.
- Ó Respond to questions from Chapters and Sections that are received by Headquarters.
- Ó Provide periodic reports on activities to the INT Board at Spring and Fall Meetings, as requested.
- Ó Submit an annual report to the International Secretary for the Conference Packet.



This association is made up of colleges who have aeronautical curriculums and flight training at their institutions. The United States is divided into nine regions. Each region holds a SAFECON (Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference) to determine the top three teams from that Region that will participate in Nationals. The regions are divided as follows:

**Region I** CO, ID, MT, NM, UT, WY

**Region III** MI, OH, PA, WV

**Region V** Dissolved

**Region VII** CT, DE, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT

**Region IX** AL, FL, GA

**Region II** AK, AZ, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA

**Region IV** AR, LA, MS, OK, TX

**Region VI** IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI

**Region VII** IL, IN, KY, TN

**Region X** DC, MD, NC, SC, VA

The Regional SAFECONs are held between October and February with the National SAFECON being held in May. The activities held at a SAFECON consist of a number of flying events and a number of ground events. Which events are held at a particular SAFECON are a function of the facilities and time available. The following is NIFA's description of the usual SAFECON events and awards.

**Landing Events:** The objective of the **Short-field Event** is to test the pilot's skill at maneuvering and manipulating the aircraft. After taking off and flying a normal traffic pattern, the objective is to land as close to, if not on, the target line. Once the pilot reduces the power, he or she cannot increase it again. The distance in feet from where the aircraft's wheels initially touch the runway to the target line is the pilot's score. The lowest cumulative score from the two landings, plus technique penalty points, if any, wins. The **Power Off Event** is similar to the Short-Field except that the power must be reduced and remain at idle on the downwind leg abeam the target line, preferably on the target line.

**\*JUDGES:** You line the runway at 5' intervals to raise your hand when you see any of the wheels touch the ground. The markings are 100' BEFORE the zero line and 200' past this line. The event judge determines the score. Card judges are watching each leg of the pattern and given a list of items that may incur penalties. Card judges can discuss the need for a penalty with other judges. All judging is done to "benefit" the pilot not find fault. Need for 20+ judges.

**Navigation:** The Navigation Event consists of a cross-country flight over a 3-to-5 leg course between 70 and 120 nautical miles. Each contestant submits a flight plan before takeoff, which includes estimated time en route for each leg, total elapsed time and fuel consumption. Contestant with the lowest penalty points wins.

**\*JUDGES:** Multiple judges are needed for this event. Judges check in each pilot and observer, collect cell phones and smart watches; observer is escorted to his/her plane while the pilot has 30 minutes to plan and a judge gives them their chart, planning sheet, and keeps time with a 5 minute warning; pilot is then escorted to the plane; judge inserts GPS monitor in plane and retrieves same; upon return the fuel judge watches refueling and notates the amount of fuel on their documentation; observer and pilot are escorted to quarantine room where another judge monitors quarantine until last flight from each school has landed.

**Message Drop:** The objective of the Message Drop Event is to hit a target on the ground with a message container dropped from an aircraft at 200 feet above the ground. A team effort by both the pilot and the drop master is necessary to maneuver the airplane so the two containers will hit their respective targets. The contestant whose container lands with the lowest total distance from the two targets is the winner.

**\*JUDGES:** Monitor altitude of flight and measure the distance landing of the message from the center point of the target.

**Ground Trainer:** This event is designed to test the competency and skill of the contestant's ability to fly under instrument flight rules (IFR) in a flight-training device. Flying a predetermined pattern, the competitor must show proficiency in maintaining altitude, heading and airspeed.

**\*JUDGES:** Setup computer and monitor flight. Computer records all necessary flying points earned.

**IFR Simulator Event:** Competitors are required to demonstrate instrument flight rules (IFR) proficiency and precision by flying a given route in a simulator. All aspects of cross-country IFR flight are included such as receiving clearances, holding patterns, instrument approach procedures and deviation to an alternate.

**\*JUDGES:** Setup computer and monitor flight. Computer records all flying points.

**Aircraft Recognition:** Slides of aircraft are shown on a screen for three seconds. Competitors then have fifteen seconds to identify the aircraft's manufacturer, model number, and common name, if any.

