

Iowa 99s - Soaring the Skies for 85 Years

Hilton Garden Inn Iowa City (319-248-6100)

328 S. Clinton St., Iowa City, Iowa, 52240



Discover downtown Iowa City – two blocks from the University of Iowa and three blocks from the University of Iowa’s Stanley Museum of Art. The free hotel shuttle can assist you in town within a 2-mile radius. Enjoy the rooftop restaurant & cocktail bar, fitness center, and indoor pool.

The NCS Spring Meeting hotel block rate is \$129 per night (exclusive of taxes). Parking is available in the attached public parking ramp – hotel entrance is located on the 2nd floor of the ramp (\$15/day; in/out privileges).

For the hotel block rate, **reserve before 4/4/2025**. Reserve by calling the hotel locally (319-248-6100) and asking for [North Central Section meeting – Iowa Chapter 99s](#) (Group Code 90B). If booking online, be sure to add the “special rates” Group Code and your conference dates.

University of Iowa Operator Performance Laboratory (OPL) *(Tour, Friday afternoon)*



OPL is a world-renowned flight test laboratory that conducts research on human-in-the-loop and intelligent autonomous systems to increase efficiency, inter-operability, and safety. The lab has been in operation for 24 years. It has 11 instrumented aircraft (six manned, five unmanned) and six flight

simulators. Systems of particular interest include flight decks, airborne sensor systems, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems, and automotive user interface systems.

University of Iowa Stanley Museum of Art *(Tour on your own, Friday/Saturday)*



The Stanley Museum of Art is “a campus and community hub of global visual culture” just 3 blocks from the hotel. Explore the collections – modern/contemporary art, ceramics, drawings, prints, photography, textiles; African, Asian, Oceanic, and Indigenous Arts. Mauricio Lasansky. Henri Matisse. Joan Miró. Jackson Pollock. Grant Wood. And more...free admission!

Hangar BBQ Party @ IOW

(Friday evening)

We will gather Friday evening at a Jet Air Hangar at the Iowa City Municipal Airport for dinner together – a hangar BBQ party. If the weather is warm, the hangar door will be open. If the weather is chilly, the hangar door will be closed and the heat will be on. Either way, plan to enjoy the evening – reconnecting with old friends and making new friends. Dinner will be catered by Jimmy Jack’s Rib Shack. Soft drinks, iced tea and water will be included. Cost: \$35.



University of Iowa AirCare Emergency Transport

(Tour, Saturday morning)

The AirCare emergency helicopter service at the University of Iowa Health Care made its first flight in 1979. It was the first hospital-based emergency air medical program in Iowa and the 11th program in the U.S. Their helicopters and specialty transport ground ambulances rapidly transport critically ill and severely injured patients, delivering medical care en route with an emphasis on supporting high-risk patient populations, including multi-system trauma victims, neonates, pediatric patients, and patients suffering from time-sensitive or complex medical conditions. It is the only flight program in Iowa affiliated with an emergency medicine residency program.



15,000 Feet, -30°C in a Balloon (Kim Magee)

(Talk, Saturday afternoon)

Kim Magee grew up in a ballooning family and married into one. Kim and Adam Magee co-founded *The Balloon Training Academy* and are active FAASTeam representatives in Iowa. Kim broke six world records and nine national records for two flights that she made in two different balloons flying over South Dakota and Iowa in early 2019. The records were for achievements in both altitude and distance and recognized by the *National Aeronautic Association*, and she received a Montgolfier Diploma from the *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale* (FAI) Ballooning Commission. (WINGS credit)



ATC Was My Co-Pilot (Minnetta Gardinier)

(Talk, Saturday afternoon)



Minnetta Gardinier is a familiar face to many NCS 99s and an avid fan of flying the *Air Race Classic*. She has accumulated nearly 3,000 hours over 20 years of flying her 1978 Cessna Cardinal Classic.

