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Waypoint

Let's go Fly!

It was wonderful to see so many North Central Section members attending in person at the Spring Section meeting held in Clarksville, Indiana! The Kentucky Bluegrass chapter did an outstanding job of planning a fun filled weekend for us to enjoy! We had 43 NCS members attend the business meeting in person and 12 present on zoom. We also had 13 of 14 chapters represented! Thank you all for your participation!

I am looking forward to many upcoming summer activities! I am already seeing Facebook pictures from the air, flyout meetings, pancake breakfasts, and Girl Scout events. Air Race Classic is just around the corner with two stops in the North Central Section, EAA AirVenture & International Forest of Friendship are all in our 'back yard'. Let's hope for great flying weather so we can get some quality time in the sky!

I am happy to announce that two of our 99s sisters have stepped up to fill committee chair vacancies! Patti Sandusky agreed to the airmarking chair position and Madeleine Monaco agreed to the Aviation Education chair position. Thank you, Patti and Madeleine!

We still have a vacancy for public relations chair. If you have an interest in this position, or have questions about it, please contact me or any of the board members.

I am holding off on the prior NIFA vacancy until we learn more from International on what is needed as they develop the new 99s Women's Collegiate Achievement Award. More to come on that later.



As always, **please be aware of and on the lookout for scammers!** An email was recently received supposedly from me trying to get gift cards and stating that they would be reimbursed!! Rest assured our Treasurer & Secretary did not fall for that and notified the board.

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OFFICERS
CHAPTER CHAIRS
COMMITTEE CHAIRS
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SECTION MEETING HOST CHAPTERS

For those planning to attend the International 99s conference in Jordan this October. There will be an informational webinar "Planning Ahead for Your Adventure in Jordan" on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 pm CDT (8:00 EDT). Register at <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm>

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Section meeting in Dublin, OH hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter in September! The registration documents and information are included in this Waypoint. Once again for your convenience, the option to register online and pay via Venmo or Zelle is an option. If you prefer, USPS and checks are still good 😊

We would love to see you all in person, but if that is not possible for any reason, NCS will again provide Zoom for the business meeting only. Registration for the business meeting on zoom will be sent separately via email.

Have a great summer and fly safely.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McGee,

NCS Governor



CALENDAR

DEADLINE DATES	
15-Jul-23	International Forest of Friendship Applications due
31-Jul-23	PPLI Fall Applications due
Sept. 1, 2023	Waypoint News due from Chapters
Sept. 30, 2023	NCS Committee Chair Reports due to Section
Oct. 1, 2023	AESMF First Wings Fall Applications due to Chapter
Oct. 31, 2023	NCS Intent to Seek Election forms due
Dec. 1, 2023	Waypoint News due from Chapters
Dec. 31, 2023	International 99s Intent to Seek Election forms due
EVENTS	
July 24-30, 2023	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI
Aug. 25-26, 2023	International Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City
Sept. 15-16, 2023	International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, KS
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2023	NCS Fall Meeting, Dublin OH Scioto Valley Chapter Hosts
Oct. 27 – Nov. 2, 2023	International 99s Conference, Jordan

Updates and corrections go to Vice Governor Sue Glisson



The Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship

In 2023 two scholarships have been awarded to members of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. This scholarship is managed by the Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, and funded by generous donations from 99 Gina Santori in her husband's memory.

A \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to

Mandi Neuman

of the Wisconsin Chapter for completing her Commercial and Multi-Engine training.



A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to

Megan McArthur

of the Chicago Area Chapter to complete her Instrument Rating.



The Santori Scholarship Committee Cynthia Madsen, Donna Klein and Sue Glisson congratulates the winners and thanks The Santori Foundation for its generous support.

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 1st 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. The SPRING 2023 issue was 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 copy 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

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.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of **June 20, 2023**, the North Central Section membership is **814**



Why have we lost 14 members since our last Waypoint? What could we have done or do in the future to keep these ladies as sister 99s?

What ways can we reach out and share with our sister aviatrix just how important they are to us as sisters in the sky, as role models to help others achieve their aviation dreams, as members of the only international organization for women pilots?

Let's keep our goals to both retain and increase our membership, now and in the future and support each other along the way. Do keep up the efforts to our goal of **850** before the next section meeting and 10, 000 99s by our 100th Anniversary in 2029!

How can we continue to grow and retain members? Look at the stats for your chapter and analyze who is 'current' or not! Determine how long members have been active and try to assess why they do or do not continue to be a 99. What can we learn from those we lose?

As an example, of the **814** members, **14** are on hold and **6** are on standby. Why have **20** members not renewed? What were they searching for when they joined our organization? What can we do better to keep these ladies as our sisters in the skies?

Membership is our future.

Let's build it, one female aviator at a time.

Each One Reach One Teach One
+ Repeat

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

AE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

This past spring has been exciting for the North Central Section's scholarship applicants! The spring First Wings winner is Evie Sapp, of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. In addition, we had several AE Scholarship winners: Macy Arbuckle, Iowa Chapter (instrument), Mandi Neumann, Wisconsin Chapter (commercial), and Olivia Parmenter, Kentucky Bluegrass (academic). We wish them well as they continue moving forward with their aviation goals!

A big THANK YOU to our scholarship committee members, who took time out of their busy lives to look applications over and be an "extra set of eyes" to help pick up on things that needed to be edited. Those members were Leyre Kennedy, Ellen Herring, and Morgan Duling. If you are interested in joining our team, please let me know. It is a great way to give back, it's a short-term commitment, and it lets you see how the application process works.

Thinking of applying for a scholarship? The AEMSFS Trustees suggest that all applicants and their chairwomen review and be familiar with the '[Tips for A High Scoring Application](#)' webinar from Nov 2020 on The 99s International website under Resources > Webinars as well as these [tips and application advice](#) to help them put forth their best effort.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Laurie Probst
NCS
Amelia Earhart Scholarship
Committee Chair

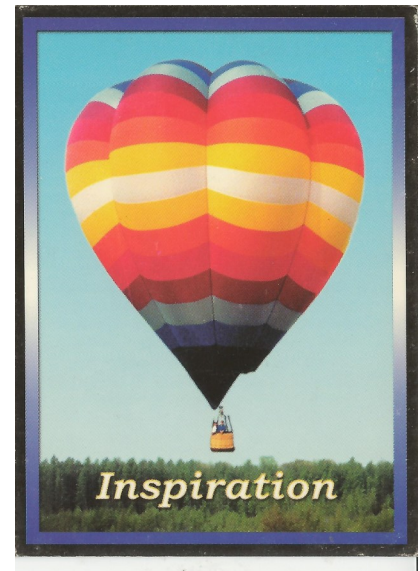


SHOW US YOUR AIR PLANE CRAFT

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

Why? 'cause we love flying

This beauty belongs to
Kathy Lester-Ross and her 49 1/2 David



GIRLS WHO SOAR

A GOLD AWARD PROJECT

Hi! I'm Pepper, and I'm Girl Scout Ambassador and Private Pilot!

Did you know only 9% of pilots in the world are women?
Back in the 1950s, Girl Scouts could become Wing Scouts, and could earn their pilot's license!

Unfortunately, the regulations today do not allow Girl Scout Troops to take flights in a small aircraft or handle the controls. Please consider signing this petition and encourage GSUSA to lift the restrictions! Girl Scouts can do anything!



Support the
Cause!

<https://chnng.it/YqNxFsYd>

Visit My Website!

<https://girlswwhoar.com/>



Contact:
@girlswwhoar_
girlswwhoar@gmail.com
(239)-898-0540

BADGE ORDER FORM



BADGE ORDERED FOR ___99 ___49 1/2 ___ FRIEND OF 99
FULL NAME TO APPEAR ON BADGE

STATE WHERE CHAPTER IS BASED _____

PIN BACK _____ \$22 MAGNET BACK _____ \$25

NAME OF YOUR CHAPTER _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$22 PIN BACK BADGE OR
 \$25 MAGNET BACK

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S

MAIL PAYMENT TO:

Linda Uznys
address & phone contact info
in the 99s Directory
luznys855@gmail.com

EMAIL

OR MAKE PAYMENT VIA ZELLE:

using 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com

Allow three weeks for delivery

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill the North Central Section Officer positions and members of the Nominating Committee for the term beginning in the Spring 2024. The following positions are up for election:

Governor

Vice Governor

Secretary

Treasurer

Directors (2)

Nominating Committee

Members (5)

Please consider running for one of the upcoming positions, or nominate a fellow Ninety-Nine. Your involvement in the Section benefits all of us. As we become involved, we learn the operating procedures of the 99s and make new friends and mentors in the process.

If you decide to run for one of the positions, please review the Intent to Seek Election form found here, and submit it to Patti Sandusky by October 31, 2023. Contact information for Patti is contained on the Intent to Seek Election form.

Cheryl Daml, Chair

If you are active and engaged, it's 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.



North Central Section
Ninety-Nines
International Organization of Women Pilots, Inc.



Intent to Seek Election

Deadline: All materials must be submitted by October 31, 2023.

Candidates must be a Current Member of the 99s in good standing and have held membership for two (2) consecutive years.

Office sought:

Name:	Chapter:
Address:	Phone:
	Email:
99s member since:	Ratings and certificate:

Service to 99s: (Please describe any past activities as an officer and/or committee member at Chapter, Section, and/or International level. Use an additional page if necessary.)

# Section meetings attended last 5 years:	# International meetings attended last 5 years:
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Specific training and/or experience related to office sought:

Endorsement by own Chapter or two other Chapters in Section:

Chapter:	Date:	Signature:
Chapter:	Date:	Signature:
Candidate:	Date:	Signature:

The North Central Section must elect a Governor, a Vice Governor, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two (2) Directors, and five (5) Nominating Committee Members. These individuals will serve May 1, 2024 until April 30, 2026. We encourage our members to give their service to the 99s. Giving back to the organization, sharing the workload, and sharing your ideas are important ways to strengthen the 99s.

Please complete and return this Intent to Seek Election Form by October 31, 2023 with a 100-word personal résumé.

Only the résumé will be printed in the 2023/2024 (Winter) issue of Waypoint and posted on the NCS web site. Ballots will be sent in January 2024.

