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# Waypoint

## FLY HIGH, DREAM BIG!

Winter proved to be quite a challenge for most of us in the North Central Section. In spite of the inclement weather, our chapters managed to provide activities to further the mission of The Ninety-Nines and meaningful meetings for our chapter members. I was delighted to see the joy of holiday gatherings posted on the various chapters' social media sites. The camaraderie and friendship of our sister Ninety-Nines are the reasons many of us joined and continue to renew our memberships.



The Chicago Area Chapter, once again, presented a very successful Aviation Expo and the Minnesota Chapter's Tree of Hope brought Christmas joy to hospitalized children in the state. Many of our chapters are planning events and meetings for 2025. I am encouraged to see plans for another successful year.

Congratulations are in order for our Fall First Wings awardees, Deborah Howell (Michigan) and Gabriela Tan (All Ohio). Peg Ballou (All Ohio) was named best instructor and her flight school, Ballou Sky Aviation, was named best flight school by AOPA's 2025 Flight Training Experience Awards. Peg also received the FAA Master Pilots Award. Way to go Peg!

Our NCS 99s continue their love of travel. Several NCS 99s attended the India Conclave and enjoyed touring the country and the hospitality of the India Section. Some of us attended the Spring IBOD Meeting in Oklahoma City, March 7-8. We are looking forward to the NCS Spring Meeting in Iowa City, April 25-27. Registration information appeared in the Winter Waypoint and will also be in this issue. The International Ninety-Nines Conference will be in Burlington, Vermont, July 9-13. Registration information is available on The Ninety-Nines website and in the 99s News January/February issue.

As your chapters meet and plan activities for 2025, know that your volunteerism, your support of women pilots, your hard work in planning and providing aviation education and your willingness to take on tasks and step into leadership positions is appreciated. We celebrate those that came before us and all those in our membership today as we continue our mission in the 96<sup>th</sup> year of The Ninety-Nines.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sue Glisson,*  
NCS Governor (2024-26)

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**Deadline for SUMMER Waypoint**

6/1/25 send .doc files for text  
.jpg files for pictures

## 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. Tell us about a 99 who accomplished something wonderful!

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

### **HARD COPY ISSUES! ATTENTION**

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 Joan Plato, Treasurer, N65W26307 Lake Drive, Sussex, WI 53089-3432.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** is the renewal date for printed issues for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, so checks or zelle payments 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 Joan of any change of address for Waypoint mailings.

**This SPRING issue is the FOURTH one sent to hard copy subscribers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year**

*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.*

## CALENDAR

*April 1 through April 6, 2025 Sun N Fun Lakeland Florida*

*April 25-27, 2025 North Central Section SPRING Meeting Iowa City, Iowa*

*July 8 through July 13, 2025 International Conference of the Ninety Nines, Burlington VT*

*October 3-5, 2025 North Central Section FALL Meeting Oshkosh, WI*



### **2025 International Conference**

*July 9-13, 2025*

*Burlington, Vermont*

Hosted by the [New England Section](#)

Registration is **OPEN** - the link is [99sconference.org](https://99sconference.org)

Editor's note: Top 10 things I have done at 99s International Conferences

- 1) Flown a Navy Jet (sim) off an aircraft carrier
- 2) Met a Charter member of the 99s
- 3) Met Aviation greats—Mercury 13, Yeager, Glenn, Wagstaff
- 4) Met a movie star
- 5) Got an astronaut's autograph for my granddaughter
- 6) Floated in the Dead Sea and toured Jordan
- 7) Visited New Zealand and learned about exploring the South Pole
- 8) Helped make decisions for our organization
- 9) Learned things LOTS OF THINGS
- 10) Had fun



# 99s North Central Section Spring Meeting

Hosted by Iowa Chapter

Hilton Garden Inn Iowa City

25-27 April 2025

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, state): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

First-time attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Pilot Member: \_\_\_\_\_ AE Scholarship recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Current Office(s) / Committee(s):

### Past Office(s) / Committee(s):

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

International: \_\_\_\_\_

International: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>x Quantity</b>	<b>= Total</b>
FULL* registration (postmarked by March 25)	\$119	_____	_____
LATE registration (postmarked after March 25)	\$139	_____	_____
Friday Hangar Party ** – Jet Air, IOW	\$35	_____	_____
Fly Market / Swap Meet Table (99s Members)	\$10	_____	_____
Fly Market / Swap Meet Table (non-99s Vendors)	\$30	_____	_____
NCS Tri-Blend T Shirt (color: Royal – Red – Black) Size (XS-3XL): _____	\$25	_____	_____
Banquet entrée (enter #): Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____			
Special dietary needs (banquet): _____			<b>TOTAL: \$</b> _____

\* FULL registration includes Breakfast and Banquet on Saturday, Welcome packet, Hospitality Room, access to Fly Market / Swap Meet / Silent Auction, and transportation to/from IOW airport for arrivals and departures, if needed.  
\*\* Friday Hangar Party is an à la carte addition and NOT included with the full registration package.

### PAYMENT: For best rates, book by 3/25/2025. Late registration, after 3/25/2025.

Send registrations to Iowa Treasurer Sam Claypool. Make checks payable to Iowa 99s.

