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Waypoint

Let's go Fly!

It is always good to see our chapters stay active during the winter months. Fly-outs when the weather permits, tower tours, zoom or hybrid meetings holiday gatherings, chapter awards, and annual planning meetings. Our chapters continue the tradition of promoting Aviation and education. Indiana Dunes chapter held a Girls International Aviation Day event. Wisconsin chapter facilitated Girls on the Fly event. The Chicago Area chapter once again held a successful annual Aviation Expo.

Congratulations to Chicago Area chapter member Jennifer Chance who graduated from the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative.

Congratulations to the Michigan Chapter on celebrating their 90th anniversary in February 2024!!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the NCS Spring Section meeting hosted by the Greater Kansas City Chapter in Kansas City, Missouri the weekend of April 26-28. We will be staying downtown, and the **free Kansas City Streetcar** stop is directly in front of our hotel. The detailed information was included in the Winter Waypoint, is repeated here, 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.

We are planning to offer the Saturday business meeting in hybrid format, so if you are unable to attend for the entire weekend but would like to attend the business meeting, you will have a zoom option. Information for the zoom registration will be available in April.

There will be **seven** air race classic stops in the North Central Section this year. Volunteer opportunities will be available in Carbondale, IL (KMDH), La Porte, IN (KPPO), Cadillac, MI (KCAD), Newark, OH (KVTA), Monee, IL (C56), Owatonna, MN (KOWA), and Moberly, MO (KMBY). It is a lot of fun, and it is a great way to be able to meet women pilots from across the country.

Voting for the **Ninety-Nines International election** of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Trust positions opened March 15, 2024, and the **deadline** to submit your ballot either online or postmarked if by mail is **May 1, 2024**. Please be sure to participate in our elections prior to the deadline!

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Deadline for Summer Waypoint
6/1/24 send .doc files for text
.jpg files for pictures

This is my last Waypoint article since my term as North Central Section Governor ends with the 2024 NCS elections. Thank you to NCS board members who served with me, Vice Governor Susan Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Secretary Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin), Treasurer Joan Plato (Wisconsin), Directors Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes) and Jeneanne Visser (Iowa), you are greatly appreciated! It has been an honor for me to serve our great section as Governor! Thank you all for allowing me the privilege to represent the North Central Section during the past two years.



Respectfully Submitted,

Deb McGee,

NCS Governor

CALENDAR

DEADLINES

DATE	EVENT
APRIL 1, 2024	AEMSF FIRST WINGS SPRING APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER
JUNE 1, 2024	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
JULY 15, 2024	PPLI FALL APPLICATIONS DUE
JULY 15, 2024	IFOF SPONSOR APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
OCTOBER 1, 2024	AEMSF FIRST WINGS FALL APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER

EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
APRIL 9-14, 2024	SUN 'N FUN (LAKELAND, FL)
APRIL 26-28, 2024	NCS SPRING MEETING (KANSAS CITY, MO)
JUNE 18-21, 2024	AIR RACE CLASSIC 2024 (CARBONDALE, IL TO FT. COLLINS, CO)
JULY 3-7, 2024	INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE (VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA)
JULY 22-28, 2024	EAA AIR VENTURE 2024 (OSHKOSH, WI)
SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024	NCS FALL MEETING (BLOOMINGTON, MN)
SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024	IFOF INDUCTION CEREMONY (ATCHISON, KS)

STILL TIME TO REGISTER—JOIN US IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

NCS Spring Meeting

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Greater Kansas City Chapter

April 26-28, 2024

Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City Downtown Crossroads
Kansas City, Missouri



Turn to page 7 to see what is available for the last weekend in April - Good Times in Kansas City MO!

TIME TO MAKE SOME TRAVEL PLANS!!!

Take the opportunity to go to an International Conference in an International city—Vancouver BC Canada



HARD COPY ISSUES!

July 1st is the renewal date for printed issues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, so checks should be received ASAP..... you don't want to miss any issues.

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.

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 2024 issue is the last one sent to hard copy subscribers for the 2023-2024 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.

NCS SECRETARY REPORT

by Kathy Lester-Ross

The minutes of the Fall Meeting in Dublin OH were published in the Winter 2024 Waypoint on pages 17-21 and were sent to all Chapter Chairs for their preliminary review.

Members are reminded to review them in advance of the Spring NCS meeting in Kansas City, where they will be officially discussed/approved.

NCS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Kathy Lester-Ross

ON THE MOVE ONWARD and UPWARD !



*Are you a member? Or do you just belong? What's in it for me?
..... The age-old questions, even amongst our 'youthful' and seasoned members....
A deep dive into the many resources on The 99s website might be revealing. Check these out ~
Some may be new – some may be refreshers! Friendship, camaraderie and support await you!*

THE NINETY-NINES, INC. International Organization of Women Pilots® consists of licensed women pilots from 44 countries; we currently have thousands of members throughout the world. Our International Headquarters is located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Although there are other female pilot organizations in various states and nations, virtually all women of achievement in aviation have been or are members of The Ninety-Nines. Keep up with The 99s and read the Straight & Level sent directly to your email.

For more information, click on the following links:

Get Involved:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/advancing-women-pilots.htm>

Support throughout training:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm>

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/pilot-careers-resource-center.htm>

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

Annual Conference:

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

Museums:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/99s-museum-of-women-pilots.htm>

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/amelia-earhart-birthplace-museum.htm>

Scholarships:

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

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

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

Merchandise:

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

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/chapter-sale-items.htm>

Members only area:

The contact Directory, member benefits, forms, information, lists, Section and Chapter details, and more:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>

Current and comparative NCS membership:

Fall, 2022:	Current	798	Life	60	Student	139	Standby	45	Hold	10
Fall, 2023:	Current	879	Life	66	Student	194	Standby	28	Hold	33
Spring, 2024:	Current	888	Life	66	Student	194	Standby	22	Hold	12

CAN WE REACH 900 by the NCS Spring meeting in KC? Each one – reach one - teach one!

NCS INSURANCE REPORT

Submitted by Sue Glisson,
NCS Vice Governor

We would like to encourage our NCS chapters to plan a Let's Fly Now! Event sponsored by a chapter of The Ninety-Nines.