Email (or mail paper copies) to: Patti Sandusky
12661 Gowan Avenue NW
Maple Lake, MN 55358-6110
Cell: (612) 308-4291
Email: pilotpatti@hotmail.com

Thank you! Remember, our organization's success depends on committed leadership! We need you!

NEW HORIZONS: **Tribute to Sandy Denton, Michigan Chapter 99s**

When Sandy and Bob Denton were tragically killed in an airplane accident on April 26, 2023 on their way to the North Central Section Meeting, we lost the heart and soul of our Michigan Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

Sandy Denton served for 4 1/2 years as chairman of the Michigan Chapter (2018 – 2022). She also served four years as Treasurer and Membership Chair. Sandy is the reason we have a Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines!

As a new Ninety-Nine, Sandy and husband, Bob, attended the 2018 North Central Section Meeting in 2018 at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Many of our chapter members thought this would be the last gathering of the Michigan Chapter. But Sandy started asking questions of the Section officers and other chapter chairs, and she took on the job of not only reviving the membership but of helping it thrive and grow. When Sandy led a meeting, she infused the entire group with energy. With Sandy as our leader, we all started believing that we could do whatever it was that we decided to do.

Sandy scheduled meetings at different airports, always making sure that there were good things to eat wherever we met. When the pandemic hit in 2020, Sandy subscribed to Zoom and gathered us each month to share our stories and to cheer on the new members who were working on written tests and getting ready for check rides. She established a trophy for the member with the newest new rating! She invited authors to join in our Zoom meetings to discuss their books that we had read as a part of our chapter book club.

One of our chapter members wrote of Sandy: “She amazed me with how she included all age groups in planning all her new chapter ideas and activities!” Another chapter member wrote: “Sandy spent countless hours arranging events and making things happen!” “Sandy made it her duty to become acquainted with the chapter from beginning to the end. She worked hard to give credit where credit was due. She made it her business to find out the history of the chapter. She was a real asset to the organization.”

Another chapter member commented: “Sandy made sure everyone was included at meetings and activities, and cheered others on as they chased their endeavors. She was all about making sure members were aware of scholarships and that opportunities were out there.”

Another member wrote: “Whenever someone joined the chapter, Sandy sent a welcome packet with helpful scholarship information and tips, Ninety-Nines goodies, and a directory of our chapter members. Sandy was an exemplary Ninety-Nine simply because she truly cared for the well-being of each member at an individual level. As a result, our chapter thrived.”

It is with broken hearts, filled with gratitude to our leader, mentor and former chapter chairman that we remember Sandy Denton, who, with the steadfast support of her 49-1/2, Bob Denton, our chapter members experienced new friendships and made lifelong memories. We are grateful for her and will miss her deeply. We pledge to find ways to honor the spirit that Sandy and Bob Denton gave us.

The Members of the Michigan Chapter Ninety-Nines





FALL 2023 MEETING

Join us for the

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

FALL 2023 MEETING



September 29– October 1

DUBLIN, OHIO



Hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter 99s

A weekend of camaraderie, education, fun, friendship and conducting the business of the 99s—the International Organization of Women Pilots—supporting women in aviation since 1929.



If coming by air:



Fly commercially into the John Glenn International Airport (CMH)

or fly yourself into The Ohio State University Airport (OSU).



Whichever, we'll pick you up!

OUR WEEKEND SPEAKERS

LUNCH SPEAKER: Instructor of American Sign Language at The Ohio State University, **Jenny Hurst** is also a pilot and 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?



KEYNOTE BANQUET ADDRESS: Within 2 minutes of departure from KOSU, **Christine Mortine** (DPE, CFI-I, MEI, Tailwheel) 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 to landing in a canopy of trees. She describes the decision-making process and talks candidly about the aftermath of a traumatic event.





NCS 2023 FALL SECTION MEETING

September 29 -October 1 Hosted by the **Scioto Valley Chapter**

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Chapter: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

****Book hotel room on your own by Sept 7**, Embassy Suites Dublin, 800-220-9219. Refer to North Central Fall Section Meeting code CF2. Room rate is \$132 and includes hot breakfast buffet, evening snacks and 2 drinks. Or reserve online at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ncentralfallsection-cf2/>

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

First-time attendee ____ New 99 (less than 1yr) ____ Student pilot ____ Intl President ____ Past Intl President ____

Governor ____ Past Governor ____ NCS officer* ____ NCS Comm Chr* ____ Intl Rep ____ Intl Comm Chr* ____

*Specify _____

FULL REGISTRATION includes hospitality, Friday evening meet & greet, Saturday lunch/speaker, Saturday tour, banquet.

99, friend, guest, and/or 49 1/2 (by Sept. 7) ____ @ \$130 each

LATE registration (after Sept. 7) ____ @ \$140 each

Sales table (chapter) ____ @ \$10

Champaign Aviation Museum (Fri) ____ @ \$20 (MIN 10 OR REFUNDED) Depart: ____ @12:30 ____ @2:00

A LA CARTE

Sales table (guest/vendor) ____ @ \$25

Hospitality ____ @ \$10

Friday meet/greet ____ @ \$20

Saturday lunch/speaker ____ @ \$31

Saturday tour ____ @ \$10

Saturday banquet ____ @ \$47

BANQUET SELECTIONS:

____ @ chicken

____ @ fish

____ @ vegetarian

special dietary needs:

TOTAL \$ _____ Payment by: ____ Check ____ Zelle ____ Venmo
Venmo - @Mary-Biller-1 Zelle - sv99chapter@gmail.com

REGISTRATION Deadline: September 7, 2023. Checks payable to: Scioto Valley 99s mail check and form to:

Jann Bowne: 8111 Linden Leaf Cir, Columbus OH 43235 Questions: Mary Biller mbiller@gmail.com 614-946-3029

ARRIVALS: Need transportation to Embassy. Commercial KCMH Date: _____ ETA _____

Airline _____ Flight # _____

GA: KOSU Date: _____ ETA _____ A/C N number _____



TO REGISTER ONLINE: go to this secure site: <https://form.jotform.com/231498855836170>

North Central Section 99s Fall Meeting Schedule

September 29 – October 1, 2023

Friday, September 29

10:00 – 5:00	Registration
10:00 – 5:00	Hospitality Room open
12:30 – 4:00	Tour of Champaign Aviation Museum Group 1
1:00 – 5:00	Fly Market open
2:00 – 5:30	Tour of Champaign Aviation Museum Group 2
4:00 – 5:30	Board Meeting open to all 99s attending in person
5:30 – 6:30	Meet 'n Greet with light hors d'oeuvres.
6:30 –	Dinner on your own at the hotel or in Bridge Park
9:00 – 11:00	Hospitality Room open

Saturday, September 30

7:00 – 9:00	Registration
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast -included for hotel guests
7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast meeting, chapter chair, treasurer, etc
9:00 – 11:30	Annual meeting
9:00 – 11:30	Tour of Vets Memorial for guests
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch with Speaker
1:00 – 5:00	Hospitality Room open
1:00 – 5:00	Fly Market open
1:30 – 4:00	Tour of Old Tower at CMH, with presentations
5:30 – 6:30	Cocktail hour -drinks/snacks incl. for hotel guests
6:30 – 8:30	Banquet
7:30 – 8:30	Keynote speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Silent auction winners pick up items.
8:30 – 11:00	Hospitality Room open

Sunday, October 1

7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast (included for hotel guests)
8:00 – 10:00	Hospitality Room open
8:00 – 12:00	Transportation to airports

Historic Downtown Dublin and Bridge Park Restaurants

Friday evening dinner is on your own.

Here are some great ideas!

Reservations are recommended.

ITALIAN

Z Cucina di Spirito (from scratch Italian food)
(614) 916-9200

Mezzo (modern Italian w classic dishes)
(614) 889-6100

Tucci's (Steak, seafood, pasta & wine)
(614) 792-3466

SEAFOOD AND ASIAN

J Liu of Dublin (both Asian & Italian-tinged fare)
(614) 718-1818

The Pearl (seasonal seafood, unique shareables)
(614) 695-6255

Song Lan Restaurant (Sushi kitchen and bar)
(614) 389-2736

MEXICAN AND SPANISH

Vaso (rooftop of AC Hotel by Marriott;
panoramic view with Spanish small plates)
Online reservations only.

Condado Tacos (614) 389-0097

Local Cantina (614) 389-1684

AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN

The Avenue (steakhouse) (614) 591-9000
Cap City Fine Diner (American diner)
(614) 889-7865

Dublin Village Tavern (Irish-inspired menu)
(614) 766-6250

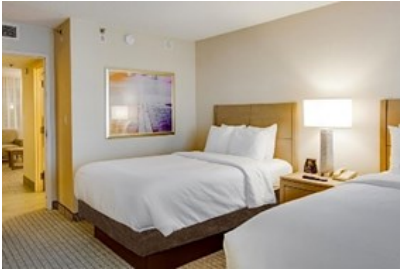
Fado Pub and Kitchen (European)
(614) 408-1500

Kitchen Social (varied Am) (614) 763-1770
Oscars (Am w international accents)
(614) 792-3424

Urban Meyer's Pint House (614) 389-7856
Valentina's (opening spring 2023)



North Central Section Fall 2023 Meeting, hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter



Your hotel is the Embassy Suites Dublin, within walking distance of historic downtown Dublin and the new Bridge Park. Embassy Suites offers a completely renovated space with double-bed suites, free breakfast, and free evening cocktail snacks with drinks. Rooms for our group are \$132, but you must make your **reservation by September 7** to get that rate. Make reservations by calling 800-220-9219; refer to **North Central Fall Section Meeting code CF2**. To reserve online, go to <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ncentralfallsection-cf2/>.



The Champaign Aviation Museum, at Urbana Airport, has become a center of excellence in the restoration of B-17s. Our tour will be in two groups, one leaving at 12:30 and arriving back at 4:00, and the second leaving at 2:00 and arriving back at 5:30. We must have at least 10 in each group; you will receive a refund if your group is canceled.



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, including the start and finish of Jerrie Mock's around-the-world solo in her single-engine Cessna. We'll have a chance to tour the old terminal and absorb some of CMH's history, and at the same time expand our knowledge of Ohio's exceptional aviatrixes.