Mail: Sam Claypool, 230 E 12th St N, Newton, IA 50208 Email: [claypoolsam13@gmail.com](mailto:claypoolsam13@gmail.com)

For electronic payments (Venmo): Samantha-Claypool-2 plus last 4 digits of her phone number (2815)

### HOTEL: Hilton Garden Inn Iowa City – 328 S Clinton St, Iowa City, IA, 52240

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/iowdogi-hilton-garden-inn-iowa-city-downtown-university>

Call hotel at 319-248-6100 (local #) for room reservations. Ask for "Iowa Chapter 99s" group rate (code 90B).

Room rate: \$129/night (single/double occupancy) – **must reserve by Friday April 4, 2025** for block rate.

Parking: \$15 per day; in/out parking privileges

**FLY IN:** Commercial – Eastern Iowa Airport (CID) Day \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Flight# \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_

Private – Iowa City Muni Airport (IOW) Day \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ N# \_\_\_\_\_ # passengers \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Minnetta Gardinier, [m.gardinier@gmail.com](mailto:m.gardinier@gmail.com), 319-331-6235

Brenda Frye, [brenda@alumni.iastate.edu](mailto:brenda@alumni.iastate.edu), 319-240-5687

Times and events are subject to change.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

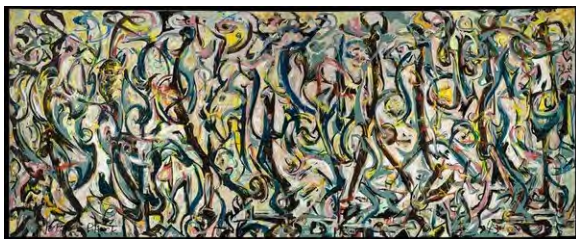
## University of Iowa Operator Performance Laboratory (OPL) *(Tour, Friday afternoon)*



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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 & Logan Gloss)

(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. Logan Gloss is the Operations Supervisor at CID ATC.

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)





## Soaring the Skies for 85 Years

### 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
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Fly Market / Swap Meet / Silent Auction open	Salon III
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
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Hangar BBQ Party @ IOW	IOW, Jet Air Hangar N
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room open	

#### **Saturday, April 26**

7:00 – 9:00 am	Registration	Salon III
7:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Breakfast meetings (Networking tables for leadership groups – e.g., Chapter chairs, treasurers, web admins; Section committees)	Vue Rooftop
9:00 – 11:30 am	Business meeting	Salon I/II
9:00 – 11:00 am	Univ Iowa AirCare Emergency Transport (for guests)	UI Healthcare
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
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<i>ATC Was My Co-Pilot</i> (Minnetta Gardinier & CID ATC, WINGS seminar)	Salon I
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	

#### **Sunday, April 27**

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

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(updated 02/02/2025)



**Remembering Paula Rumbaugh**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear friend Paula Rumbaugh, who passed away peacefully on February 22, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio with her husband Hal by her side.

Paula has been a passionate and dedicated member of the Ninety-Nines since 1988. She participated in seven Air Race Classics, attended numerous section and international meetings, and served in many leadership roles in the Scioto Valley chapter. As the membership committee chair, she welcomed new members and checked in with them regularly. She also served as the website manager, ensuring that the chapter stayed connected and informed. Paula was also active at the international and section levels. She served as co-chair for the 2019 International Conference in Dayton Ohio and as a member of the NCS Nominating Committee from 2018-2020. In 2022, she received the Governor's Service Award for her exceptional service to the Ninety-Nines.

A librarian by profession, Paula had a deep appreciation for knowledge and learning. She was a gifted musician, playing the piano and sharing her love of classical music with those around her. As a choir director, she inspired and mentored many, and used her musical talents to bring joy to friends.

Paula's love for travel took her to many places around the world, but she most loved flying her beloved Grumman Traveler. She combined her love of flying with her generous spirit by volunteering as a Lifeline pilot to help people in need receive medical care.

Paula's kindness, dedication, and passion for both aviation and service have left an enduring legacy. She will be deeply missed by all who have had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by her loving husband, family, and many friends and colleagues, who will forever remember her as a guiding light in the aviation community and beyond.



*Tribute written  
by Mary Biller*



## PPLI ZOOM PRESENTATION HELD

Michigan Chapter Chair, Linda Langrill, invited the current PPLI leadership team to present and informative session for her members, and added invitations to other Chapter to participate. Laura Matheson and Kaylynn Tobias made their presentation and answered questions from the 24 interested 99s in attendance. Here is Laura and Kaylynn's report, a photo, and the thank you from Linda on behalf of the Michigan Chapter

Founded in 2004, the mission of the [Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative \(PPLI\)](#) is to develop diverse women pilots as leaders in the aviation/aerospace industry. By facilitating mentoring and developing our leadership skills, the PPLI program provides highly motivated 99s members with tools to develop their careers and leadership abilities through activities and formal mentoring partnerships with experienced women professional pilots. Together, we strengthen and expand the network of diverse women pilots and leaders. To start the program applicants must be commercially licensed pilots actively working or seeking work in an aviation role.

The PPLI runs two sessions per year: "A" Session runs from March 1 through July 31. "B" Session runs from September 1 through January 31. The entire PPLI program takes 18 months from start to finish, with optional breaks for life events. Application deadlines are January 15<sup>th</sup> for Session "A" and July 15<sup>th</sup> for Session "B".

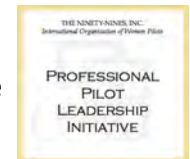
This highly-structured, formal, online leadership and mentoring program is quite unique. The mentor and mentee will communicate on a bi-weekly basis to discuss the mentoring prompts and guided activities. Not only is this an opportunity to connect with fellow women in the aviation industry, but a way to focus on your own personal and leadership development – and in turn, grow your professional skills.