The usual \$125 per day insurance surcharge for flying events, will be waived for chapters and sections that sponsor and conduct Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program events, or other flying events specifically to introduce participants to aviation by giving them aircraft rides as long as these events meet the following criteria:

- 1) The event is no longer than two days.
- 2) 99s chapter or section must be the sole sponsor or a major sponsor of the event, and this sponsorship must be documented by 99s produced literature (section/chapter minutes, newsletter information, section/chapter websites, etc.)
- 3) Insurance will apply only up to the limits of The 99s aviation events policy. Any pre-approved increase in the policy limits will require appropriate reimbursement from the requesting section/chapter.

Insurance will not be waived if sponsorship or participation is by individual 99s members. Insurance surcharge waivers and the documents required above by items 1), 2), and 3) must be submitted with the waiver request at least six weeks prior to the event.

For passengers the Flying Event Waiver Agreement Form should be signed by anyone flying in a 99s event. These forms should be made available at the flying event for passengers or parents/legal guardians to sign.

All forms may be found on the International website, Members Section, Library – Forms, Lists, Guides.



NCS FAASTeam Liaison Report

This year, many 99s not only attended webinars and seminars, but several facilitated WINGS events. The Chicago Chapter again held its Expo IFR/VFR Safety Seminar and Flying Companion Course in January, which is an all-day event at no cost to participants. The Wisconsin Chapter has a few members who are safety representatives, and they facilitated seminars at local airports (Laurie Probst, Bridgett Cornett, Vonda Benson). Peg Ballou is a FAASTeam Representative in the Ohio Chapter.

A survey link went out in Waypoint for each chapter in the NCS in regard to the FAASTeam/WINGS Program. The hope was that each chapter does the survey so that we can get a better idea of how many of our NCS 99s are representatives, what needs chapters have in regard to safety programming, and what is being offered that other chapters could attend and/or replicate. Only 2 Chapters responded. Would the other 12 please click on this link and give us your input.

<https://forms.gle/mdRUIEwwgHujzTzn9>

Once information is gathered, it will be compiled and reported out to the Section, and any needed connections will be facilitated. To-date, two chapters have responded and their information is greatly appreciated.

The FAASTeam has encouraged pilots who wish to help with the program to ask their local representatives as to how they can get involved. You don't have to be an instructor to be a safety representative. The FAASTeam puts out a topic of the month presentation, as well as a library of presentations on various topics to help representatives with materials. EAA's VMC and IMC Club presentations can also be facilitated for credit. If you have any members who are interested in becoming safety representatives, please ask and I will be happy to help connect them to their local FPM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Probst

NCS FAASTeam Liaison Committee Chair

SHOW US YOUR AIRCRAFT

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

Why? 'cause we love flying

This is Denise Daichendt, posing for a pic at Midway Airport in Chicago. Denise now flies from Chicago Executive Airport in a 150, but values her time at the busy Chicago Midway (MDW)



1st 3 99s who text me a photo of their aircraft get a prize! 847-431-1847

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

OR MAKE PAYMENT VIA ZELLE: using 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com

Allow three weeks for delivery



NCS 2024 SPRING SECTION MEETING REGISTRATION
 Hosted by the Greater Kansas City Chapter - April 26-28, 2024

Name: _____
 Guest: _____
 Chapter: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City Downtown Crossroads, 1571 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64108, 816-255-3915
****Book hotel room using Link below - no later than March 26 for group rate**

Reserve online at: [Available Rooms - Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City Downtown Crossroads \(hilton.com\)](#)

Room rate is **\$169/night** and includes hot breakfast buffet and wi-fi, Double Queen or King rooms available.
 Complimentary Self-parking is available, parking-pass required, obtain at check-in.

***If you need a room for more than Fri/Sat night or have any other questions contact Laura MacAllister,
greaterkc99s@gmail.com, (915) 307-1906

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

First-time attendee _____ New 99 (less than 1yr) _____ Student pilot _____
 AE Scholarship recipient: _____ Year: _____ FIRST WINGS Award recipient: _____ Year: _____

Please list	Current Office(s) / Committee(s):	Past Office(s) / Committee(s):
Chapter:		
Section:		
International:		

ARRIVALS: Needing transportation to meeting hotel (cost not included in registration, select a la carte item below)
 Book your own directly www.SGTKC.com or our chapter will get small groups together based on arrival times.
 Uber/Lyft is available, but typically costs almost \$40-50 each way.

Commercial: **KMCI** Date: _____ ETA _____ Airline _____ Flight # _____ # PAX _____
 GA: **KMKC** Date: _____ ETA _____ FBO/Ramp _____ A/C N number _____ # PAX _____

REGISTRATION

	Cost	Quantity
99, Friend, guest, and/or 49 1/2 (no later than March 26)	\$99	X = _____
LATE registration (after March 27)	\$129	X = _____

FULL registration incl. check-in packet, Friday afternoon Speaker, access to Hospitality Room and Fly-Market and Banquet.

Please list any Special Dietary Restrictions for Banquet here: _____

A LA CARTE SELECTIONS

Fly-Market Sales table (99s chapter/member - \$10, Guest Vendor - \$25)	Each \$10 or 25	X	=
Airport Transportation	Cost Per Person One Way \$25 # _____ or Round Trip \$50 # _____		=
Friday BBQ Small Group Dinners	Jack Stack - Freight House		#
Optional – Select only 1 restaurant (list # attending in your party)	Slap's Joe's KC - Original	Not Included, Selection for Reservation Only	#
4/27 AM Guest Group Tour Optional	City Market	Not Included, Selection for Sign Up Only	#
4/27 PM Small Group Tour	WWI Museum and Memorial		#
Optional – Select only 1 (list # attending in your party)	Crown Center Union Station	Not Included, Selection for Sign Up Only	#

TOTAL \$

Payment By (check one): Zelle Venmo Check

REGISTRATION Deadline: Email or Postmarked no later than April 5, 2024

Email registration greaterkc99s@gmail.com and pay electronically. Zelle – GreaterKC99s@gmail.com or Venmo – @Laura_Mac

or Mail check and form to: Laura MacAllister, 3102 NW 57th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64151

Checks payable to: Greater Kansas City 99s

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Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City Downtown Crossroads
Kansas City, Missouri



Schedule

Transportation to/from MKC or MCI to be determined by when Guests arrive.
(This service must be requested during registration or book on your own)

Friday, April 26, 2016

Noon – 6:00 pm	Registration and Fly Market Open
2:00 – 6:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
2:00 – 4:00 pm	NCS Board Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Speaker - Jeanné Willerth's - Air Race Classic (1 hr FAA WINGS credit available)
5:30 pm	Gather in Lobby to Travel to BBQ Dinner – Small Group Reservations Must Sign Up during Registration (Sign Up Free, dinner cost not included)
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own or Small Groups BBQ Dinner (options below-signup required) Jack Stack - Freight House , Slap's , or Joe's KC - Original
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open