INAUGURAL TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT WESTBOUND AT COLUMBUS, 1929



The main focus of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum is on the personal stories of U.S. veterans. Visitors can walk on a grassy area on the roof to view the Columbus skyline and visit the outdoor memorial grove and reflecting pool. Ninety-Nines' guests can visit the museum during our business meeting. Entrance fee is free for veterans, \$16 for seniors, \$18 for adults.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER SUMMER REPORT

By Yanina Belazorava

Chicago Executive Airport Spotlight

Our Chapter Chair Madeleine Monaco was recognized in April by the Chicago Executive Airport 'Airport Spotlight' award. The program recognizes people who soar above the ordinary in their work or enjoyment of the airport. Madeleine Monaco is a long-time flight instructor on the airfield as well as an advocate and goodwill ambassador for general aviation. As a volunteer, she tirelessly "knocks on doors" to raise funds for aviation scholarships. And as a leader, she drives participation in the annual Aviation Expo in support of free WINGS seminars for pilots and their flying companions. She is also a founding member of the Chicago Executive Pilots Association, and has served as president, board member and scholarship chair.

Girls' Aviation Day

On May 20, 2023 our chapter held an outstanding Girls in Aviation Day at Lewis University.

5 99s friends and family came to help out.

5 Lewis University student volunteers assisted by presenting 2 of the sessions 6 different group sessions, and a Career Panel were presented.

3 airplanes were used to teach preflight inspections to all 117 girls.

117 girls between 8 and 17 years of age, were educated along with 55 parents and Scout Leaders, from 2 Girl Scout Councils: Northern Illinois and Chicago-Northwest Indiana.

1 American Airlines MD80 was the world's largest show and tell item, and photo backdrop.

This outstanding event was prepared, staffed, produced and presented by Jill Feldman, Megan McArthur, and Ellen O'Hara. These women deserve all of the applause and congratulations we can give them. They gave 110 %. Thank you to Jill, Megan and Ellen and all of those who made this possible. Great teamwork!!!!



Member Updates

Our **Emily M** has accepted a job offer at Mokulele Airlines. We are very excited for her! Congratulations! She has also won the North Central Section Spinning Prop Award!

Megan M has won an IHartFlying Scholarship and the Santori Scholarship!

Hannah W has started officially training in Navy aircraft in Pensacola, FL.

New Horizons.

On March 7, 2023 at the age of 92 a 49 ½ and Navy and Marine Corps veteran John "Rock" Rockcastle flew to new horizons. Besides his involvement with the 99s organization, "Rock" was a long time volunteer with the FFAST team, Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Recipient, National CFI of the Year Award Recipient, Gold Seal Flight Instructor, ATP Pilot, record holder of Wings Phases and a holder of many more honorable awards. He will be dearly missed by his wife-our former Chapter Chair Ruth Rockcastle, and we are deeply sorry for her loss.

Report for Summer Waypoint

INDIANA DUNES

Exciting member news, Christina Churley had her first solo in March. Ashley Cosme was crowned Mrs. Indiana-American 2023 with her focus on empowering the next generation of Girls in STEM.



New member and future pilot, Ashely Cosme, Mrs. Indiana-American 2023



Christina Churley – First solo happy Dance.

The following weekend consisted of a vendor booth at the airshow in Elkhart. The airshow was a salute to veterans and women in aviation.



**Elkhart Airshow
Salute to Veterans**



MARCH MEETING

Tricia DeBlock, Reporter

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER NEWS

The Kentucky Bluegrass chapter hosted the North Central Section Spring 2023 conference in Clarksville, IN just across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY, April 28-30. The theme was the "Call to the Post in Kentuckiana" where 99s would enjoy a Kentucky Derby flare. The blustery, rainy spring time weather interfered with the general aviation intentions of at least half of the planes, so the resourceful 99s members loaded up their cars and followed plan B on the Interstate.

Upon arrival we were saddened to learn of the tragic fatal aircraft accident of Michigan 99s member Sandy Denton and her husband Bob while flying from Florida to the NCS. Sandy had pumped life into the Michigan chapter in recent years and is sorely missed. We were happy to have 58 NCS members, 6 other section members and 15 guests in attendance.

Friday evening opened with a social event attended by 76 total 99s and guests at the Derby Dinner Playhouse for a performance of Margaritaville. We got an honorable introduction to the audience of being members of the "International Women Pirate's Association" which brought a roaring response from the audience. Then the announcer corrected himself and gave us due credit for our piloting status. Before the night was over we were all singing to our favorite Jimmy Buffet songs and a few were looking for their "lost shaker of salt" after a few featured beverages.

Saturday took on the standard footprint of breakfast roundtable special interest groups followed by the business meeting. A moment of silence was recognized for the passing of 99s and loved ones and especially Sandy and Bob. A nice tribute was made to the couple by International vice-president, Minnetta Gardinier. Chapter chair reports were full of interesting activities for the past year and Chicago Area's chair Madeleine Monaco led her report in rhyme. Janet Patton reported on the recent Spring International Board meeting in Oklahoma City. Business was concluded right on schedule so that the afternoon tours would begin on time after lunch.

Attendees crossed the Ohio River into Louisville and had the choice of touring the Stitzel-Weller Distillery or the Louisville Slugger Museum. Everyone gathered on their way back to the hotel at the recently unveiled Rosie the Riveter statue to hear 99s member and real-life daughter of Rosie, Vickie Croston, Houston chapter, tell of her mother's relevance to the World War II war efforts. Rosie had lived in the area and actually earned her private certificate after the war. The statute is so unique, shaped like a giant picture frame and a great place for a group photo and many chapter and special group combinations.



At the evening banquet attendees were encouraged to arrive in their personally decorated, aviation themed Kentucky derby hat. There were many lovely creations, a tough job for Janet Patton to judge, but the top honor went to Kentucky Bluegrass member Beth King for an incredible depiction of the infield at Churchill Downs, Runway 24 at Bowman Field, horses and an airplane on the top that rotated due to the installation of a clock motor attached to the second hand.

The Winning Hat!



We were pleased to have Florida Goldcoast , member Myra Bugbee enlighten us about the “Let’s Fly Now” program to take females of flying age on their first airplane ride.



The Hospitality Room had been popular all weekend with sales and an author’s table featuring Kentucky Bluegrass member, Lauren Settles autographing her children’s book, “Could I Be a Pilot” Evie’s journey to becoming a pilot. There was no shortage of Bourbon balls, hummingbird cupcakes and “Lily’s” the signature drink for the running of the fillies horse race. It was nice to see our NCS meeting numbers grow again.

Our Clarksville hotel—a lovely setting!

In May we met at the Breckinridge County airport to meet the Breckinridge County High School students aviation club members. The new club is primarily freshmen students and is fortunate to have a teacher with a private certificate and a very involved retired airline pilot mentoring them. The airport has a nice flight simulator that the kids can use and they are seeking funding for the students to get started in their flight training. Three local pilots took every single aviation club member and their parents up for a short ride to introduce them to the possibilities that await them. They were glad to hear that there was a shortage of pilots and their futures were bright.

**submitted by Terri Donner,
KY Bluegrass Chapter**

Section Attendance Numbers:

58 North Central 99s were registered for at least some part of the NCS. We had one 93 year old KY 99s member who donated 5 free full registrations to be awarded to members in need of a helping hand. We awarded 3 full registrations and split up the rest in order that several student pilots could attend Friday night social, (they had prom on Saturday) or Saturday lunch or banquet meals.

There were 15 Guests in attendance.

There were 76 tickets sold for the Friday night social, Margaritaville at Derby Dinner.

Breakfast and Lunch were about 65

There were 43 NCS and 3 non-NCS that signed in for the Business meeting in person

There were 14 in Zoom attendance

There were 79 at the Banquet, this included 3 local Girl Scout Council executives who are actively trying to change the GS policy to allow scouts to take an airplane flight

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER SUMMER REPORT Chairman's Goals:

My goals for the organization in this first year of my term were **to increase productive piloting time for our members**, while **promoting women's aviation** in general. These goals required an intentionally multipronged approach.

First, to provide a **supportive and reassuring environment** where members could share stories, learn from other members, and get real encouragement and recognition/congratulations from other members for working toward and achieving new ratings and milestones. This was done through **mutually reinforcing venues of Chapter meetings, website and newsletters**, which are circulated to all members, and did not require in-person participation (i.e., extensive use of ZOOM). Another important part of this is to **build the number of female CFI/CFIs in the Chapter**. This was inspired after I had a phone conversation with Robin Hadfield, President of the 99s, who provided her insight that one of the biggest facilitators to have women learn to fly is to have a female CFI/I. When that female CFI/I is in the chapter, it opens doors to more convenient flying with a genuinely supportive instructor who understands women's issues learning to fly, and they literally "take off."

Second, to **lessen financial barriers to members' productive flying** (specifically for time toward achieving or maintaining a rating, with a CFI/I). We increased the potential total for **the Bernice Barris Scholarship**. Since entry qualifications for that scholarship are relatively stringent, I added **the LE99s FLAP initiative** that has low entry requirements but must be used for a productive (i.e., time toward achieving or maintaining a rating, with a CFI/I). The LE99s are also grateful for having access to the **Richard Santori scholarship of the NCS**. Our board works toward helping members advance sufficiently to qualify and compete for these scholarships.

Third, to **promote women entering aviation and making the important, supportive connection to the Ninety-Nines**. The strategic plan in this area was accomplished by hosting **five Lake Erie 99s promotional tables at multiple aviation venues** where women and girls could meet and chat with our members, receive informational brochures about the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and local flight instruction resources, and at one event have **introductory flights (provided to 17 prospective pilots under the auspices of EAA)** by our members. During the events, we provided links to our organization and the Ninety-Nines Inc., planting seeds of inspiration and connections to learn more about women's aviation opportunities and apply for membership. We also **developed connections with Kent State University College of Aeronautics and Engineering** to help support their female aviation students. This new relationship has already provided us with 2 new members and resulted in one female KSU student winning a lesson with Patty Wagstaff. Our relationship with Women In Aviation Cleveland resulted in both organizations being able to better afford a booth at the Cleveland National Airshow in 2023, the first time in years that the Lake Erie 99s have been at this important large scale venue.

Year's Highlights:

Pilot of the Year banquet with guest speaker Patty Wagstaff Funded by Chapter, and Patty's donated time.