Graduates of our program continue to progress as leaders in all facets of aviation, having practiced goal setting, networking and building their confidence to take on new opportunities.

By joining the PPLI, you can continue the legacy of professional networking and career development within the Ninety-Nines and hone your own leadership skills. Our [Application Form](#) can be found through this link or by going to the Ninety-Nines website and search the PPLI under the Resources drop-down menu.



Laura Matheson



To: Laura Matheson, PPLI Team Lead & Kaylynn Tobias, PPLI Team Participant

Our sincere thanks for the excellent presentation you shared with so many 99s this evening. It is wonderful to see your enthusiasm for the program, and it was especially meaningful for you to individually share your stories. Many of the 24 attendees could identify with those stories.

We had representatives from the Iowa Chapter, Northwoods Chapter, Manitoba Chapter, Greater New York Chapter, Orange County Chapter and Michigan Chapter 99s attending tonight. Thank you again for taking time to share the PPLI message.

Sincerely, Linda Langrill



## A Visit with 99s Golden Girl, Dolly Ross

Linda Langrill. Michigan Chapter 99s  
[Langrill.Linda5@gmail.com](mailto:Langrill.Linda5@gmail.com) 2-7-2025

It all started with an email from Robin Hadfield, President of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

*Happy New Year! I hope 2025 brings you health, happiness, and plenty of good flying weather!*

### **Celebrating Our Legacy Members**

*I am delighted to recognize 239 extraordinary members who have been with us for over 50 years. Their unwavering commitment to our organization is truly remarkable. I would especially like to highlight Sophia Payton of the Florida Suncoast Chapter, who has achieved an incredible milestone of 78 years of continuous membership since 1946. Sophia was an avid air racer. Racing in 29 AWTAR/ARC, she won first place four times, and eighteen times finished in the top ten! A Lifetime 99s member, I congratulate Sophia on her contributions to our organization. Your dedication continues to inspire us all.*

Then the North Central Section Secretary, Kathy Lester-Ross, wrote an article for the section's Winter 2025 *Waypoint* newsletter, naming all 44 women Golden Girls in our section. Two of those were Michigan Chapter 99s members: **Claire Ojala** of Calumet, MI who joined in 1963 and **Dolly Ross**, 94, of Naples FL, who joined in 1971.

I tried to reach both women by phone and was able to connect right away with Dolly, who had received Robin Hadfield's *Straight & Level* newsletter of December 31, 2024 and had seen the photo of her friend, Sophie Payton of Clearwater FL. She was most interested in whether Sophie was alive and how she might contact her. I provided Sophie's contact information to Dolly. Hopefully these two Golden Girls will reconnect soon!

Dolly said the first 99 she met when she attended her first meeting at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in 1971 was Claire Ojala and husband, Keith. Dolly and husband, George, were impressed because Claire and Keith had **flown** into the meeting in their airplane!

Dolly remembers flying in the 1970's and '80's in the Michigan SMALL Race and the Indiana Fair Ladies Races, where she also remembers winning a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy! Dolly remembers other 99s, Sammy McKay, Michigan Chapter 99s racer; Joyce Odam, who flew on the Michigan Air Tours, and Alice Hamilton, whom she first met at one of the races.

Dolly's two daughters, Betsy and Ginger, also became pilots. Ginger Moore is Airport Manager at Hillsdale Municipal Airport (KJYM). Dolly plans to attend the opening dedication later in 2025 of the new terminal building at Hillsdale Municipal Airport.

I got to meet Dolly Ross in person on January 28, 2025 in Naples, FL. Michigan Chapter 99s member, Dot Hornsby, and I met Dolly for lunch at Seasons 52 Restaurant. Dolly's eyes sparkled when she recalled the friends and the races that she knew and enjoyed from many years ago. She had done her homework, too, gathering photos, clippings, pins, and mementos from her flying days to share with us. She was especially proud of a colorful Snoopy the Flying Ace pin, a souvenir from the Powder Puff Race '75. She also brought a handbag that she had made, covered with VFR Navigation Charts.

Dolly's father, A. D. Althouse, taught aeronautics at Cass Technical High School. She shared a newspaper article from the *Detroit News*, Saturday, September 17, 1927, that featured the donation of a seaplane, equipped with "a Curtiss eight-cylinder engine and all navigating instruments." Also donated by the United States Navy were four engines: "A new eight-cylinder Hispano-Suiza, a new Liberty, a Packard and a new Union." This was an exciting time for aviation, as Col. Charles Lindbergh had just successfully flown across the Atlantic on May 20-21, 1927. Note of interest, Lindbergh's mother was a math teacher at the Cass Technical High School. So, she and Dolly's father were colleagues.

Dolly wrote an email to me after our luncheon get together:

Hi Linda,  
Thank you for instigating our luncheon together with Dot. It was so inspiring to meet and talk aviation with you. I no longer fly but I enjoy the memories and artifacts from my days of actively flying. It was such fun finding items that had been put away for so long. I hope we can do this again. Happy Safe Flying,  
Love, Dolly

I am looking forward to meeting again with Dolly Ross. She was an active Cessna 172 pilot, wife of pilot George Ross, mother of two daughters who earned their pilot certificates. And she is still going strong as a Lifetime Member of The Ninety-Nines. We are proud to have you as a member of the Michigan Chapter 99s and the North Central Section 99s, Dolly.