Speaker

Saturday, April 27, 2016

6:00 – 10:00 am	Buffet breakfast (included with hotel room)
7:30 – 8:30 am	Chapter Officers' Buffet breakfast gathering (each position will have a table)
8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration Open
9:00 am – Noon	Business Meeting & Installation of New Officers
9:00 am – Noon	Tour for 49½s and guests – Historic City Market
Noon	Lunch on your own – KC Crossroads Area
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Optional Small Group Tours (primary transportation KC Street Car and walking): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National World War I Museum and Memorial2. Crown Center3. Union Station
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Fly Market and Hospitality Room Open
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Pre-Banquet Social Hour - The Davidson Event Space at Lula's . (For the bar, a 20% gratuity has already been included in all cash bar prices.)
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Awards Banquet – Mardi Gras Theme – The Davidson Event Space at Lula's Photo booth will be available.
10:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, April 28, 2016

6:00 – 10:00 am	Buffet breakfast (included with hotel room)
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Questions: Laura MacAllister, greaterkc99s@gmail.com, (915) 307-1906 or BJ Vanecek, bv64151@gmail.com, (816) 210-9582

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Small Group BBQ Dinner Reservations



Primary Transportation for all **Jack Stack** guests will be the Free [Kansas City Streetcar](#). The stop for the hotel is directly in front of the hotel and labeled on Streetcar maps and signs as "Kauffman Center 16th & Main" indicated by ★ on map. *Waits can be quite long, so sign-up is essential for reservations.*

Jack Stack – Freight House 101 W 22nd St. #300, Kansas City, MO 64108 (HRS 11-10)

[Jack Stack Freight House Menu Link](#)

Set in the burgeoning Crossroads Art District, our converted historic Freight House will wow you with its 25-foot ceilings, fireplace lounge with full-service bar, and indoor and outdoor private dining. Located near The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, T-Mobile Center and an array of local art galleries and boutiques, we're serving remarkable Kansas City barbecue in the heart of KC.



Both of the **following options** will require coordination of small groups by car to a further away location. Sign Up is Essential. Slaps BBQ may close early due to selling out, in which case the Group will be relocated to Joe's KC or another awesome BBQ joint.

Joe's KC - Original Joint (3002 WEST 47TH AVE KANSAS CITY, KS 66103)

[Joe's Kansas City Menu Link](#)

The subject of expanding the company comes up frequently. And for that Jeff has a quick and definitive answer. "Three barbecue restaurants are enough for us. Our ambition has never been to be the biggest. Our goal has only ever been to be the best. I think we've achieved that. By keeping it small, we keep it real. We stay close to our customers and close to the product. "I'm reminded of the importance of what we do here, and our role in Kansas City's barbecue tradition, every morning when I arrive at the restaurant and smell that wonderful smoke coming out of our smokers. After all these years, it's still magical."



Slaps BBQ - Kansas City 553 Central Ave, Kansas City, Kansas 66101 (HRS 11-7)

[Slaps Menu Link](#)

Slap's BBQ (Squeal Like a Pig) opened in June of 2014 and started with just a few hundred pounds of meat. After running out within a few hours, we knew Slap's was going to be a major success. As the weeks went on, we added more and more meat to the daily production finally reaching our capacity and comfort level a couple of months after opening. We sell out every day because we are committed to cooking fresh and putting the best BBQ on the plate we can. Slap's BBQ is one of the very few restaurants in the city that is actively competing on the KCBS circuit throughout the year. On average, we compete in 25-35 contests each season. We do this to stay sharp, relevant, and because we love it!



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Historic Downtown Kansas City and Crossroads Restaurants:

Friday evening dinner is at one of the three recommended BBQ restaurants with the group, or on your own. Here is a small sampling of some great recommendations, reservations are always a good idea!

Coffee and Baked Goods:

- Messenger Coffee Co. & Ibis Bakery: a not-to-be missed coffee shop serving high quality, fresh-roasted coffee, paired with a bakery, offering delicious pastry goods, and fresh loaves of bread. 1624 Grand Blvd. KC (913) 669-9883
- Mildred's Food + Drink: With an abundant variety of scratch-made baked goods, specialty coffee and espresso, notable sandwiches, salads and soups, Mildred's has all the bases covered. 1901 Wyandotte St. KC (816) 507-6837

American:

- Novel: Cozy New American offering inventive dishes made from seasonal ingredients, plus classic cocktails. Serves vegetarian dishes. Has outdoor seating. 1927 McGee St. KC (816) 221-0785
- The Rockhill Grille: A sophisticated destination offering American plates & inventive cocktails in stylish surrounds. Serves vegetarian dishes. Serves happy hour food. 2000 Grand Blvd. KC (816) 5800

Asian:

- Kobi Q (Korean): This welcoming restaurant prepares freshly grilled Korean specials, in a charming space. Serves vegetarian dishes. Happy hour foods available. 1531 Grand Blvd KC (816) 702-8844
- Baramee Thai Bistro: Relaxed, wood-hued eatery offering standard Northeastern Thai dishes from curries to spring rolls. Vegan options available. Outdoor seating. 1810 Baltimore Ave. KC (816) 7070
- Mama Ramen: Serves fresh noodles daily with genuine broth and the best ingredients. Vegetarian options available. No reservations accepted. 1513 Grand Blvd A, KC (816) 800-8900

Casual:

- The Belfry: Comfy hangout featuring a wide range of bourbon & craft beer & a small menu of creative global eats. Has vegan dishes. 1532 Grand Blvd. KC (816) 471-7111
- Grinder's: Hopping haunt with a laid-back vibe serving American grub such as thin-crust pies and grinders. Serves happy hour food. Outdoor seating. Live music. Doesn't accept reservations. 417 E. 18th St. KC (816) 472-5454
- The Brick: Straight-up no-frills bar with history, a burger-plus menu, live music and performance art. Serves happy hour food and vegetarian dishes. Doesn't accept reservations. 1727 McGee St. KC (816) 421-1634
- Parlor: Modern food hall on 3 levels offering a variety of casual and creative dining options, plus 2 bars. Serves happy food, vegan dishes, and great cocktails. 1707 Locust St. KC (816) 875-4813

Breweries:

- Brewery Emperial: Rustic-industrial taproom and brewery serving its own craft ales and lagers with refined eclectic fare. Ales & lagers with refined eclectic fare. Outdoor seating available. 1829 Oak St. KC (816) 945-9625
- Brick River Cider: Missouri's first dedicated cider works. Full draft cider and beer offering and full kitchen with shareable plates and more. Free weekend tours available contact for details. 1701 McGee St. KC (816) 214-6622
- Taps on Main: Chill locale offering mac & cheese, burgers, sandwiches & finger foods, plus self-serve draft beer. Serves happy hour food. Live performances. Doesn't accept reservations. 1715 Main St. KC (816) 291-4502

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Self-Guided and Optional Tour Information



Primary Transportation for all tours will be the Free [Kansas City Streetcar](https://www.kcstreetcar.org). The stop for the hotel is directly in front of the hotel and labeled on Streetcar maps and signs as “Kauffman Center 16th & Main” indicated by ★ on map.