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, she was making a 'routine' return flight from a 99s International Board of Directors Meeting in Oklahoma City. After a 6.5-hour flight down to OKC with a 45-55kt headwind, she was enjoying a very speedy 3-hour return flight thanks

to a great tailwind. It was some IMC leaving OKC and back into IMC in Iowa; VMC for much of the trip between Oklahoma and Iowa. All was going well until the approach into her home base *Iowa City Municipal Airport* (IOW) when she experienced spatial disorientation. Due to a variety of factors, she failed to establish the plane on the published approach path and experienced a spin in clouds while turning out for another approach attempt into IOW, pulling out just a few hundred feet from the ground as she came out of the clouds. Great ATC support from Cedar Rapids (CID) assisted her with re-establishing her control of the flight and making a safe landing at IOW. CID ATC will join her to present this story with some lessons learned. (WINGS credit)

Scavenger Hunt

(Saturday afternoon)

Get out and explore downtown Iowa City. Do a little shopping. Check out a coffee house. We are planning a 1-hour scavenger hunt to give you a glimpse of Iowa City and to have fun with your 99s sisters. If the weather does not cooperate with us, we will have an alternative indoor scavenger hunt.



Fly Market / Swap Meet / Silent Auction

(Friday/Saturday)

We will have a *Fly Market / Swap Meet* for Chapters and members looking to sell or swap items. Sales tables are \$10 for 99s Chapters/Members; \$30, other vendors.

Swap Meet: You are invited to bring your gently used aviation-related items to 'swap' with others – e.g., T-shirts, books, toys, jewelry, decorations. Don't think you have enough to fill a table? Recruit some Chapter friends to share a table.

Silent Auction: We hope that each NCS Chapter will consider donating an item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to the *Iowa Chapter Checkride Scholarship Award* fund.

Contact Jenny Myren (jennylewis@gmail.com) for questions.

North Central Section T Shirts – \$25

Order your NCS T shirts!!!

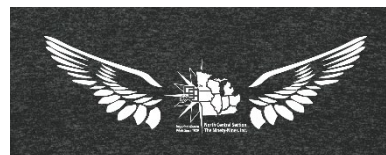
Royal Frost – Red Frost – Black Frost

[District DM130 Tri-Blend T shirts](#) are made from 3 yarns that give an easygoing look and a very soft feel.

Available sizes: XS to 3XL

Order deadline: March 25, 2025

Front, 99s logo; Back, NCS 99s logo. Questions? Contact Jeneanne Visser (jvimage@msn.com)





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North Central Section Spring Meeting Schedule

25-27 April 2025

Hilton Garden Inn (Iowa City, IA)

Hosted by Iowa Chapter 99s

Friday, April 25

12:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration Hospitality Room open	Salon III (2 nd floor) Room 316
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Fly Market / Swap Meet / Silent Auction open	Salon III (2 nd floor)
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Univ Iowa Operator Performance Laboratory visit	IOW, OPL Hangar
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Board Meeting (open to all 99s attending)	Salon I/II (2 nd floor)
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Hangar BBQ Party @ IOW	IOW, Jet Air Hangar M
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room open	Room 316

Saturday, April 26

7:00 – 9:00 am	Registration	Salon III (2 nd floor)
7:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Breakfast meetings (Networking tables for leadership groups – e.g., Chapter chairs, treasurers, web admins; Section committees)	Vue Rooftop (12 th floor)
9:00 – 11:30 am	Business meeting	Salon I/II
9:00 – 11:00 am	Univ Iowa AirCare Emergency Transport (for guests)	IOW
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<i>15,000 feet, -30°C in a Balloon</i> (Kim Magee, WINGS seminar)	Salon I/II
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<i>ATC Was My Co-Pilot</i> (Minnetta Gardinier, WINGS seminar)	Salon I/II
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Scavenger Hunt	Downtown Iowa City
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room open Fly Market / Swap Meet / Silent Auction open	Salon III
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Social hour (cash bar)	Salon I/II/III
7:00 – 10:00	Banquet & NCS Awards Silent Auction Closing	Salon I/II/III
10:00 – 11:00	Hospitality Room open	Room 316

Sunday, April 27

7:00 – 10:00	Breakfast on your own	
8:00 – 10:00	Hospitality Room open	Room 316
8:00 – 12:00	Transportation to IOW	

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(updated 04/21/2025)