*See photos next page*

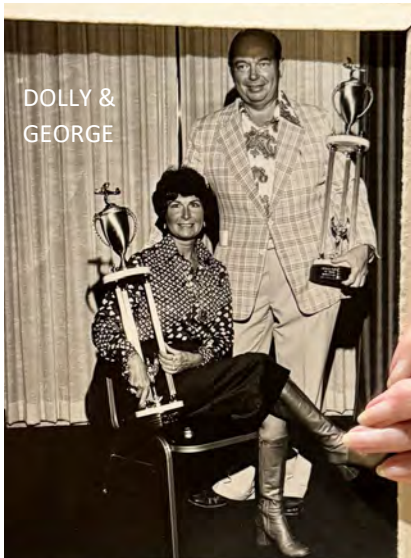




DOLLY ROSS



DOLLY & DOT HORNSBY



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AIR RACE MEMENTO



LINDA LANGRILL WITH DOLLY & DOT



## TREASURER'S 501 C 3 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!

It is your responsibility to make sure that applicable State filings are done according to your state regulations. Please discuss with your tax professional/preparer what your State requirements are.

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



## FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP

The International Forest of Friendship will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in September of 2026. The plans are in the works in Atchison, KS to have a great party with lots of fly-ins and new aviation honorees.

If you have not yet visited the Forest, make a plan to see it, honor inductees, visit Amelia Earhart's Birthplace Museum (a 99s facility) and enjoy the new and wonderful Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum.



## AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP

**Fall 2024 First Wings winners from North Central Section** included: Deborah Howell (Michigan) and Gabriela Tan (All-Ohio)

**Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships:** Our section received 14 AE and three Vicki Cruse applications. The NCS AE Committee went through the applications, gave suggestions for improvement, and reviewed the final drafts. Nine AE (per our section membership quota limit), as well as the three Vicki Cruse applications, were sent on to the Trustees. We wish them luck!

*Laurie Probst*

## FAASTEAM LIASON COMMITTEE

Are YOU earning WINGS credits? Want an easy way to sign up for some monthly webinars so that you get helpful reminders, without having to register for each one?

Pro Tips for CFI's and Students: [https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_vrR4VmgVQf6wTiwr\\_wceew](https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vrR4VmgVQf6wTiwr_wceew)

Pro Tips for Pilots: [https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_7h9HW5M2QUmkZsPpRKd55g](https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_7h9HW5M2QUmkZsPpRKd55g)

Pro Tips for Maintenance: [https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_M06EkTMyS6CSTE\\_wFQiPdw](https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_M06EkTMyS6CSTE_wFQiPdw)

Saturday Morning Coffee and WINGS: [https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_syRmrq6aS1uiPB7yL14xMg](https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_syRmrq6aS1uiPB7yL14xMg)

These webinars on Aircraft Systems are a great review on systems and the POH for all of us: <https://youtu.be/YSrdM0tHRWY?si=QOObaF2Q49fZeZel>

[https://youtu.be/XsHOGnxQs\\_l?si=1ky3o21SgWtYgR1V](https://youtu.be/XsHOGnxQs_l?si=1ky3o21SgWtYgR1V)

<https://youtu.be/r7FQL6fm6KY?si=8yq-011IXM4WO2tR>

<https://youtu.be/CF3ijtTIFkk?si=Cy5wBf3clomq882B>

*Laurie Probst*

February 24, the North Central Section 99s hosted an entertaining quiz game fundraiser. Eighteen people attended the event, which featured questions on aviation history, famous women pilots, local accomplishments, and NCS trivia. The event was a great success and raised almost \$200! Participants laughed a lot while testing their knowledge and learning new things about aviation and each other's flight experiences.

Plan on attending a fundraiser - it's a great way to meet others from the section, especially in preparation for the Section meetings. The proceeds from the fundraiser will support the charitable work of the North Central Section 99s. Stay tuned for the next fundraiser in August - this one will get your engines running!



*Brenda Frye and Brenda Hanson*  
Fundraising Committee Chairs

**AVIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

By *Madeleine Monaco*

I need some inspiration, and some ideas to share with the Chapters in our North Central Section. I am printing a list here of Chapters and asking someone from each Chapter to text or email me an incident that occurred in your life that allowed you to educate a member of the non-flying public. Tell me how just in conversation, maybe in your normal life, you have had an opportunity to educate the community. For example, when I was an appointed member of the airport board I provided a 5 minute aviation topic to the board members before each monthly meeting. What did you do? Text 847-431-1847 email 99mjm@sbcglobal.net

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|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| All Ohio      | Chicago Area | Gtr Kansas City    | Gtr St Louis | Indiana  |
| Indiana Dunes | Iowa         | Kentucky Bluegrass | Lake Erie    | Michigan |
| Minnesota     | Northwoods   | Scioto Valley      | Wisconsin    |          |

I will check off each Chapter as I hear from you, and share your stories/ideas next issue!

## FLYING ACTIVITIES REPORT *Dee Dreger*

Hooray! Spring is on it's way! The weather is getting better and the temps are getting warmer. "Flying Season" is just beginning! But, Spring is also a time for unpredictable weather. Do you know what to expect? Are you prepared? Maybe Spring is a good time to brush up on Safety, especially when the weather is still keeping you grounded. Take some Webinars or Seminars to prepare yourself and your aircraft. Here are some resources: Go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov). On the Homepage under Upcoming Seminars fill in your Zip Code and how many miles from home you are willing to travel for Seminars. Once that page opens you might see a map. Click on your state and you should get a comprehensive list of Seminars and dates where they will be presented. A great way to earn WINGS credits and improve your safety. You can also check out training videos on the [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) website. Check them out! These presentations just might encourage you to fly more and feel better about your skills, especially if you are rusty.