Historic City Market - Berkley Riverfront Park, Kansas City, Missouri
www.thecitymarketkc.org

The area centers on City Market, dating to 1857, where casual global eateries, gourmet grocery stores and indie boutiques surround pavilions hosting a weekend farmers’ market. The city market is home to the Arabia Steamboat Museum which displays paraphernalia salvaged from a ship that sunk in the Missouri River in the mid-19th century. Broad paths for strolling and biking trace the shoreline in Berkley Riverfront Park. CPKC Stadium is a soccer-specific stadium being built in Kansas City, Missouri, for the Kansas City Current of the National Women’s Soccer League, who currently play home games at Children’s Mercy Park. The stadium is scheduled to be completed and opened by March 2024.

Union Station - Open 6am-12am. 30 W. Pershing Road, KC, MO 64108 (816) 460-2000
<https://unionstation.org>

Over 100 years of iconic history can be found at Kansas City’s Union Station. Opened in 1914, Union Station, continues to service Amtrak train routes. There are several excellent restaurants in the station, a planetarium, Science City, a movie Theatre, and many other attractions. Parking on site (for a fee), streetcar access right in front of station. There are other places on the streetcar route with free parking.

National WW I Museum and Memorial, Memorial Drive, KC, MO 64108
www.theworldwar.org

The National WWI Museum and Memorial is the only American museum solely dedicated to preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in the world today. Designated by Congress as America’s official World War I Museum and located in downtown Kansas City, MO, the National WWI Museum and Memorial inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations.



Crown Center - 2450 Grand Blvd Suite 200, KC, MO 64108
<https://www.crowncenter.com/>

A shopping and entertainment district dominated by its namesake mall, which overlooks a plaza with an ice rink. Family-friendly attractions include the Hallmark Visitor’s Center, Legoland Discovery Center, the Coterie Theatre, and Sea Life-Kansas City.

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Saturday Night Banquet Information



Welcome to The Davidson at Lula Southern Cookhouse

Our theme for this year’s banquet is Mardi Gras, and we hope you enjoy Spring in Kansas City. It is a great city with a lot of history and this venue is a perfect location to showcase some of the variety our city has. We look forward to being able to celebrate our award recipients and all the work we have been doing throughout the year. We will have a free photo booth setup prior to the dinner for you enjoyment.

The Davidson is an industrial chic event venue surrounded by the sights & sounds of downtown Kansas City. Located directly above Lula Southern Cookhouse. You’ll find ample nearby parking or simply hop on Kansas City’s famed streetcar as our venue is located directly across the street from the nearest stop. With jaw-dropping views of the Kansas City skyline, our stunning 3,000-square-foot, third-story space is able to accommodate nearly 100 seated guests. The open-air design includes a fully equipped bar, private restrooms, elevator access, tables, chairs, a comfortable lounge area, projectors, tv’s, & a sound system.



Cocktail Hour with Appetizer Buffet Setup



- BLACKENED BEEF** Carolina gold BBQ sauce
- FRIED GREEN TOMATOES** house made buttermilk dressing
- JACKFRUIT BOUDIN BALLS** jackfruit boudin, rice, creole, holy trinity, mustard sauce
- SHRIMP & GRIT CUPS** blackened shrimp, grits, creole tomato sauce
- SHRIMP COCKTAIL** bloody mary cocktail sauce, lemon

Dinner Buffet



BLACKENED CATFISH
 cajun cream sauce

MIXED GREENS SALAD

baby spring greens, cherry tomatoes, red onions, croutons, cheese

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

local campo lindo chicken

and



or

MISSISSIPPI PORK ROAST
 pepperonchini

Roasted Veggies

Dirty Rice (contains shellfish)

Dessert

Apple Crisp

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Kentucky Bluegrass Spring Waypoint Report



Our Holiday Gathering was held at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY (KLOU) on December 9, 2023. We played our fun gift exchange game and enjoyed a Mexican buffet topped off with Friend of the Ninety-Nines, Bill Saunooke's desserts. Thanks hostess, Terri Donner and chapter chair, Amy Bogardus.

We met at Flight Club 502 in Louisville, KY (KLOU) on February 10, 2024 to plan for our upcoming annual Girl Scout Day to be held March 9, 2024. We are delighted to welcome so many new 99s to our chapter and are glad they are stepping up to participate in our activities.



NEW HORIZONS

Kentucky Bluegrass 99s are saddened that Elizabeth (Betty) Church has passed away. Betty was our long-time chapter treasurer. She attended our chapter, section and International meetings faithfully. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Our gals are really racking up the achievements:

First Solos – Kimberly Marcell and Christine Lee;

Phase I Wings Certificate – Naysa Marrero;

Commercial Certificates – Tiffany Meredith and Olivia Parmenter;

A&P Certification – Miranda Spurgeon;

Advanced Ground Instructor Written Exam – Timber Dawson.

Kacy Thompson hired as CFI at Louisville Aviation (KLOU).

Jeannie Batto Chief Pilot and Flight Instructor at Madison Air Training Center (KIMS).

Sue Glisson,

Kentucky Bluegrass Reporter

Our December Christmas meeting was held at Port Columbus Airport's Signature Aviation and Valerie Palazzolo outdid herself with her savory manicotti for the luncheon. Afterwards, there was lively bidding on aviation items in our White Elephant Gift Exchange.

The February meeting we met at Bolton Field (Columbus) and enjoyed a very informative presentation by Robert Stroup II on Rickenbacker Airport. He brought his book, "Crossroads of Liberty: A pictorial Tribute to Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base." This book is full of historical photos and data.