14 aviation milestones were achieved by our 30 members: 1 first solo flight, 1 Private pilot, 1 instrument rating, 1 Commercial Pilot, 1 CFII, 0 Multiengine, 1 Airline Pilot, 1 Ground school certificates, 1 unusual attitude training and 6 passed FAA written tests.

5 Lake Erie 99s promotional tables/booths at local aviation events, estimated impact: ~700 people. Originated and conducted the 2022 **"Fly and Dine TOURnament"** a summer-long event to promote community pilots' flying and local airport restaurants. Plan to repeat the event in 2023.

Sponsored monthly **fly-ins for our members** to encourage flight time.

Accomplished Chapter Branding, with LE99s classic logo, approved by National 99s.

Produced promotional Lake Erie 99s items for sale and member use, including clothing, pens and mugs

Created a successful fundraising website chiefly for member use, donations and websales, funded by a donation. Estimated impact: ~100 views, 5 total days of sales. (Website went down in April 2023 due to bugs and the webhost not able to add new members or make the "Members Only" page secure for members. May re-establish service if the above problems can be resolved by webhost.)

Membership: our Chapter held steady all year at about 30 members, with some turnover. We gained new members through personal contacts by former chair **Lori Manthey**, promotional events, and the relationships built by **Lee Ann Baggott** with Kent State. **Lee Ann** encourages members via the meetings, newsletter, and personal contacts to make our chapter and its meeting places where members feel comfortable, celebrated, and supported in their flight efforts. **Lee Ann** likes to ask new members, "how can the Lake Erie 99s help your flying and help you reach your goals in aviation

Michigan Chapter 99s

Linda Langrill, Chairman

Words can hardly describe our sorrow and pain in the loss of our Michigan Chapter Treasurer, Membership Chair, and former Chapter Chairman, Sandy Denton. Sandy and her husband, Bob, were killed in an airplane crash on April 26, 2023 near Athens, GA, on their way to Clarksville IN for the North Central Section Meeting. We are still in disbelief and struggling to find ways to honor the spirit that Sandy and Bob gave us.

Suzette Biela earned her Certified Flight Instructor Rating on May 20, 2023. Congratulations, Suzette! **Willow MacLaughlin** passed her Commercial Knowledge Test. **MonaLisa MacLaughlin** starts pilot training with Envoy the end of May. **Frances Rose** earned her MBA from Northwood University. Lilliana Alvarado graduates from Western Michigan University's College of Aviation. **Brenda Weilmann** and Brian Reisig were married on May 20, 2023. Congratulations!

Our March meeting via Zoom featured Morgan Duling, chapter scholarship chair, who shared the story of how she became a pilot and now is a flight instructor. In April, Abigail Smeltzer, airline pilot, told her journey of becoming a United Airlines First Officer.

In April, Sandy Denton attended the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo at Lakeland, FL, where she set up a table to sell the lovely 99s necklaces she had made in a limited edition as a fundraiser for the chapter. She was visited by Rebecca Duggan during the event.

Linda Langrill and Sarah Haskett attended the Spring Section meeting at Clarksville, IN the end of April. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter 99s. We especially appreciated the love and wonderful memories that were shared by those who knew Sandy and Bob Denton. Thanks to Deb McGee and Minnetta Gardinier for the table photos of Sandy and Bob, the collage of Sandy with Her 99s, and the beautiful flowers displayed next to the photos.

We gathered on May 2, 2023 via Zoom to share memories of Sandy and Bob. We appreciated having Deb McGee, North Central Section Chairman, Minnetta Gardinier, International 99s Vice Chairman, Margaret Wint, North Central Section Director, and Janet Patton, International 99s Director, with us that evening.

On Saturday, May 13, 2023 we met Mona Knock and guests from the Chicago 99s at West Michigan Regional Airport (KBIV) in Holland and attended the Tulip Time festival. Although it rained, a good time was had by all!



W I S C O N S I N

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Wisconsin Chapter News

RATINGS, MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

have taken the front page of our members' activities the past three months. Special congratulations to Sarah M. who accepted an appointment to the US Air Force Academy. Classes start in June and her dream is to become an Air Force pilot. Olivia G. is now a Private Pilot and sharing more airspace with her sister 99s. Christina K. passed her PPL. [Her 1st Young Eagle passenger now a student pilot.] Maddie E. now flies as a Private Pilot and aced her 1st 2 semesters at Purdue. She is the WI Chapter's first AEMSF 'First Wings' winner. Crystal S. was awarded a Fall 2023 'First Wings' scholarship. Dana M. and Mandi N. were awarded WI Chapter New Horizons scholarships. Nancy B. topped 500 hours in her short 3 years as a pilot. Astrid M. completed both her commercial single and multi-engine ratings. Joan P. is routinely back in the air [post crash landing] with Instr. Jim S. and has already conquered challenges like landing at MKE. 12 members facilitated sessions at the EAA's 'Girls on the Fly' event in late April. Mandi N. passed her IFR and was awarded both a NCS Santori & AEMSF scholarship. Ken Kulesha was named NCS 49 ½ for 2023.

CONGRATS to all!

They've held tight to their aviation dreams & conquered their challenges!

Our March meeting was held at JetOUT, located at Milwaukee's Mitchell Field. This 4 year old company shared it's capabilities as a busy corporate jet flight department, wherein customers can also purchase a share of their fleet of Daher TBM 940s and 960s, the world's fastest pressurized single-engine turboprops, and Citation CJ4 Gen 2's. Our largest attended meeting to date, this was unique and appreciated by 99s, 49 1/2s and 3 young lady guests interested in aviation and The 99s.

Milwaukee FSDO's Jurg Grossenbacher presented a WINGS credit program, centered around 'Complacency in General Aviation' at our April meeting at the EAA Hangar at West Bend [KETB]. His specific comments related to female pilots added a special meaning to his presentation.

Sarah Snell presented her many achievements in helicopter medical and evacuation flights, as well as bush flying in Alaska and dropping anti-poaching officers in Africa, at our May meeting at KISW – WI Rapids. Her takeaways included: pay it forward, aviation careers have many paths, volunteer, adapt to how aviation is changing and the related technological advancements.

The highlight for WI 99s who attended the Spring NCS meeting, was honoring Ken Kulesha who was awarded the 2023 NCS 49 ½ award for his many years providing support for 99s and aviation in general.

Submitted by Kathy Lester-Ross

Nancy tops 500 hours



Astrid completed both her
COMMERCIAL SINGLE and
MULTI-ENGINE Ratings



Maddie E. - Earned
Private Certificate



NCS 49 1/2 of the Year Ken Kulesha

Kathy, David, Sarah H., Colleen, Darcy, Ken, Joan, Randy

Dana's New Horizons
scholarship



Mandi – IFR,
Santorini, AE



GIRLS ON THE FLY

from Laurie Probst

April 29th was a low-ceiling, IFR day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of 48 sixth through twelfth grade girls who attended the Girls on the Fly event at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI. Organized by Cindi Pokorny, a Ninety-Nine (and newly-minted private pilot!), this event allowed girls to meet and work with

mentors while exploring many facets of aviation.

Twelve members of the Wisconsin Chapter facilitated one of the four learning experiences the girls rotated to throughout the day. In addition to building a flyable remote control airplane, the girls learned about the Ninety-Nines organization and spent time talking with chapter members about their aviation dreams and aspirations. It was a highly successful event. Because of the demand, it is scheduled to be held again in October and the WI Chapter will be returning to help inspire the next generation of women pilots.



Back row- Dana McClaren, Nancy Burton, Tina Hartlaub, Crystal Simon, Niki Gaskins, Bridgett Cornett, MaryLou Schroeder
Front Row-Mandi Neumann, Laurie Probst, Cindi Pokorny, Teri Jaeger
Not pictured-Astrid Melms



THE NINETY-NINES, INC. NORTH CENTRAL SECTION
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING – APRIL 29, 2023
Radisson Hotel, Louisville North, Clarksville, IN

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The meeting was called to order by Governor Deb McGee at 0909 a.m. EDT.

Attending were NCS Board Members: Governor Deb McGee (Iowa), Vice-Governor Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Secretary Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin), Treasurer Joan Plato (Wisconsin), Director Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes), Director Jeneanne Visser (Iowa), Past Governor Janice Welsh (Indiana Dunes). International 99s guests included Vice President Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) and Director Janet Patton [Ambassador Section]. Members Welsh and Wint were acknowledged for their respective International 99s committee roles on the Awards and Nominating committees.

Governor McGee thanked the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter for hosting the meeting and introduced NCS BOD. The deaths of Michigan Chapter 99 and 49 ½, Sandy and Bob Denton, were announced. A memorial table with flowers, cards and a few pictures were available. Attendees were encouraged to extend their sympathies to the families, including by signing the cards and keeping their loved ones, friends and families in their prayers.

Member attendees included 5 past NCS Governors [Janice Welsh (IN Dunes), Ellen O'Hara (Chicago Area), Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa), Shelley Ventura (Chicago Area) and Elaine Morrow (Minnesota)]. Ten past AE scholarship winners were present, along with 10 first time attendees. Years of 99s membership were acknowledged and ranged from 3 women being members for less than 1 year and 2 who have been members for more than 50 years – Kaye Combs Moore [Kentucky] and Ellen O'Hara [Chicago Area]. Three attendees are members of other Chapters: Deb Henneberry (Greater NY), Myra Bugbee (FL Goldcoast and Claudette DeCourley (San Diego). Six 99s arrived in their own aircraft.

Past Gov. Welsh, also serving on the International 99s Awards Committee, announced that JoAnn Prater a Scioto Valley 99 who was in attendance, will be honored with the International 99s Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts at the International Conference in Jordan. Full information will appear in The 99s Magazine.

Secretary Lester-Ross reported 43 NCS members were in attendance; additionally, 12 were present via Zoom. A quorum was achieved as 13 of the 14 NCS chapters were represented.

BOARD REPORTS

Governor McGee's report included sharing information about the petition which would allow Girl Scouts to actually take flight during the Girl Scout Aviation Days. The "Girls Who Soar" is a 'Gold Award Project' which encourages the GSUSA to lift current restrictions and to allow the scouts to take flight during The 99s Girl Scout Aviation events. Posters with more information, QR codes and links were available for attendees. The importance of retaining and attracting new members was reinforced. Gov. McGee introduced IBOD Director Janet Patton, who will provide an International 99s update as well as offer her services as a Certified Incident Stress Management counselor throughout the weekend.