If you belong to AOPA, go to [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) and click on **Training & Safety**. Then on **Air Safety Institute** to find all kinds of webinars to watch and earn more WINGS credits.

For those of you who may no longer be actively flying, go to [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) and **Plan a Trip**. Well, this is also good for those who are still actively flying, and check out Trip Ideas, How to Plan a Trip, etc. Resources abound.

But as I always recommend, find a reason to go flying this spring. Fly to a Spring Festival. **Fly to our Section Meeting at IOW on April 25-27**. Fly to go see family for Easter or to a graduation or a wedding. Take a friend or family member flying for fun, for a scenic flight, or to go have lunch somewhere. Go flying to practice and bring your skills up to competence, or better yet, proficiency. Summer will be arriving soon enough. Get yourself ready for the best weather to come.

Just keep flying. And be sure to enjoy yourself – safely!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The North Central Section 2024-2026 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 2026. 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 North Central Section benefits all of us.

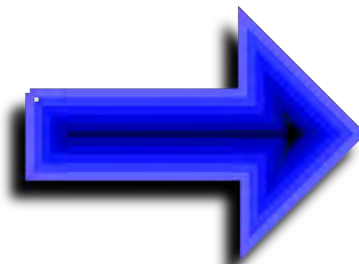
As we become involved, we learn the operating procedures of the 99s and make new friends and mentors in the process.

If you decide to run for one of the positions, please review the Intent to Seek Election form found here or on the NCS website, and submit it to Anne Mongiovi by October 31, 2025.

Contact information for Anne is contained on the Intent to Seek Election form.

*Anne Mongiovi & Sam Claypool,*  
Co-Chairs

Intent  
To  
Seek  
Election  
Form







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



## Intent to Seek Election

**Deadline: All materials must be submitted by October 31, 2025.**

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

<b>Office sought:</b>	
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, 2026 until April 30, 2028. 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, 2025* with a 100-word personal résumé and email a current photo.** Only the résumé will be printed in the 2025/2026 (Winter) issue of Waypoint and posted on the NCS web site. Ballots will be sent in January 2026.

Email (or mail paper copies) to: Anne Mongiovi  
625 Woodland Ct  
Troy, IL 62294-2238

Cell: (618) 530-8464  
Email: ammongi@gmail.com

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



I really enjoy reading about your chapters' activities and members' accomplishments. I have a great opportunity to learn from the long time members about their history and achievements from the past, and to expand my knowledge by hearing about what the newer members take on and change and improve. What you share in your reports (hopefully) will be shared with others when they read the issue of Waypoint where it is published.

**SECTION MEETING PROMOTION:** One of the questions I get often, is "When do I need to give Waypoint information regarding Section meetings?" Weekends away with my 99 sisters have always been great fun for me. Because of that I encourage serious marketing to the members—especially those who have not attended before. We live busy lives, filled with work and family events, and with a short visit to a new location, and time with those who share our passion; need our encouragement; and make us laugh is absolutely priceless.



So when you set your dates to host, look at the calendar and make note of the last possible issue of Waypoint that will be published prior to that date. For Iowa, we published a teaser in Fall Issue, the full registration in the Winter issue published on January 1st, and in this issue a repost of the full registration. It's timing that allowed this. The meeting occurs after this Spring issue gets put together AND after it gets out to you on April 1st.

The next Section meeting will be held in Oshkosh Wisconsin, hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter on October 3, 4 and 5 of 2025. So because the issue immediately before the meeting will go out to all members on October 1st, we need to send a teaser ( advance notice ) in this issue, and the full registration in Summer issue out July 1.

Just to continue with the information that I already have—the Spring Section Meeting will be hosted by All Ohio Chapter. They have set dates early in Spring—March 27-29, 2026. Therefore, they will need to publish their full registration package in Winter Waypoint—January 1, 2026. If we do an early announcement in the Fall 2025 issue, they will have time to get the word out on dates, place, and theme.



Do you know that we used to have a very active competition in our Section for an attendance trophy. There was a formula that adjusted for the total membership of the Chapter and the distance away from the Section meeting. We had a great time trying to bring more 99s to Section and winning that trophy. I think it would be great fun to reinstate that competition. What do you think?

Meanwhile, remember to plan your Section meeting early, get the word out often and make it the best ever NCS gathering of 99s. See the list of hosting dates and chapters near the end of this issue.

IOWA	SPRING 25	WISCONSIN	FALL 25
ALL OHIO	SPRING 26	MICHIGAN	FALL 26
INDIANA	SPRING 27	CHICAGO AREA	FALL 27

Finding a leadership team, a hotel, and a basic plan early makes it all so much easier to host a section meeting.

Remember that the elected Directors on our NCS Board have been tasked with guiding you through the process of hosting. For this current term that's Jeneanne Visser and Dee Dreger. They can both be reached by email : [Directors@NCS99s.org](mailto:Directors@NCS99s.org)

I'll see you in Iowa City!



# Air Race Classic 2025



### We need YOUR help!

Ever wonder how the magic happens behind the scenes of the Air Race Classic? We're looking for passionate individuals to show interest with helping with the flight handicapping process. No experience? No problem! Never raced or volunteered before? You're welcome to join us! The more people who sign up and show interest, the stronger we can make the 2025 ARC! Let's keep the tradition alive and soaring! Click the link below and complete the survey today.