Congratulations to our members on their latest achievements:

Gayle Gorman Green (99 & Whirly-Girl) was recently honored with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for fifty years of safe flying. Her 49 1/2 Richard also received the award, making them one of the few husband and wife teams to achieve that honor. Unsurprisingly, Gayle's late parents, Marjorie (99 & Whirly-Girl) and James Gorman, received these honors in 2006 as a spousal team.

Kenzie Lehman soloed on 23 February.

Roberta Jones baked a cake for our meeting for our 47 year member, Kay Johnson's, 90th birthday.

Erin Waller passed her private pilot check ride.

Jun Oikawa didn't let the cold wx get in the way of passing her IFR checkride. She suited up in ski pants and a down jacket, and got it done! Her 49 1/2 Rich is building a virtual reality flight simulator, making it possible for her to practice holds before her checkride. Non-pilot, Rich landed a simulator plane!

Abby Burdue, our member in the USAF passed her final T-1 checkride and is in KC-135 school!

New private pilot, **Vickie Harris**, recently treated her first passenger to a plane ride.

A&P **Leota Lane** has a Cessna 150 that hasn't flown in fifteen years that she is rehabilitating. She flew a Young Eagle, **EV Lechuga**, last year, and EV just joined our chapter.

Wendy Stiver earned her commercial rating.

Peg Ballou is hosting FAASTeam presentations monthly at her hangar. She and CAP officer Lisa Blair are taping member biographies for our website.

Valerie Palazzolo recently retired after 32 years of service to the aviation community in the FAA! Before the FAA, she was a ground-breaking airline pilot, paving the way for today's career women.



NEW HORIZONS: Cheryl Rose Harding On January 26th our chapter lost a loyal member when Cherry flew peacefully to New Horizons at home with her family present. Cherry and her 49 1/2, Don, were married in 1963 and have three sons. She was a USAF military wife while Don served on active duty. Cherry will be remembered for the happy twinkle in her eyes, her sweet smile, and kindness. Her quiet, calm demeanor hid a determined achiever. She was an EMT and a retired rural mail carrier. She decided to stop at the Ashland County Airport one day while driving with Don, an ATC. She inquired about learning to fly and earned her private pilot license, then an instrument rating, and started on her commercial rating. She and Don named their late Labrador retriever, Piper. Cherry joined the 99s in 2005, was our chapter chairwoman from 2006 to 2009 and Pilot of the Year in 2008. While active in our chapter, she also was President of the Ashland County Airport Pilot's Association. She loved horses and knew the perfect horse barn design. We will miss her greatly! Blue skies and tailwinds, Cherry!

Margaret Hazlett

Secretary
All-Ohio 99s

December 2023.... annual Holiday Gathering in La Porte brought out 7 members and 5 guests. The fair weather in mid-December had CFI member, Janice Welsh, flying with member Rose Sirko, in Rose's Piper Cherokee to work on Rose's flight review. 49 and ½, Larry Welsh, CFI, is also flying with Rose's husband, 49 and ½, Rick, in the Cherokee, giving him student pilot instruction at KVPZ.

January 2024 was a quiet time for the chapter, but Tricia DeBlock, Vice Chair, attended the chapter chair/vice chair information sharing group started by International. We are learning what other chapters are doing to get more members involved plus some fundraising ideas.

February 2024. Tricia DeBlock, Vice Chair, took Valentine goodies to Griffith Airport. In doing so, she got a call from one of the Flight School Managers, leading to a connection for further support that the chapter may be able to provide for the 5 female CFIs and numerous female students there. TJ Shaum and Marilyn Horvath also took Valentine goodies to Elkhart Airport.

Tricia is also working with a local coffee shop to do some fundraising. She has contacted the 99s' International trademark committee to get approval for logo use.

La Porte Municipal Airport is the 1st stop for the 2024 Air Race Classic on June 18-21. Janice Welsh is Stop chair, and Maragaret Wint is Head Timer. La Porte Municipal Airport managers have been actively participating as they had hoped to be a stop for several years now. Margaret and Janice met with them in February for planning. Chritina Churley, student pilot member has signed up to help with the ARC. We hope to have other chapter members helping with this fun event.

Janice Welsh,
Dunes Chapter Chair



Holiday Gathering in December

Michigan Chapter 99s March 2024 Wypoint Report

The biggest event in the life of our chapter this year is the celebration of 90 years since Michigan Chapter was chartered on February 17, 1934. We gathered on February 24, 2024, at Owosso Airport to celebrate our 90th Birthday. We had fifteen women celebrating and good wishes from several members and friends who could not be with us that day. Joe-Lee's Crosswinds Café next to the Owosso Airport terminal building provided lunch and freshly baked cinnamon rolls for the event.



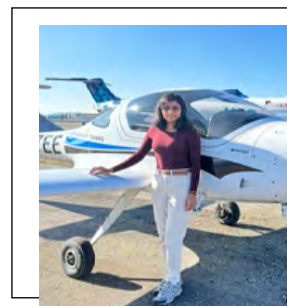
Book Club - For several years our chapter has been selecting books to read and discuss. We choose a new book every other month. Our book club selection for January 2024 was *Three-Eight Charlie* by Jerrie Mock and for March we are reading *The Powder Puff Derby of 1929* by Gene Nora Jessen. Gene Nora, past president of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., recently turned 87 years old and lives in Meridian, ID.



Isabella KrocZolowski* flew her first solo flight on January 4, 2024, followed by her first solo cross-country flight on January 8, 2024. Isabella turns 17 on March 9 and she is on track for completing her Private Pilot checkride that day. *



Anupama (Sigma) Kar** - A recipient of a First Wings Award from The 99s AEMSF, Sigma logged her first solo flight on February 2, 2024.



Willow MacLaughlin was named the Michigan Department Aeronautics Aviation Student of the Year. Willow is a student at Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, MI.

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Air Race Classic - Michigan Chapter member, **Sarah Haskett**, will be teaming up with Kentucky Bluegrass member, **Timber Dawson**, as team SkyMoms, Race #9, for the 2024 race.



Members of the Michigan Chapter 99s will be helping host the Second Stop Timing Line and Hospitality at Cadillac Wexford County Airport (KCAD) as part of the Air Race Classic (ARC) 2024, which will be held this June 18-21.