Vice Governor Glisson welcomed all, on behalf of the KY Blue Grass Chapter, and explained the meaning of the various colored stars on attendee badges. Among her NCS roles, she is available to answer questions and help with The 99s Bylaws, Standing Rules and Insurance questions.

NCS Membership Chair, Kathy Lester-Ross, reported that as of April 27, 2023, The 99s total membership was 7,165 with 834 members in the NCS, making NCS the 4th largest Section in the organization. 792 members are current, 16 are on hold & 26 on standby. Of those 42, approximately ½ joined 1 year ago and members are encouraged to reach out to them for renewal. Of note, only 13 NCS members have no email address, down from about 50 two years ago.

Treasurer Plato presented 2022-2023 YTD financial statements with current balances. Fiscal year end is May 31, 2023. Anticipated revenue from International memberships was explained & it was noted that the hosting KY Blue Grass Chapter anticipates donating proceeds from the Silent Auction to the NCS Treasury. 501c3 filings for 2022 were completed and previously approved. An envelope was circulated for donations from those not wearing their 99s pin. Treasurer Plato presented the proposed budget for 2023 - 2024. Madeleine Monaco moved to accept and file the reports and Darcy Kulesha (Wisconsin) seconded the motion. All attendees approved.

Director Visser noted that the Directors' due diligence was completed for the 3 NCS awards to be presented at the banquet. She is the liaison for the Scioto Valley members who are planning the Fall NCS meeting. Director Wint informed attendees that 8 Chapters submitted candidates for the Spinning Prop award. Members are reminded that each Chapter could have a nominee for this award.

International 99s Director and IBOD representative for our Section meeting, Janet Patton, shared her background. A member since joining the MI Chapter in 1988, she has served in many roles, now being chair of the Ambassador [Virtual] section. Recently, Ms. Patton was elected to the International Forest of Friendship BOD. She is a FO for American Airlines and a commercial LTA pilot. She reminded us that Chapters are the heart of membership and what we do makes a noticeable difference. When IBOD Director Patton asked who might attend the International Conference in Jordan, approx. 14 attendees raised their hands.

The Ninety-Nines Spring 2023 International Report, as presented by IBOD Director Patton

ELECTIONS SPRING 2023

You should have received your ballot by now for The Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors and Trust Elections. The election will run from 00:01 GMT March 15, 2023, until 23:59 GMT May 1, 2023. Voting ends May 1st. All paper ballots submitted must be post-marked no later than the 1st. Final election results will be reviewed by the Elections Procedures Committee and then submitted to the International President by May 20, 2023. **The newly elected members will be inducted into their positions on Saturday, July 8th at 7:00 PM EDT in a Virtual Ceremony.**

99s INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

OCT 27 – NOV 2, 2023 / Hosted by the Arabian Section. Alia Twal, Governor **Register Today! Early Registration ends May 31st** Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa (Sweimeh, Jordan) Conference events: October 27- 28 (meeting will be virtual as well) Tours: October 29 - November 2 Visit www.ninety-nines.org / click conference tab on right side **Watch for details on our upcoming Conference Webinar to be held Wednesday, July 12th** For questions, contact Vice President Minnetta Gardinier

OSHKOSH 2023

Please consider representing The 99s at Oshkosh 2023! We invite you to sign up to **volunteer at our two 99 booths during AirVenture** in Oshkosh July 24-30!

IBOD FALL MEETING – (Note August date!)

Our Fall International Board of Directors meeting will take place Friday & Saturday, Aug. 25 & 26 in Oklahoma City. All members are welcome to attend. We have a room block reserved at Hilton Garden Inn, Oklahoma City Airport for Aug 23, through Aug 27, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Secretary Lester-Ross stated that the minutes of the NCS Fall 2022 meeting were published in Waypoint and copies were available on each table for review. Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area) moved to approve the minutes, with Lee Baggott (Lake Erie) offering the second to the motion.. All approved.

THREE POINTS WORTH MENTIONING:

1. If you'd like to **begin reading the 99s Magazine digitally** all you have to do is let Laura at Headquarters know that you'd like to opt-out from receiving a printed copy.
2. **Are you looking for a way to honor your CFI, Flight School, a family member, or friend?** Consider purchasing that special person a "Friend of the 99s" membership!
3. **Our membership has just topped 7,000!**

The IBOD has set an ambitious goal for 2029 – 10,000 members by our 100th anniversary! Help us accomplish that! Over the last 6 years, our membership has grown 42%. A 42% increase over the next 6 years would hit that mark. Let's make it happen! Share our social media posts, tag us on your posts, if you are an instructor – encourage your female students to join!

*A new Employee Search has begun for a **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER***

The Ninety-Nines is seeking to hire a dynamic and energetic Development Manager to oversee fundraising, donor relations, grant-writing efforts and more! Based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at our headquarters, this part-time position (four days/week) involves some travel in the community and region, as well as liaison work at aviation shows two-three times annually. The successful candidate will collaborate closely with The 99s International Board of Directors to create new revenue streams and execute marketing, outreach and communication strategies to boost awareness of our organization. *For more information and the full job description, email President Hadfield at president@ninety-nines.org.*

PROFESSIONAL PILOT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (PPLI)

Do you have women pilots seeking a professional career in aviation within your Chapter or Section?

- The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative is a structured mentorship and leadership development program that aims to develop diverse women pilots as leaders in the aviation/aerospace industry.
- The program provides highly motivated Ninety-Nines with tools to develop their careers and leadership abilities. Through guided activities and formal mentoring partnerships, it strengthens and expands our network of women pilots.
- If you are or know someone who is pursuing a career as a professional pilot, we encourage you to apply!
- The next application period will be July 31st!
- Please note: THIS IS NOT A JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAM.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IBOD)

President - Robin Hadfield

Vice President - Minnetta Gardinier

Secretary - Glenna Blackwell

Treasurer - Aileen Coverdell

Immediate Past President - Corbi Bulluck

Four Directors: Nivedita Bhasin, Janet Patton, Leslie Prellwitz, Pat Prentiss

THANK YOU FOR being a 99!

You are what makes this organization so special! Janet Patton, Director, The 99s IBOD

New Business:

Treasurer Plato presented the projected 2023-2024 budget and answered questions. After approval of attendees, the budget was filed for use.

Cheryl Daml (Minnesota), NCS Nominations and Elections Chair, reported that next year's North Central Section elections will be for Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary and Director positions. The Intent to Seek Election form is available on the NCS website.

Chapter Annual Reports, two minutes in length, were given verbally by the following:

All-Ohio	Deb Henrichs
Chicago Area	Madeleine Monaco, Megan McArthur, Ellen O'Hara. Shelley Ventura
Greater St. Louis	Anne Mongiovi
Indiana Dunes	Janice Welsh
Iowa	Jeneanne Visser
KY Bluegrass	Amy Bogardus
Lake Erie	Lee Baggott
Michigan	Linda Langrill
Minnesota	Cheryl Daml
Northwoods	Dee Dreger
Scioto Valley	Mary Biller
Wisconsin	Darcy Kulesha

All Chapters are also expected to provide written reports to the Governor, Secretary and Waypoint editor. Written reports will appear in the Summer Waypoint issue.

The invitation to the Fall 2023 NCS meeting in Columbus/Dublin, OH, was presented by Scioto Valley member Mary Biller, Chapter Chair. We'll meet at The Embassy Suites Sept. 29 – Oct. 1. Highlights include visits to the Champaign Aviation Museum, National Veterans Memorial, the Old Port Columbus Terminal and we'll learn more about Jerrie Mock's adventures as the first female to circumnavigate the globe. Jennie Hurst, a deaf female pilot, will be the banquet keynote speaker. All are encouraged to attend this exceptional 99s opportunity.

Vice Governor Glisson provided the following announcements as provided by attendees:

- International Vice-President Gardiner reminded attendees of the Jordan International conference Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2023, with activities to follow. A sign up was available at this meeting for those who would like to meet and discuss plans to date. Further information will be available on the May 12th 'Second Wednesday Webinar' and another on July 12th.
- Lauren Settles [KY Blue Grass] has the book she authored for children in the Fly Market & will auto-graph it. "Could I Be A Pilot" chronicles Evie's journey to becoming a pilot.
- Directory Margaret Wint shared that she has swimskin suits for those who may need them for their Jordan excursions. Various sizes are available, with a price of \$10.00 each.
- IFOF induction dates of Sept. 15-16 were mentioned by IBOD Dir. Patton, with applications available on website [ifof.org] and due 7/15/23.
- Those interested in learning more about the Soaring Society of America are encouraged to see Anne Mongiovi (Greater St. Louis) at EAA-AV, at their outdoor booth, #377-378..
- 2023 Air Race Classic will have 2 stops in the NCS, at Mankato, MN and Ottumwa, IA. Members are encouraged to volunteer at any sites. Several previous NCS racers are mentors for first-time teams. Team #7 will be Cheryl Daml and Minnetta Gardiner.
- 99s official participation in NIFA events will be replaced by a 99s program specific to females, as NIFA has implemented non-gender specific programs.
- Replacement gold 99s pins are available for purchase via Laura at Int'l Headquarters.
- Linda Langrill [Chapter Chair, Michigan] reminded attendees to sign the condolence cards for the family of Sandy & Bob Denton.
- KY 99 Terri Donner gave meeting & event details of the remainder of the weekend.

The calendar of future 99s-related events was presented by Vice Gov. Glisson.