To volunteer: fill out the [Google form](#)  
Have questions? Looking for a race partner?  
Email: [entryadmin@airraceclassic.org](mailto:entryadmin@airraceclassic.org).

### Continue the Tradition Support The Air Race Classic and Make 2025 The Best Race Ever!





## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Kathy Lester-Ross*



GRAMMY – SAG – OSCAR – CMA – EMMY - TONY  
First Wings - Wright Brothers Master Pilot – Air Race Classic – AEMS  
– Gordon Bennett – March Madness – NASCAR Cup – PGA – World  
Series – Super Bowl – Wimbledon - 99s International Achievement  
Award - Spinning Prop – 49 ½ - Governors Service

**And the AWARD goes to ~  
EACH NCS 99 member!**

*As a 99 – a woman pilot –*

*YOU have overcome challenges to achieve your aviation dreams. YOU have donated endless time and energy to support your sisters in the sky. YOU have imparted basic and truly advanced aviation skills and knowledge. YOU have flown solo, with friends and family and commercial and cargo flights, to airports near and far. YOU have taught and tested so well that your students have completed oral, practical and flight tests. YOU have flipped pancakes and donated your special bakery and crafted items to support 99s scholarships. YOU have silently worked on committees and chaired others. YOU have mentored and monitored. YOU have sparked aviation flames in Young Eagles & Girl Scouts. YOU have worked tirelessly on Chapter projects. YOU have listened to and encouraged others to persist in achieving their aviation goals. YOU have attended meetings, events and activities – many times in person, sometimes in spirit. YOU have joined, are a member of and support the only international organization of and for female pilots. YOU make a difference and your efforts are acknowledged – whether behind the scenes or face-forward in your actions. YOU are part of the North Central Section of The Ninety-Nines. YOU are 1 of 938 members of our Section and YOU make a difference.*

***The AWARD goes to YOU, a 99 in the North Central Section!***

*Current and comparative NCS membership:*

Fall, 2022:	Current <b>798</b>	Life <b>60</b>	Student <b>139</b>	Standby <b>45</b>	Hold <b>10</b>			
Fall, 2023:	Current <b>879</b>	Life <b>66</b>	Student <b>194</b>	Standby <b>28</b>	Hold <b>33</b>			
Spring, 2024:	Current <b>888</b>	Life <b>66</b>	Student <b>194</b>	Standby <b>22</b>	Hold <b>12</b>			
Fall, 2024:	Current <b>897</b>	Life <b>64</b>	Student <b>235</b>	Standby <b>43</b>	Hold <b>18</b>	AEMS <b>44</b>	PPLI <b>12</b>	
Dec., 2024:	Current <b>895</b>	Life <b>78</b>	Student <b>214</b>	Standby <b>28</b>	Hold <b>13</b>	AEMS <b>44</b>	PPLI <b>12</b>	
Spring, 2025:	Current <b>938</b>	Life <b>79</b>	Student <b>221</b>	Standby <b>22</b>	Hold <b>30</b>	AEMS <b>44</b>	PPLI <b>12</b>	

[Only 11 of our current members on March 17, 2025, list no email in The 99s Directory!]

## ALL OHIO CHAPTER

Margaret Hazlett, Secretary

Hello from the All-Ohio 99s Chapter!

The winter is passing quickly, with few flying days, weatherwise, in Ohio, however, that hasn't kept our members on the ground.

Congratulations to CFII Peg Ballou for being awarded the AOPA Great Lakes Regional Best Instructor Award and the Distinguished Flight School Award! Peg has been a pilot for fifty years, following her Mom's great example.

Valerie Palazzolo has been a 99 for 46 years! Val trained at Detroit, as did Debra Henrichs. Deb could afford only one lesson a month until she joined a flying club and then took a lesson a week, passed her checkride and her Mom was her first passenger. (So, don't be discouraged by the cost of training!)

Long time member (48 yrs) and air racer, Kay Johnson, celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in February.

Gabby Tan did her first solo flight and is now working for a fractional ownership company as a flight communication specialist.

Former member A & P Leota Lane and CFI Jessie Postle have been friends since flight training. Jessie joined Leota when she lived in Alaska. While Leota was worked on planes, Jessie had her flight students do turns on a point around a moose, because there were few landmarks to use.

Jun Oikawa passed her Stage I CFI training.

CAP Captain Lisa Blair was on a Cap Keynote Flight when their Cessna 182 flew through the wake of an F16 fighter.

Roberta Cumberworth Jones is back from a genealogy search in England.

CFII Peg Ballou and Dalya Abu-Shaweesh did approaches recently.

EV Lechuga hopes to have her checkride in March.

Erin Walling recently flew in an Arrow and got her complex endorsement.

Peg Ballou and Lisa Blair have recorded biographies of some of our members at All Ohio 99s – YouTube Check out the members' great stories! Also, visit All-Ohio Ninety Nines on Facebook.



Thanks to our chapter official photographer Kathy Samuelson for the photos!

## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

*Madeleine Monaco*

In January



Standing Room Only—Opening Session

The Chicago Area Chapter began assisting the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Safety Office to put on an IFR/VFR Safety Seminar with Flying Companion Course about 50 years ago. When I joined the 99s way back when, Char Falkenberg and Joan Kerwin were teaching Flying Companions at the IDOT event in Springfield. Over the years Beverlee Greenhill, Sharon Schorsch, Mary Hough, Marge Sundmacher, Gail Wenk, Rita Adams and others led the charge. On January 25, 2025 our Chapter produced the event, chose the venue, lined up the educational speakers, arranged for Wings credits, provided publicity, invited aviation businesses and charities to help funding by purchasing table space,

designed a new Flying Companion interactive 4 session experience (Jennifer Markovska and Jamie Swanson) and presented Aviation Expo 2025 to the public.

In February

Our Chapter had a “Dip Party” Everyone brought a dip—either savory or sweet— and chips, veggies, cookies, or fruit to dip into it. We conducted business, including accepting Chapter recommendations for Section 49 1/2 Award, and Governor’s Service Award. Also, we discussed the parameters for Spinning Prop Award.

We have received an inquiry from Soaring Society of America (SSA) to learn more/explore options in glider flying. I think many of us would enjoy a visit from a sailplane pilot, or better yet a visit to a glider port. One of SSA’s officers has invited us to come to Sky Soaring in Huntley to hear what soaring is, how much fun it is, how to get involved, the Glider rating, and the challenges of free flight (cross country soaring and contest flying). We are working on a plan for this September. Might be some demo rides given!!!!



Our friends at Chicago’s Leading Edge Chapter of Women in Aviation are planning a major event at Aurora Airport on Thursday, May 29th. Many of our Chapter members are also their chapter members; this is a fun Hangar Dance with a big band 1940’s theme; warbirds, costumes, food, drink and dance music—all for aviators! Join them in the fun.

In March



Deb Mexnarsic, Grace Kohlert and Corie Wild

We met at DKB for a homemade soup lunch, with great desserts as an added benefit. Followed by our meeting, and then a great presentation that included both a Wings seminar on preparedness, and a Boy Scout leader defining the how and whys of off airport survival in the winter weather. He emptied his Go Bag and we were entertained and informed for the entire time!!!!

Our slate of officers to be voted in for the next term starting June of 2025 was announced.

*Happy Spring!*



The last couple of months have been very busy for the Indiana 99s Chapter. We are in the rebuilding process and working hard to get things going again. We have done three social gatherings at restaurants close to airports in case anyone wanted to fly in. For our first social gathering we had two 99s, the second we had three 99s and the third we had six 99s. (No one has flown in yet, but maybe soon.) We took a break during December for the holidays, then again in January for elections and February for lack of time for proper 30 days' notice.

In January we held a special election to instate Erin Hammer as the Chapter Chair, Liz Hanrahan as the Secretary and Brittany Moon as the Treasurer. We are still on the lookout for a Chapter Vice Chair and a couple of other positions. We hope that as we grow someone will quickly step into these roles.

We have started rebuilding our social media presence on both Facebook and Instagram. We have also started working on keeping our website current with what we are doing in the Chapter. We have also been calling on our roster to gain insight into what they would like to see out of the Chapter and what things would really motivate everyone to want to get involved. We have a member that has offered to host a Fly-In at their local airport sometime this year. We are looking forward to that! Next on our horizon, is getting a newsletter out to our members. We are hoping to fill it with member features, scholarship opportunities, where are the best \$100 hamburgers are and more!

We had our first official meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> with the new officers. At that meeting, we had the most Indiana 99s in one place since September of 2024. We made plans for attending Purdue Aviation Day to support our Lafayette Wing as they grow their presence on campus, discussed creating a social media channel to have last-minute fun gatherings, told our aviation stories, and discussed other opportunities for growth and improvement. Indianapolis Executive Airport (KTYQ) has offered to be our home base for future monthly meetings, which we greatly appreciate. We also plan on moving around to other airports to incorporate those that live farther away, but will mostly meet at TYQ. We are very excited about the direction we are heading and look forward to more fun and exciting events together.



## IOWA CHAPTER

*Brenda Frye*

These winter months have not been dull for the Iowa 99s even though the windchills have been negative and the winds very gusty. We have 2 new PPL pilots, earned a commercial rating, and 2 multi engine ratings in January and February. What a start to the new year!

One of our members built her own light sport and took it for her first flight to celebrate on her birthday.

We also had a CFI talk to our group (virtually) about how to prepare for winter flying, which prompted great conversation and show-and-tell about the carbon monoxide detectors that we use in our planes.



IOWA CHAPTER  
SECTION MEETING  
COMMITTEE



Ashley Hanson—flying the plane  
that she built— Happy Birthday



Julia Protexter—New Pilot



Tannar Irwin—1st Pilot in 2025

We've been working hard to finalize preparations for hosting the section meeting in April in Iowa City and hope to see everyone there to celebrate our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an Iowa Chapter.



## KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

Sue Glisson

The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter Holiday Party was held at Landis Lakes Clubhouse, Louisville, KY on December 14, 2025. We enjoyed playing our "Snoop" gift exchange game, a delicious Mexican lunch, and connecting with our members.



Recipients of our Kentucky Bluegrass Advanced Rating Scholarships for 2024 included from left to right, Timber Dawson, Tiffany Meredith, Madeline Elliott and Chloe Park. Also awarded was Brooklyn Richendifer (not pictured).

Evie Sapp, Kentucky Bluegrass 99s Chapter Chair, and Liz Bornwasser, WAI Bluegrass Chapter Chair are pictured. Members of both aviation organizations were invited to enjoy our holiday gathering.