Linda Langrill, Chairman
Michigan Chapter 99s



Our chapter has had a slow start to 2024. We took the month of January off. We presented a Companion Flyer course on February 3 for a small, but enthusiastic group. We were able to put the profits in our Scholarship fund.

On February 24, we visited Flight Expo, Inc. and their Build a Plane project in Princeton, MN. This non-profit organization meets several times a month to educate and involve youth in skills like riveting, wiring, building engines, and other things involved with aircraft building and maintenance. We had a great time, learned a lot and even got to rivet and drill aluminum. The organization has recently acquired an S2 aircraft for restoration, and we were able to climb all over that plane and learn some history of it.



We are busily planning for the NCS Fall Section meeting to be held in Bloomington, MN, September 13-15, 2024. See the intro information in this Waypoint. More information and registration forms will be available early summer.

The Air Race Classic will come through Owatonna, MN this summer. We are putting together a committee of volunteers for this event.

Congratulations to:

Jennifer Lewis, who received our Liz Strohfus Memorial Scholarship for currency.



Brenda Hanson: Commercial Pilot, earned on Dec 15



Erin Siemienas: First Solo, March 6



We look forward to some summer airmarkings, a flyout meeting to Mankato in April, the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering in May, as well as our quarterly meetings in March, June, and September.

Cheers,

Cheryl Daml

MN 99s Chair

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER SPRING REPORT

Wow! Have we been busy. The calendar of events is chock full. There is almost no room for any more activities and events, and everyone who wants to be involved can have something to do for, with, or on behalf of the Chicago 99s.

In December we celebrated the Holidays with a wonderful Sunday afternoon buffet at The Village Greens of Woodridge hosted by Vickie Szewczyk and Donna Klein. Food and fun—what more could we ask for?

In January we hosted our Annual Aviation Expo and IFR/VFR Safety Seminar. With vendors buying booths to help pay the hotel, and a contribution from our Illinois Division of Aeronautics Safety Bureau, we were able to educate and inform many local area pilots, as well as some from around the Midwest. 99 Kathy Fox came in from Canada to speak, adding to the high quality standards that we strive to meet for our guests. Thanks to all who worked and attended.



In February we were educated and entertained by a fairly new member, Corie Wild who hosted a meeting at KDKB featuring her famous chili, cornbread and brownies along with a presentation by DeKalb resident Roger Keys on the top secret project during WW II building drones—TDR1- used in the war. Co-Host was Deb Meznarsic. Local pilots were invited and attended. SO impressive!



Coming up for us March meeting at 3CK, April NCS in Kansas City, May 11 an Airmarking at Lansing IL IGQ and our own Aviation Day for Girls at Lewis University in Romeoville on May 18, and ARC Race Stop 4 Bult Airport in Monee June 18-21 Co-Chairs are Megan McArthur and Cynthia Madsen. Stand by for photos next issue.

Many many thanks to Yanina Belazorava Necker for her contributions to Waypoint from our Chapter for the past years. She has been working in IT, instructing at KUGN, and now has landed a jet job with JetOut and been type rated in her new best airplane a CE-525 M2.

Madeleine Monaco

Chapter Chair

Wisconsin Chapter SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Twenty [yes, 20!] WI 99s attended the semi-annual business meeting on Jan. 13th. Representing more than 21% of our total membership, the recap of 2023 and planning for 2024 provided good discussions. Given weather and the wide expanse of our Chapter, this Zoom meeting was clearly very productive. Of note, Darcy & Kryz volunteered to Co-Chair the committee which will develop and host the 2025 NCS Fall Meeting in Wisconsin.

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

Kryz B. hosted the WI Annual Awards luncheon at HiWay Harry's on Feb. 19th. Members who earn at least 75 points via their participation in 99s Chapter, Section and/or International activities, as well as



involvement in general aviation activities which support The 99s missions statement, receive special pins showing the number of years the 99 has sustained those efforts. These become keepsakes at the 10-20-30-40 year level. Attendees approved Oshkosh, our aviation mecca, as the site for the 2025 NCS Fall Meeting.

MEMBER MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

- *Teri J. and Megan A. were awarded WI Chapter Scholarships to assist with achieving their PPLs.
- *Mandi N. received our support for her Vicky Cruse scholarship application and passed her CFI written.
- *Bridgett C. was awarded funds from the WI New Horizons scholarship for tail wheel training.
- *Astrid and spouse Zach welcomed future 99 Iyla Beatriz on Dec. 11th.

Already over 14 lbs., she's sleeping thru the night and attended her 1st meeting, the WI Chapter Awards luncheon, on Feb. 10th

99s Sarah H., Darcy, Astrid and Diane W. doting on future 99, Iyla Beatriz at her first WI Chapter Awards luncheon



- *Teri J. passed the written exams for her PPL.
- *Laurie & Bridgett were presenters at a WINGS seminar, hosted at the New Holstein airport by 99 & 49 ½ Diane and Perry. "What About My Landings" was the topic.
- *Maddie E., now an honors 2nd semester sophomore at Purdue, was one of 385 students [chosen from about 35,000 applicants] to intern with United Airlines this summer. She will be an Airport Operations intern at ORD. What a huge opportunity to learn at one of the world's largest and busiest airports! In addition, Maddie has been instrumental in developing a 99s 'wing' of the IN Chapter, encouraging her student sister aviatrix to be active participants in The 99s .
- *Joan P. has logged 400 pilot hours!
- *Deanna & Randy T. welcomed granddaughter Lilah Page Feb. 27th
- *Vonda B. was awarded the NAFI Master CFI Recognition.

Correction: In our report last issue we neglected to include credit to Cindy P. for orchestrating the KOSH Tower Tour as part of the WI Chapter Nov. 11th meeting. Our apologies that her (significant) efforts were not noted in the Winter 2024 Waypoint.

Wisconsin Chapter Reporter, *Kathy Lester-Ross*

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Greater Kansas City Chapter

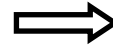
by Kathryn Slinkard



Linda Newland-Private Pilot, w/DPE Dave Card



Kathryn Slinkard-Private Pilot ASEL
Add-on (from rotorcraft)



December 2023-

Our chapter gathered for our annual Christmas meal and White Elephant gift exchange. A great time was had by all of us! We are looking forward to the upcoming events and activities for the GKC 99s in 2024!



January 2024-

Member Emily Estes, an employee of the Virtual Ramp Control Center at MCI arranged for our GKC Chapter to take a tour of the control center, and various other locations on the field of MCI. It was very interesting and we had wonderful weather on a clear January afternoon. What a great opportunity for those able to attend!