DEADLINES

April 29, 2023	Chapter Reports due from Chapters to Section
May 1, 2023	Deadline to vote for International Elections
June 1, 2023	Waypoint News due from Chapters
June 30, 2023	501c3 Reports due from Chapter to Section
July 15, 2023	International Forest of Friendship Applications due
July 31, 2023	PPLI Fall Applications due
Sept. 1, 2023	Waypoint News due from Chapters
Sept. 30, 2023	NCS Committee Chair Reports due to Section
Oct. 1, 2023	AESMF First Wings Fall Applications due to Chapter
Oct. 31, 2023	NCS Intent to Seek Election forms due
Dec. 1, 2023	Waypoint News due from Chapters
Dec. 31, 2023	International 99s Intent to Seek Election forms due

EVENTS

April 28-30, 2023	NCS Spring Chapter Meeting, Clarksville IN Kentucky BlueGrass Chapter Hosts
May 8-13, 2023	NIFA Nationals, Oshkosh, WI
June 20-23, 2023	Air Race Classic 2023, Grand Forks ND to Homestead FL
July 24-30, 2023	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI
Aug. 25-26, 2023	International Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City
Sept. 15-16, 2023	International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, KS
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2023	NCS Fall Meeting, Dublin OH Scioto Valley Chapter Hosts
Oct. 27 – Nov. 2, 2023	International 99s Conference, Jordan

Governor McGee adjourned the meeting at 11:20 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lester-Ross, NCS Secretary

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS—SPRING 2023

NCS Chapter: All-Ohio

Report period: 3/22 to 3/23

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/23

Membership summary **Current Officers:** Debra Henrichs, Chapter Chair; Roberta Jones, Chapter Vice-Chair; Kathy Samuelson, Treasurer; Margaret, Secretary, Membership Chair and Newsletter Chair; Betty Huck, AESMF Chair; Valerie Palazzolo, Chapter Webmaster; Claire Gerber, Public Relations Chair.

Membership (as of 3/31/23): 54 members with 13 new members joining and 4 returning members from 3/23 to 3/24 with a net increase in membership of 6. Having a social media presence and up-to-date website helps to attract new members; assigning mentors and acknowledging achievements has helped retain members.

Member achievements Abigail Burdue promoted to 2nd lieutenant and is in pilot training for KC-135 refueler. Claire Gerber, CAP cadet was selected for CAP Advanced Flight Training Academy earning her PPL and has passed the Instrument written. Wendy Stiver passed PPL check-ride. Emily Garber soloed, earned her Master's Degree and is attending A&P School. Esther Kotyk was awarded First Wings Scholarship and earned her PPL. Esther has also received scholarships from Scioto Valley, EAA, WAI and ECOPA. Leota Lane passed her PPL and Instrument check-ride and became a certified A&P.

Samantha Rogers earned her IFR and is studying Aviation Mgt at Virginia Tech. Vicki Harris and Catherine Barnes have applied for Spring First Wings Scholarships. Megan Dukes completed all requirements and is our Chapter's first PPLI graduate. Peg Ballou, CFII, was awarded her fifth AOPA's Distinguished Instructor Award.

Chapter activities (e.g., airmarkings, flight breakfasts, flight events, fly-ins, seminars, youth events, etc.): All-Ohio continues to hold monthly meetings with fun, interesting and informative programs. Fun activities have included our annual August pool party and an aviation White Elephant gift exchange at our Christmas party. Our guest speakers included an Alaskan bush pilot who described his experiences in words and pictures; an interview with a regional airline pilot related to his career steps to become a first officer and a combined meeting with Lake Erie that featured virtual guest speaker Patty Wagstaff. Several All-Ohio and guest 99s also did presentations. Megan Duke and Ilene Pineada discussed the benefits of participating in the PPLI. Lisa Blair and Claire Gerber introduced us to the opportunities available through the Civil Air Patrol. Betty Huck provided an informative session on available scholarships and optimizing one's application and chances. Christine Mortine talked about the plans to restore the historic original CMH terminal. We also co-hosted the 99s booth with Scioto Valley at the NIFA National Safecon.

New horizons: Patricia Collier flew to New Horizons on December 17 at the age of 90. She was a member of All-Ohio since October 18, 1962. Although she moved to Pennsylvania years ago, she continued to support our chapter and the 99s.

Lt. Col. Buck Ewing and beloved 99 Barbara (both previously deceased) were interned with a full military honors ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery March 2022.

Submitted by Debra Henrichs, Chapter Chair

NCS Chapter: CHICAGO AREA

Report period: 4-1-22 TO 3-31-23

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 4-29-23

Membership summary Current Officers: MADELEINE MONACO Chair, MONA KNOCK Vice Chair, SHELLEY VENTURA Treasurer, VICTORIA SZEWCZYK, Secretary EVA KOSLOWSKI Past Chair

Membership: 128 TOTAL 8 LIFE 26 STUDENT WE LOVE THEM AND PUT THEM TO WORK

Member achievements We ask every Student Pilot Member to report their progress and/or obstacles every month. Ana Adona won the First Wings Scholarship to complete her Private. Hannah Wilson finished OCS and is a Navy Ensign in flight training – Pensacola. Susan Field is Area Manager for ATP in Chicago. Lora Yowell has returned to the left seat with SkyWest after conquering cancer. Nikki Salvatore is interning at SLC Airport.

Chapter activities We hosted a large Girl Scout Aviation Day last May at KPWK. We held a Fly-In Annual Meeting at KDPA, where we gave out awards and had speakers from DPA ATC. We attended Conference in Charleston. We held a fly in meeting at Clow Int. where our Member Diane Hromek reviewed her aviation history to a rapt audience. We went to Indiana Dunes for NCS Mtg. We met at Schaumburg Airport to conduct business, have dinner and celebrate past Chair Eva's birthday. We held a festive Holiday Party with food and fun. We hosted a large IFR/VFR Safety Seminar and Expo with vendors in January. We had a fly-in meeting at Schaumburg again to pre-plan our May Girls Aviation Program at KLOT, and played Bunco! We had a fly in mtg at UGN and planned for NCS in Kentuckiana

New horizons: FORMER MEMBERS GAIL WENK WHO WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND EVERY "WING DING" SECTION MEETING & MARILYN MERTZ CORP PILOT FOR SEARS CYNTHIA MADSEN'S MOM FORMER MEMBER RUTH ROCKCASTLE'S 49 1/2 JOHN (ROCK) and 49 1/2 ARTHUR ANDERSON (MARGE)

Submitted by Madeleine Monaco, Chair

NCS Chapter: Greater Kansas City

Report period: 04/22-04/23

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/23

Membership summary

Current Officers: Christa Griffin, Chapter Chair. Laura MacAllister, Treasurer. Kate Slinkard, Secretary. Isabella Sterling, Vice Chairman. Barbara Vanecek, AEMSFC Chairman. Jeanna Willerth, Chapter Membership Chairman.

Memberships: current members 47. Hold 1. Standby 1. Since April '22 we have 12 new members. 3 life members, 7 student members. Since taking office last year, I have made meetings activities instead of sitting at a meeting table talking. I think that has been a huge impact on achieving new members.

Member achievements

Kate our Secretary recently passed her commercial helicopter checkride, Sara Deaton has passed her CFI checkride, Taylor Dye has been accepted to Southern Utah University and plans to earn her helicopter certificates. Christa Griffin our Chapter Chair passed her multi engine checkride. Laura MacAllister started a new supervisor position at the ARTCC ZKC Center. Allie Williams passed her instrument checkride and is about to take her commercial checkride.

Chapter activities

We have had brunch meetings, a tour of the TWA museum at MKC, trivia night meeting, 2 members volunteered at a STEM event and discussed aviation, We ordered more name tags for members who wanted/needed one, and had our annual Christmas white elephant party!

We have exciting events coming up. In May we will be doing an ARTCC tour of the Center. In June we have at least 1 member competing in the air race classic and one of our members is an active B2 pilot at SZL, Whiteman air force base. We will be doing a fly/drive in and get a tour of the B2 along with a simulator and more! July we will have a fly in to the new Amelia Earhart museum. We also plan to give away a scholarship this year.

Submitted by: Christa Griffin, Chapter Chair

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 4/28/2023

NCS Chapter: Greater St. Louis 99s

Report period: 4/1/2022 — 3/31/2023

Membership summary Current Officers: Co-chairs: Anne Mongiovi & Rebecca Rodeghiero, Vice Chair: Stephanie Maughan, Secretary: Katherine Totty, Treasurer: Martha Norman & Beth Campbell, Membership Chairman: Sarah Scharf, AE Scholarship Chairman: Libby Yunger, Webmaster: Lynn Brownell
Membership: We began and ended the year with around 40 members.

Member achievements

Rebecca Rodeghiero: Private License, Instrument Rating, Commercial License, LPA United Aviate Scholarship, NGPA United Aviate Scholarship

Kristina Fulton: soloed 3 times in the pattern, did 2 solo cross countries, private pilot license, now working towards instrument rating at SEMO

Lynn Brownell: Commercial ASEL & AMEL, AGI, and Remote Pilot sUAS (drone) certificates

Amy Lombardo: Solo 7/29/22

Jennipher Vorhees: Found/bought her dad's old C172 in March 2022, and earned her PPL 9-28-22

Linsay Auerbach: Received ATP/CTP Apr 22 and upgraded to PIC captain with JetLinx Oct 22 BE-400

Diane Earhart: 50th anniversary of her first solo! She will be presented with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Presentation of the award will be April 22, 2023.

Beth Campbell: Completed my Civil Air Patrol Form 5 and now qualified to fly their planes. (Sorta like a checkride, but without the written.)

Chapter activities

September Annual Meeting
January Holiday Party

October Pumpkin Drop Fundraiser
We have leads for 3 compass rose projects

Submitted by : Rebecca Rodeghiero Chapter co-chair

NCS Chapter: Indiana Dunes

Report Period 4/1/22 to 3/31/23

Membership summary: Current Officers: Jessica Richardson, Chair; TJ Schaum, Vice Chair, Rose Sirko, Treasurer, 31 members, 5 of whom are students and 7 Life Members; membership has remained static; we met at more airports this year in hopes of meeting new students and pilots.

Member achievements: Jessica Richardson captain upgrade to Skywest and first officer upgrade on Boeing 737 for Southwest Airlines

Chapter activities:

April.....met at KVPZ Section meeting host planning.