**\*JUDGES:** Assist in room setup, handing out test booklets, monitor contestants during test, and collect booklets at the end of 60 minutes.

**SCAN: The Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (SCAN):** Is a written exam with problems that reference a simulated cross-country flight over a given route. Included in the flight planning are questions on weight and balance, aircraft performance, FARs, aeronautical charts, weather interpretations, and fuel consumption. **\*JUDGES:** Assist in room setup, handing out test booklets, charts, answer sheets, pencils, and collect same at the end of the test. During the timed test, judges watch for raised hands and notate the time displayed on the clock on each contestants answer sheet along with their initials.

**Computer Accuracy (Manual E6B):** Contestants work against the clock to solve mathematical flight planning computations using a manually operated flight computer. The exam includes problems on time, speed, distance, wind corrections, fuel requirements and conversion factors.

**\*JUDGES:** Assist in room setup, handing out test booklets, charts, answer sheets, pencils, and collect same at the end of the test. During the timed test, judges watch for raised hands and notate the time displayed on the clock on each contestants answer sheet along with their initials.

**Preflight Inspection:** An aircraft is "bugged" with at least 30 unairworthy discrepancies. Contestants are given fifteen minutes to preflight the aircraft and find as many of the discrepancies as possible.

**\*JUDGES:** Monitor competitors and time during this event.



## 2023 Air Race Classic – Grand Forks ND to Homestead FL

by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa Chapter)

2,333 nautical miles in 4 days! It's the ultimate long cross-country flight with 100+ women pilots. Sharpen those daytime VFR flying skills. Challenge your team to fly its BEST long cross-country. See the U.S.A. as you fly north to south this year, with ARC airports in North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, and Florida.

I have flown every ARC since 2008 when my 'addiction' began when we launched out of Bozeman MT. That year, my copilot (Linda Moody, Eastern New England Chapter) and I didn't meet until we arrived in Bozeman and didn't fly together until race start morning (Tue 8 am) as we launched out of BZN. We were both rookie racers with a commitment to have fun and make it to the Terminus in Mansfield MA by the race deadline (Fri 5 pm). We succeeded. We weren't in the Top 10 and didn't win any Leg Prizes, but we were now in the lineage of women pilots tracing their roots to the first Women's Air Derby back in 1929.

Since that first race, I've introduced more rookies to the Air Race Classic flying my '78 Cessna Cardinal and flown with a few more than once. Thanks to ARC (and some other adventures), I've landed in 47 of the Lower 48 States. Unfortunately, this year's ARC route won't get me that last state...

This year, Cheryl Daml (Minnesota Chapter) will take the right seat in my Cardinal. She may be a 'rookie racer' flying her first ARC, but I expect to learn quite a lot from this seasoned CFII. She has also volunteered at a few ARC stops as Stop Chair and Head Timer. So she knows the 'game' and will see it from altitude this year. Together, we are Classic Racer #7, the *MN-IA Maniacs* (aka the *Minn-Iowa Maniacs*).

We hope to see some other NCS racers in the field this year. If you're not racing but interested in learning more about the race, consider helping at a race stop this year or in the future. The Iowa 99s will be helping at Ottumwa IA (OTM), and we'll welcome volunteers there. I'm sure that the Minnesota 99s will be looking for volunteers to help at Mankato MN (MKT). Or pick another stop on the route, if you like to travel. Volunteers do all kinds of things at the stops – handing out cold water to racers when they land, helping in the FBO with hospitality, transporting to hotels, timing the flybys, and more.

If you want to learn more about the Air Race Classic, feel free to contact me ([m.gardinier@gmail.com](mailto:m.gardinier@gmail.com)).



**SEE THE 2023  
RACE ROUTE  
NEXT PAGE**

- Team photo – Classic Racer #7, MN-IA Maniacs (Gardinier, Daml)

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

The Ninety Nines, Inc.

## WAYPOINT



MAIL TO:

**Return Address:**

NCS 99s c/o Kathy Lester-Ross  
2031 N. Beaumont Ave.  
Kansasville, WI 53139

<http://www.NCS99s.org>

[info@NCS99s.org](mailto:info@NCS99s.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/473756616008836/>

Start: Grand Forks ND  
Terminus: Homestead FL

NCS stops: Mankato MN, Ottumwa, IA  
2358 nautical miles