During the last weekend of April, the GKC Chapter will be hosting the North Central Section Spring meeting. We eagerly await this event, and look forward to seeing everyone there! Here is some of the most recent, updated information regarding registration.

Room rate is \$169/night + Fees includes hot breakfast + wi-fi, Double Queen or King rooms
Free self-parking pass required, get at check-in. Rooms available Thursday, Friday, Saturday night.

Here is the New and Improved Booking Link to make your reservation:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MKCDCHX&groupCode=CHHIOW&arrivaldate=2024-04-25&departuredate=2024-04-28&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Group Rate Expired 3-26, but ask anyway James Wendleton - Director of Sales - 816-702-0172
j.wendleton@hospitalityamerica.com

If you have any other questions related to registration or the meeting, contact Laura MacAllister, greaterkc99s@gmail.com, (915) 307-1906

Greater St Louis Chapter Report

Anne Mongiovi GSL 99s Co-Chair



We recently celebrated the 99th birthday of lifetime 99s member **Sue Matthias!!!** Sue was honored on her birthday with a spot on the local TV station, having been a traffic reporter during her storied flying career!

Member **Diane Earhart** has been selected as a finalist in Nexstar Media’s Remarkable Women Campaign. This initiative honors the influence that women have had on public policy, social progress, and the quality of life; and who inspire, lead, and forge the way for other women. She was recognized on the local TV network Fox2News.



A master pilot, CFI, and retired Air Traffic Controller, Diane gave a presentation in February on Sport Pilot and Unconventional Aircraft Operations at Towered Airports at the 43rd annual Ultralight and Light Sport Aviation Safety Symposium. Still actively instructing young women, Diane also helped her granddaughter Mia Petruso earn her private pilot certificate on Mia’s 17th birthday!

Other activities include: Monthly Zoom meetings
October Social meeting at Ravanelli’s Italian Steakhouse & Wine Bar
December holiday gathering with a catered lunch at Creve Coeur Airport

Scheduled for April: **Erin Freeman** is scheduled to take her PPL checkride on April 30th
Information table at the Wings of Hope Career Fair

IOWA CHAPTER REPORT

By Jeneanne Visser



A tower visit turned out to be a great way to start off 2024 for the Iowa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. Eleven Iowa Chapter members and a few guests and family members made the trip to Quad Cities International (KMLI) in January and were treated to a tour of the Air Traffic Control facility. They also received a tour of the John Deere corporate aviation department. The members were able to walk through a Gulfstream 550 and see drones John Deere uses.

February was more of a business meeting in Newton (KTNU). Vice Chair Brenda Frye did a presentation on “Why you should attend an NCS Section Meeting or Ninety-Nines International Conference”. Brenda did a great job on the presentation and prompted other members to share what they have enjoyed about section or international meetings. We also made some of the first important decisions regarding the NCS Spring 2025 meeting we will be hosting. More to come on that!!



We’re off to a great start for 2024.

AE Scholarship Committee Report

Fall of 2023 reminder emails were sent to Chapter and AE Scholarship Chairs regarding First Wings prerequisites, as well as due dates, location of materials, and tips for writing a quality application package. Questions sent by email, phone, and text were addressed to help applicants and their mentors/chairs navigate the application process. In Spring of 2024, First Wings reminders will go out again, in advance of the second application window. Here is some background information on First Wings, from the description provided by the Ninety-Nines. This may be helpful to your chapter as you look for candidates who may take advantage of this opportunity:

"The FIRST WINGS Award is a progressive award given to Student Pilot Members with a need for financial assistance to become licensed pilots. The award provides up to \$6000 toward completion of the Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent in any aircraft category. This award will be given progressively to winners AFTER they complete eligible milestones in their training. Applicant must be an official Student Pilot Member of The 99s at least three months prior to the submission deadline. Must have a current medical certificate, if it is required for the pilot certificate sought. Applicant must have logged a minimum of five hours of flight training in the six months immediately preceding the application deadline. Applicant need NOT have soloed nor passed the knowledge test. Each applicant who belongs to a Chapter needs to request a recommendation from her Chapter Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman. Each applicant in a Section without Chapters needs to request a recommendation from her Section Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman. In addition, each applicant must have a Mentor, a 99 who will support her through the training process."

Fall 2023 First Wings winners from the NCS included: Zohrah Amiri (Minnesota), Anupama Kar (Michigan), Emma Franklin (Indiana), and Krystle Stasik (Michigan)

Moving on to **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships**.....As AE Scholarship applications became available in October, a detailed email to Chapter and AE Scholarship Chairs went out regarding the requirements, as well as location of materials, links to resources to help create a quality application, and other pertinent information. Our section received six applications. The committee went through the applications, gave suggestions for improvement, and approved the final drafts to be sent on to the Trustees. All six were sent on and we wish them the best of luck!

All potential applicants and chairpersons should note that materials are now found in the **Members Only** section of the Ninety-Nines website. A reminder for all would be to make sure that the instruction documents are read prior to filling out the application, so that information isn't missed or recorded incorrectly. One direction sometimes missed is that of submitting the application as one PDF file. This includes re-submission once revisions are made.

Our committee is looking for members to help read applications and give feedback (it's easier to proofread if there are more than one set of eyes examining an application). This is a short-term commitment in January and done online, so as to accommodate busy schedules. If you are interested in helping to make a difference in our organization (and perhaps give back, especially if you are a past AE recipient), we would love to have you! Please contact Laurie Probst if you can give some of your time to help out.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Probst
NCS AE Committee Chair



NCS TREASURER REPORT

Reminder to Chapter Treasurers:

OUR 501c3 Status allows our membership to deduct 99s expenses as permitted by law. Please discuss with your tax professional/preparer what is deductible for YOU!



501c3 Reports from every Chapter in our Section must be sent to the NCS Treasurer by June 30 each year. Please email them to treasurer@ncs99s.org or mail to:

Joan Plato - Treasurer
N65W26307 Lake Dr,
Sussex WI 53089.

Also, I will be scheduling a meeting in May to review the 501c3 procedures, and emailing instructions to the Chapter Treasurers.

Joan Plato,
North Central Section Treasurer

NCS FLYING ACTIVITIES REPORT

Flying Activities Ideas

Winter is always a difficult time to go flying, but this winter has been exceptional due to lack of snow, especially in the northern part of our North Central Section. Hopefully you have taken advantage of this unusual weather and have been able to go flying.