May...met at KEKM section planning;

June....KEBH participated at a booth and presented info about the 99s at "Lest We Forget" tribute to veterans and women pilots, along with Michigan Chapter

July ...KPPO hosted Ice Cream Social fly-in, invited other 99s Chapters; members Diana Austin, Margaret Wint, Marcia Nellans and Janice Welsh attended Int'l. Conference in Charleston;

Aug....KPPO booth at the LaPorte Air Fair;

September hosted NCS Fall Section meeting in Porter, IN September 30-October 2;

October.....met at Portofino Restaurant in La Porte IN for wrap up and debrief on Fall Section meeting;

November ...Diana Austin attended a joint-chapter (Kentucky Bluegrass, Indiana, Indiana Dunes and Chicago Area) event to view the Amelia Earhart Archives with 20 99s in attendance. KPPO Chapter planning meeting for 2023 events calendar;

December...holiday gathering at Portofino's restaurant with 7 members present;

JanuaryKPPO Section planning and program about Civil Air Patrol;

FebruaryPorter County Regional Airport, speaker Erin Rausch, FAA Safety Mgt System and Chapter member; we welcomed potential student member, Charlotte, and her mom, Amy;

March....Plymouth Airport; power point presentation about 99s at AlphaFlight High Vocational School where there are 6 potential female student pilots.

New Horizons: Christine Murdock, Life Member, at 98 years young

Submitted by Janice Welsh, Indiana Dunes Chapter Chair-elect

NCS Chapter: Iowa

Report period: 04/29/2022 - 04/29/2023

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/2023

Chair – Jeneanne Visser, Vice-Chair – Brenda Frye, Secretary – Minnetta Gardinier, Treasurer – Samantha Claypool. Our Scholarship Chair is Jenny Myren.

Membership summary We have 40 members - all current as of 4/29/2023. Eleven student members. We have a net membership gain for the Iowa chapter for the year. We have monthly fly-outs/gatherings/meetings every month but July and December. We meet at a different location every month. Our chapter is statewide, but our membership is concentrated in the eastern two-thirds of the state. We attempt to get to every area of the state during the year so every member has at least one meeting within a 30 minute to one hour drive. When the weather cooperates, we usually have 4-6 airplanes on the ramp for our fly-outs. Our meeting locations for the next year are selected at our annual planning meeting held each November. We have tried to include more activities, which have included a presentation from a member on VFR flying, a visit to a small aviation museum, speakers from other aviation groups, a joint lunch and meeting with a local airport group to discuss the upcoming Air Race Classic stop at their airport, and a compass rose project. We find different activities will draw interest from more members. We try to reach out to new members or those who have not recently been active to invite them to a meeting, offer a ride or just check in. This is done via e-mail and phone. Our facebook page has been a great way to share new accomplishments and highlight our activities.

Member achievements : At least 3 solos, 4 private pilot certificates earned, one instrument rating earned, 1 complex endorsement. First Wings Scholarship recipient, Iowa Aviation Promotion group scholarship winner and an AE Scholarship winner. Two Air Race Classic participants with a 6th place finish. We are also proud of our members who have International and Section leadership roles. International Vice-President Minnetta Gardinier and North Central Section Governor Deb McGee.

Chapter activities (e.g., airmarkings, flight breakfasts, flight events, fly-ins, seminars, youth events, etc.): Compass rose completed at Boone Municipal Airport. Several members attended the spring and fall section meetings as well as the Forest of Friendship induction in Atchison and the Antique Airfield fly-in in Blakesburg, IA.

Submitted by Jeneanne Visser, Chapter Chair

NCS CHAPTER: Kentucky Bluegrass

REPORT PERIOD: 04/22 TO 3/23

This report is for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/23

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY: Current number of members 69 - 2 on standby, 2 on hold, with 13 student pilots, and 6 life members. **CURRENT OFFICERS:** Chair –Emily Herron, Vice-Chair –Amy Bogardus, Secretary –Louise Bornwasser, Treasurer –Terri Donner

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Karyn Ranzau – IGI, CFII, Instrument, Commercial, CFI, Multi-Engine, MEI (All in 7 months)

PPL – Olivia Parmenter, Allison Ranzau, Kacy Thompson, Tiffany Meredith

Instrument – Kacy Thompson, Karyn Ranzau, Olivia Parmenter

Commercial – Karyn Ranzau, Brynne Moseley

Multi-Engine – Julie Pinto, Karyn Ranzau

PPLI Program – Julie Pinto

International Forest of Friendship Inductees – Louise & Louis Bornwasser

Spring First Wings Award – Olivia Parmenter

Fall First Wings Award – Allison Ranzau

Kentucky Bluegrass Scholarships – Lauren Settles, Instrument – Karyn Ranzau, Multi-Engine

Air Race Classic 2023 Ninth Place/Ninety-Nines Trophy – Sue Glisson with race partner IN Dunes Margaret Wint

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

April 2022 – The chapter attended a pancake breakfast at Bardstown Regional Airport, Bardstown, KY. Sue Glisson and Kaye Moore attended the NCS Spring 2022 Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

May 2022 – We checked out the Radisson Louisville North, our hotel for the NCS Spring 2023 Spring Section Meeting, which we are hosting. Terri Donner attended the East Canada 99s 2022 Spring Section Meeting in Newfoundland commemorating Amelia Earhart's flight across the Atlantic.

June 2022 – We held our annual business meeting at Rough River State Park, Falls of the Rough, KY, where we introduced our new officers for the 2022-24 term. We gave scholarships to two young girls for the Aviation Museum of Kentucky's Summer Aviation Camp in Louisville, KY

July 2022 – We enjoyed visiting the Aviation Museum of Kentucky's Summer Aviation Camp in Bowling Green, KY, and connecting with the youth attending. Several of our members attended Air Venture 2022 in Oshkosh, WI. Our Chair, Emily Herron was a keynote speaker at the Women Venture breakfast and appeared on the cover of Aviation for Women magazine. Terri Donner, Sue Glisson, Kaye Combs Moore and Julie Pinto attended the 2022 International 99s Conference in Charleston, SC.

August, 2022 – Our other "cover girls" were Kristina Cook, Tiffany Meredith and Stefanie Crask who graced the cover of Today's Woman magazine.

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September, 2022 – Our chapter had a booth at the WAI Bluegrass Chapter’s Girls Aviation Day at Bowman Field, Louisville, KY, continuing our on-going joint activities with them. Kaye Combs Moore and Sue Glisson flew to the 2022 International Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony where Kentucky Bluegrass member, Louise Bornwasser, and her 49 ½, Louis, were inducted. Sue and Kaye also flew to the 2022 NCS Fall Meeting in Porter, IN, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Indiana Dunes Chapter. Terri Donner attended the International Society of Women Airline Pilots Conference in Dublin, Ireland.

October, 2022 – We attended Air Mart’s Pumpkin Drop & Chili Lunch at Samuels Field, Bardstown, KY, and enjoyed visiting with chapter members and watching our chapter chair, Emily Herron, come close to dropping the winning pumpkin.

November, 2022 – Our chapter visited Flight Club 502’s RV build project at Bowman Field, Louisville, KY. Students are involved in building the aircraft in addition to many other activities offered by Flight Club 502. Kaye Combs Moore, Sherry LeMaster, and Freedom Puethoff attended the 2022 Aviation Museum of Kentucky’s Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Several of our members attended a joint meeting of the Kentucky Bluegrass, Chicago Area, Indiana, and Indiana Dunes chapters at Purdue University’s Archives observing a presentation about Amelia Earhart and her connection to the university and viewed her artifacts. We concluded with a tour of the campus provided by Kentucky Bluegrass member and aviation student at Purdue, Olivia Parmenter.

December, 2022 – We enjoyed our holiday gathering at the Aero Club, Bowman Field, Louisville, KY, with delicious food and playing our Dirty Santa exchange game.

January, 2023 – Girl Scout Day organizer and NCS 2023 Spring Section Meeting Chair, Terri Donner, led the meeting at Addington Field, Elizabethtown, KY, explaining both events and soliciting volunteers from the chapter to help. The meeting concluded with a potluck lunch.

February, 2023 – Zeroing in on our final plans for our annual Girl Scout Day was accomplished at the meeting at Flight Club 502 in Louisville, KY. Another delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

March, 2023 – Our annual Girl Scout Day was finally at hand, and we provided aviation education to 243 Girl Scouts and Brownies in a series of sessions.

Submitted by: Susan Glisson

NCS Chapter: Lake Erie Chapter Report

Period : May 2022-April 2023

This report is submitted for the NCS Spring Section Meeting:

April 28-30, 2023

Membership Summary

Current officers: Lee Ann Baggott, Chair; Ava Vidovich, Vice-Chair; Meghan Newyear, Treasurer; Grace Dempsey, Secretary **Members:** 30 Members, 1 on hold (Rona), 4 student pilot members (Anita, Kim, Nakyung, Sara), 1 life member.

Member Achievements: 14 aviation milestones were achieved by **our 30 members:** 1 first solo flight, 1 Private pilot, 1 instrument rating, 1 Commercial Pilot, 1 CFII, 0 Multiengine, 1 Airline Pilot, 1 Ground school certificates, 1 unusual attitude training and 6 passed FAA written tests. Scholarships and awards: 1 FLAP initiative award, chapter awards at Pilot of the Year banquet: (Fledgling, Achievement, Pilot of the Year, and 49 ½ award).

Chapter Activities:

Pilot of the Year banquet with guest speaker Patty Wagstaff, which included a surprise aerobatics lesson prize donated by Patty. Funded by the Chapter, donors and Patty’s donated time. Awarded our annual Fledgling, Achievement, Pilot of the Year and 49.5 awards.

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Held 5 **Lake Erie 99s promotional tables/booths at local aviation events**, estimated impact: ~700 people engaged.

Originated and conducted the **“Fly and Dine TOURnament”** a summer-long event to promote community pilots’ flying and local airport restaurants.

Sponsoring monthly **fly-ins for our members** (most destinations with the monthly meeting and food) to encourage flight time, beginning April 2023.

Accomplished Chapter Branding, with LE99s classic logo, approved by National 99s.

Produced promotional Lake Erie 99s items for sale and member use, including clothing, pens and mugs with the approved logo for sale for fundraising purposes, funded by a donation. To raise public awareness of women’s aviation, the Ninety-Nines, and chapter cohesion/mutual support.

Created a successful fundraising website chiefly for member use, donations and websales, funded by a donation. Estimated impact: ~100 views, 5 total days of sales. (Website went down in April 2023 due to bugs and the webhost not able to add new members or make the “Members Only” page secure for members. May re-establish service if the above problems can be resolved by webhost.)

Established a new scholarship for members (LE99s FLAP Initiative) and **increased the amount of the Bernice Barris Scholarship**

Established new relationships with Kent State University College of Aeronautics and Engineering (KSU CAE) and enhanced relationship with WAI-CLE to support female student aviators and spread the word about scholarships of the Ninety-Nines.