I know several of our Chapters have been able to fly to meetings around their state or just go flying just for the fun of it. This winter I've been in a state where I have never flown before. I'm trying desperately to get checked out in a plane so I can rent it eventually, but the weather here has been VERY windy. I'm excited, though, to try a new airplane. It takes me back to my "private" days. In other words, I'm challenging myself. Have you thought of trying something new?

What about trying to fly to somewhere you've never been before, even if it's just a few airports away? In Wisconsin our State Bureau of Aeronautics started a State Passport to encourage pilots to fly to all the airports in the State and make sure to get a Passport Stamp to confirm that. Does your state have a similar program? That's a great personal challenge. Has anyone tried that?

Buddy up with one of your 99s buddies, or any flying buddy, and just go flying for the fun of it or be a safety pilot for them so they can stay current for their Instrument requirements. That's fun, too. I went flying with a newly minted CFI. She wanted to practice her Right Seat landings. On our final return to my airport, she let me land her plane. I've never flown a low wing, which is what she had, and it was SO fun! Another new experience.

So what activities have you flown recently? Be creative. Spring is coming, so weather might be an issue but there WILL be nice days tucked in there. I look forward to hearing about all your adventures. Don't forget, it's not too late to register for this year's Air Race Classic! Now THAT would be a GREAT flying activity!

Dee Dreger,
Flying Activities Chair

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The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots

North Central Section Meeting Fall 2024

September 13-15



Sunset Dinner Cruises
Padelford Riverboats
Friday Night



49 ½ Activity
Northwest Airline
History Center
Saturday Morning



Behind the Scenes Tour
Minneapolis (MSP) Airport
"Best Airport in North America 2023"
by Airports Council International
Saturday Afternoon

Saturday Night Banquet

**FEATURED
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Martha Whiteaker, Delta Airbus Captain



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NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST – FLYING THE ARC 2024

by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa Chapter)

Have you ever flown the Air Race Classic (ARC)? Hosted a stop at your airport? Volunteered at a race stop? All of these are ways to discover the ARC. With its start in 1977, it is the longest running all-women's air race...tracing its roots back through the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTA, 1947-1977) and on back to the first Women's Air Derby of 1929. Now nearly 100 years later, women will gather with their planes in Carbondale at Southern Illinois Airport (MDH) for the start of the 2024 ARC.

The 2024 race route heads in all directions – northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest – as it loops up and around through Michigan and Ohio and back through northern Illinois to Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The racers will “get outta” Dodge City to race to finish line at the foothills of the Rockies in Loveland / Fort Collins, Colorado. All of the stops will be just a blur to the racers as they their best cross-country covering nearly 2,300 nautical miles in under four days – launching out of the Start on Tue Jun 18 (8 am) and landing at the Terminus by 5 pm on Fri Jun 21.

You may have noticed that the majority of the 2024 ARC stops are in our very own North Central Section area. I hope that members across many of our 99s Chapters will consider volunteering at a stop during the race. Have a closer look at the map and pick a stop to help out and to cheer on the racers when they come through your area. Volunteers are the backbone of the race – e.g., welcoming racers, working the timing line, giving rides to area hotels for racers staying the night, etc. If you're interested in learning more, visit <https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-volunteer.htm>.

Racer registration is still wrapping up (March 31st), but so far we do have some teams with racers from around our North Central Section:

- Team 3 – UND Frozen Force – Tracy Mitchell, Caroline Kelley, & Helena Lind
- Team 9 – SkyMoms – Sarah Haskett & Timber Dawson
- Team 10 – ??? – Minnetta Gardinier & Dee Dreger
- Team 19 – SHEnanigans – Jeanné Willerth & Emmy Dillon

Each year about 50-60% of the racers are members of The 99s. About half of the racers are 'rookie racers' taking on the challenge of flying the race. Most years, I really enjoy offering my right seat to a rookie racer, and Dee Dreger will be racing for the first time in the ARC. If you've got the ARC on your 'bucket list', think about flying it next year. And this year – get out there and volunteer at a stop to see it up close!



NCS FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP REPORT

Forest of Friendship Committee Report

by Kaye Combs Moore

The Forest was established as a bicentennial project by the City of Atchison and The Ninety-Nines Inc., The International Organization Women Pilots. Each September, new honorees are inducted into the Forest with plaques embedded in the walkway that winds through trees representing all 50 states and over 35 countries.

The 2024 Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony will be held on September 20-21, 2024, in Atchison, KS. Sponsorship applications are due to the IFOF by July 15, 2024. We are encouraging North Central Section Chapters to participate in this event honoring those in your chapters that have contributed to The Ninety-Nines on the chapter, section or International level.

When you choose who your Chapter wants to sponsor:

Step 1: Submit the [online Sponsor Application Form](#) or download the PDF version in the **Downloads** section on the IFOF website and mail/e-mail the completed form and supporting documents to the Forest.

Step 2: [Sponsor Obligation for Payment:](#) Payment of \$450.00 by check/mail or PayPal to the International Forest of Friendship must be submitted for each Honoree. This amount supplements the purchase of the stone, the engraving of the stone with the honoree's name, the placement of the stone, and forest maintenance.

<https://ifof.org/>

NCS AVIATION EDUCATION REPORT

By Madeleine Monaco

Our Chapters almost all report having had safety programs even if those words are not explicitly said in reference. The tower tours, maintenance talks, the speakers (in many cases), the presentations by members on their achievements—all show that a culture that encompasses Aviation Education exists for us as 99s.

My own Chicago Chapter, for many years, has participated in a large IR/VFR Safety Seminar. Just like in the Tom Sawyer story, we got so good at it that the State of Illinois turned it over to us completely. Many of our members have worked very hard to make sure the programs are entertaining, up-to-date and informative. It is after all, part of our mandate, our mission as 99s to educate the pilot population. So should any other Chapter in our Section like more information, or details regarding our process, please let me know and we will offer whatever info you might want.

As NCS Aviation Education Chair I am tasked with encouraging your Chapter to have an Aviation Education Chair. If you do not have one, please ask your Chapter Chair to appoint one (maybe you?) The end result should be that you offer assistance and encouragement and perhaps even resources to your Chapter for their performance these duties. Let me know, please, who is going to be reporting back to the Section on this matter.

Maybe put a note on each meeting agenda to ask someone in the room to relate a brief piece of knowledge recently read, or heard, or experienced. We can teach, we can learn, but really we should all be teaching and learning from each other.

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