Members conducted 17 introductory flights for mostly women and girls (under the auspices/insurance of the EAA structure at EAA events).

Adopted a Ninety-Nines Fundraising brochure, with local customization and Ninety-Nines Inc. approval, for prospective large-donor solicitation in 2023-2024.

Held 9 meetings from May 2022-April 2023, with attendance of at least 8 members each, enough for quorums at each meeting.

Received/sponsored 2 scholarship applications, none successful. **Awarded the first FLAP Initiative quarterly award and some “Mystery Photo” newsletter prizes**

Respectfully submitted, Lee Ann Baggott

NCS Chapter: Michigan

Report period: 05/22-04/23

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/23

Membership summary Current Officers: Linda Langrill, Chair; Suzette Biela, Vice Chair; Secretary – Open; Treasurer – Open due to death of Sandy Denton Membership: 89 members: 6 Life Members, 59 pilots, 17 student pilots, 1 on hold, 5 on standby, 1 past member We have gained 5 student pilots; we lost four pilots to death. (See New Horizons) Until her death on 4-26-2023, our Membership Chair, Sandy Denton, followed up diligently with all new members and sent a new member packet as well as contacting the new members electronically. We host both online monthly meetings and in person events. Until her death on 4-26-2023, our Membership Chair, Sandy Denton, followed up diligently with all new members and sent a new member packet as well as contacting the new members electronically. We host both online monthly meetings and in person events.

Member achievements

Samantha Suter, Commercial Pilot, March 2022; CFI, July 2022

Savannah Bursk, Private Pilot, June 2022; Instrument rating, September 2022

Morgan Duling, CFI, August 2022

Suzette Biela, Instrument rating, December 2022 and Commercial Pilot, 4-2-2023

Chapter activities Every two months we select a book to read then discuss it on a Zoom platform meeting; we participated in the Lest We Forget gathering at BEH on June 18-19, 2022; we viewed the Sammy McKay exhibit at the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum on June 25, 2022; several members gathered on Wednesday at Oshkosh for WomenVenture Day 2022; we had a booth at the Pontiac Open House on August 14, 2022; on August 20, 2022 we joined the EAA fly-in at MI1 grass strip at Clare, Michigan; we had a weekend fly-in to Harbor Springs on August 27-28, 2022; Four chapter members attended the Fall North Central Section Meeting in Porter, IN; Frances Rose was executive producer of a short film called *Women in Aviation*, which was shown at the Girl Scout event in October; we hosted the Girls Scouts of Southeastern Michigan at Pontiac/Michigan Aviation for a Girls Fly, Too event on October 19, 2022; Frances Rose gave a presentation on the Ninety-Nines to the Scott Club in South Haven on November 15, 2022; we hosted a Holiday Party at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on December 3, 2022. Isabella Gianna shared her experience as an aviation intern and her experiences flying in Alaska at our December 6, 2022 Zoom meeting. We had a panel presentation from the PPLI Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative program at our January 3, 2023 Zoom meeting. Eileen Collins joined us for our discussion of her book, *Through the Glass Ceiling to the Stars* on February 7, 2023. We hosted a Snowman Fly-In at Midland Barstow on February 18, 2023. We did a Flying BINGO/Scavenger Hunt event in March. Morgan Duling, Scholarship Chair and CFI, shared her story of becoming involved in aviation at the March 7, 2023 Zoom meeting. On April 4, 2023, Abigail Smeltzer, airline pilot, told her journey to becoming a United Airlines First Officer. We are currently reading Nicole Stott's book, *Back to Earth*.

New horizons: Nancy Walters, died July 29, 2022; Deborah Franceus, died January 12, 2023; Mary Jane Gowans, died February 26, 2023; Sandy Denton, died April 26, 2023

Suzette Biela, new CFI



Tulip Time at Holland MI



Submitted by Linda Langrill, Michigan Chapter Chair

NCS Chapter: Minnesota Chapter

Report period: 4/1/22-3/31/23

Report Submitted for Spring Section Meeting: April 2023

Current Officers: Cheryl Daml, Chair; Brenda Hanson, Vice Chair; Kate McDonald, Secretary; Tracy Davenport, Treasurer; Patti Sandusky, Membership and Scholarship Chair; Jan Moll, Outreach Chair; Marcy Drescher, AE Scholarship Chair **Membership:** Approximately 80 members International, 90 Chapter

Member Achievements: Lisa Karan, solo, PVT; Becky Juarez PVT, Instrument, Commercial; Brenda Hanson, Instrument; Melissa Aho, PHD; Malorie Stone, Instrument, Commercial, CFI, CFII, hired by ATP flight school as CFI; Carmen Kivisto, USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training (T-6, Formation); Kjersti Kittleson, hired by SWA; Laura Herrmann, FAASTEAM Rep of the Year, adjunct professor Mankato State University Ground School; Becky Juarez, recipient of Chapter award for Most MN Airports Landed At; Lisa Karan, Chapter Award for Most 99s events attended.

Chapter Activities: Participated with booth at Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG) and Girls in Aviation Day; Flyouts to Brainerd and Olivia, MN; Airmarking at Little Falls, MN; Quarterly meetings in June, September, December, March; Top Gun movie night; presented Companion Flyer Course at GMAG in May, and again in February 2023 for Scholarship benefit; participated in Tree of Hope toy collection event to benefit hospitalized children; Dinner event at Holman's Table (STP) and picnic at MSP viewing area; indoor flying event; began a continuing project cataloging abandoned pilot logbooks from U of M flight school, researching owners and returning them to pilots or survivors; began Chapter member biography project.

Submitted by: Cheryl Daml, Chapter Chair

Chairman Cheryl Daml delivering the
Governors Service Award to this year's winner
PATTY SANDUSKY !



NCS Chapter:Northwoods

Report period: 04/2022-04/2023

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/2023

Membership summary Current Officers: Morgan Morgan, Chapter Chair, Pamela Trask, Vice Chair, Deirdre Dreger, Secretary & Flying Activities Chair, Lesley Putnam, Treasurer, Pat Haneline, Airmarking Chair

Membership: We have 14 members with a new student pilot, Emma Locknane. We did lose one member this year but gained Emma.

Member achievements Our chapter member, Abby Schierholz, earned her Private Pilot Certificate and our Chapter Chair, Morgan Morgan, earned her Instrument rating. Another member of ours, Pat Haneline, completed her longest cross country yet and got some great flying experience. And our student pilot, Emma Locknane, started her lessons and will hopefully be soloing this spring/summer.

Chapter activities We had an in-person meeting scheduled for the past October. We were all going to meet and go camping together but unfortunately weather was not on our side. This past winter has been tough on everyone to try to get together with all of us living so spread out and record snow falls. We are hoping to get together this June, possibly in Tomahawk, WI and then later this summer in Michigan. We would like to try to get a camping trip set up again because that meeting last year showed a lot of interest.

Submitted by Morgan Morgan, Chapter Chair

NCS Chapter: Scioto Valley Report period: April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: April 28-30, 2023

Membership summary

Current Officers: Chair: Mary Biller; Vice Chair: Christine Mortine; Treasurer: Jann Bowne; Secretary: Paula Rumbaugh.

Membership: We've gained in numbers; we have 32 members as of March 2023; 1 life member and 7 students. Our scholarship, website, fly-out picnic, holiday dinner, and hybrid meetings have helped us gain and maintain new members.

Member achievements

Danielle Reese – Fixed Wing PPL; Sophia Bruck – PPL; Grace Read - solo
Christine Mortine – Pilot and CFI for the Commemorative Air Force’s PT-26 Fairchild
Mary Biller – CFI
Esther Kotyk and Mary Biller – Chapter scholarship winners
Jo-Ann Prater – 2023 International Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts Winner

Chapter activities

We’ve had many interesting presentations at our chapter meetings, including a Pietyenpol restoration project by owner Danielle Reese, a whale-watching flight to the Baja Peninsula by Amy Yersavich, and deaf pilot Jenny Hurst. Our annual summer picnic was a fly-in to member Naomi St. Julien’s farm in northwest Ohio. Members participated in Aviation Girls Day at KOSU, given intro flights, and helped staff the 99s table at SafeCon at KOSU. Much of our time and effort has been dedicated to planning for the Fall Section Meeting.

Submitted by Mary Biller, Chapter Chair

NCS Chapter: Wisconsin

Report period: 04/22 to 3/23

This report is submitted for the Spring Section Meeting: 04/23

Membership summary

Current Officers: Krys Brown and Darcy Kulesha Co-Chairs; Bridget Cornett VC; Nancy Burton Secretary; Joan Plato Treasurer; Diane Welch Director; Laurie Probst Director; Sarah Healy, Colleen Weber Nominating Committee; Newsletter Editor Kathy Lester Ross.

Membership: 82 – 1 on hold; 4 life; 25 students. Membership chair contact/ Monday study group helping to keep them.

Member achievements

Mandi Neumann received a scholarship from Santori. Mandi N and Dana M received Chapter New Horizon Scholarships. Tina Hartlaub from this year and Kathy Ross and Remi from the previous year, were inducted to the IFOF. Joan Plato is the NCS treasurer; Tina Hartlaub is an AEMS Trustee. She is also a new FO on 747 for UPS. 6 members got their PPL license. 2 members got their instrument rating. A few members achieved their instructor rating. 3 members achieved their Commercial ratings. Janis B and Astrid Melms achieved their Multi engine rating. Sarah M has been accepted into the US Air Force Academy.

Chapter activities

3 Compass Roses completed – MTW, SBM, C29 Morey Field. We had many volunteers at the international booths at Airventure and at the camp. A few of our members made it to Charleston for the International Conference. Kathy and David Ross attendee the Annual Balloon festival in Albuquerque. We held our annual Christmas luncheon and supported the Wounded Warrior project with monetary donations. We have had 2 FFAST presentations. Many members are active in the WIA and EAA young Eagles events. We had a tour of the Waukesha Tour. We had the first meeting to use the newest FBO at MKE Jet Out.

New horizons: Denise Morchand Erwin, 89 of Middleton, WI. Sarah Healy’s brother in law, Trish Stark’s son. Nancy Burton’s brother.

Submitted by Darcy Kulehsa_and Krys Brown WI Co-chairs

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