In February we were busy planning for our March 15 Girl Scout Day held at Flight Club 502 in Louisville, Kentucky. The annual aviation event is open to both Girl Scouts and other middle school to high school girls. Girl Scouts may earn an aviation badge created by the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. For information on ordering badges, see <https://aviationbadges.myshopify.com>. All proceeds go to the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter scholarship fund.





## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Linda Langrill

The Michigan chapter celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in December 2024 by having breakfast at the Bomber Restaurant in Ypsilanti, Michigan, which honors Rosie the Riveter. We then adjourned for a tour of Michigan Flight Museum at Belleville, Michigan where we were greeted by one of the museum's Rosie's who gave us a riveting demonstration and let us try our hand at riveting. Ironically the event occurred on December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day in 1941.

On December 7, 2024, Kim Fanelli and Rachel Lindvig represented the Michigan 99s flying for Operation Good Cheer. They helped deliver gifts to 6,700 children in foster care throughout the state of Michigan. Hundreds of volunteers, agencies, donors, companies, air traffic controllers and airports along with 225 pilots participated to spread joy during the holiday season.

First time Air Race Classic racer, Sarah Haskett, shared the story of her team "Sky Moms" at our January meeting. She and teammate, Timber Dawson, had the experience of a lifetime in their Cessna 172.

Deborah Howell received the Michigan 99s Denton Traveling Trophy in February for accomplishing her first solo flight in January 2025. She also received the Mary Rawlinson Creason Scholarship to help fund her flight training.

Esme Lowry received the 2024 ProAviSTEM scholarship from the Grand Dames of Aviation in January.

Jen Little was awarded the Denton Traveling Trophy in March after she earned her Private Pilot Certificate on January 26, 2025.

Suzette Biela completed her ATP-CTP training and passed her ATP written.



Four Michigan 99s joined in the North Central Section 99s Jeopardy Fundraiser on February 24. We learned how much we did not know about aviation trivia – for a good cause!

It's been a cold winter here in Minnesota. December found us busy volunteering for the Tree of Hope toy collection event. Tree of Hope is an aviation-based non-profit that collects toys for children who are hospitalized during the holidays. Seventeen Minnesota 99s were among the 32 event day volunteers who unloaded, sorted, tagged and bagged over 4000 toys this year. The toys are then delivered by volunteer drivers to over 38 hospitals and all the Minnesota Ronald McDonald Houses, as well as a couple of women's shelters. Some of our members are also volunteer drivers.



Our last in person event was our holiday party on December 15 at the Anoka County Airport. We had our quarterly meeting where we gave out our two Chapter awards: one for the most 99s events attended during 2024. Brenda Hanson was the recipient of that award. Ellen Quist was the recipient of the award for the most Minnesota airports landed at in 2024. Congratulations to both of them! The meeting was followed by a potluck and lots of social time.



Chapter member Heather gave a Zoom presentation to 15 of us February 23 on working with ATC (how they operate, what to say, services provided, etc.). Heather is a former Air Traffic Controller and this was a follow-up to her November Zoom presentation. Attendees sent in questions ahead of time, which sparked more questions. It was a very interesting and informative evening.

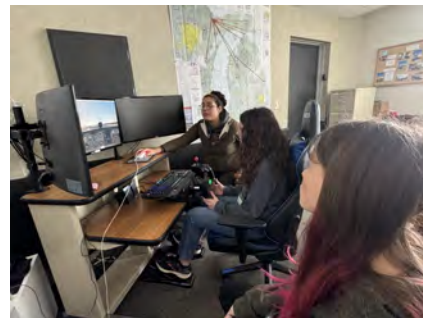
Minnesota Brenda and Iowa Brenda teamed up on February 24<sup>th</sup> to host Tribuvia, an online trivia night to benefit the North Central Section. A good time was had by all!!

Our next Chapter event will be on March 15, where we will award several scholarships. Minnesota awards a scholarship for Private Pilot training, one for advanced rating, and two for currency. All are in memory of our WASP Liz Strohfus, who was a member until her passing in 2015. This year we have an additional scholarship donated by a private party! Ping Ping He will get the Private Pilot Scholarship and the additional SkyQueenKing Scholarship. Emma Hanson will be awarded the advanced rating Chapter scholarship, and Majel Baker will be awarded a currency scholarship, which will get her back in the air after a long break. Congratulations, Ladies!!

We are looking forward to attending the Spring Section meeting in Iowa City! See you there!!



Our Northwoods Chapter (Northern Wisconsin AND the U.P. – Upper Peninsula – of Michigan) has shown an increase in membership. Several new members come from the Marquette, MI area and they are flying out of SAW. These ladies are so energetic that they organized and presented a “Girls in Aviation” event on a VERY snowy Saturday in February at SAW. There were 25 girls in attendance from a 100 mile radius and ranging in age from 12-19. They took a tour of the tower that had 2 female controllers! They also toured the US Army Redstone Ice Team Hangar, which is a program that forms clouds using a Blackhawk helicopter and then researches icing on leading edges of aircraft. It’s the only program of its kind in the US. The Flight Test Engineer that puts all that research together is Kimberly Hanks with the U.S. Army – another woman! The girls also participated in presentations on 7 different aviation careers from professionals in each field. They each had time on a simulator and they participated in a variety of fun aviation activities – reading VFR sectionals, decoding the phonetic alphabet, paper airplanes, etc. A great time was had by all. We just might have some future flyers in the wings.





## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Mandi Neumann

We had our December holiday luncheon where we voted on AE applications to submit to the section and enjoyed time to socialize with each other.



We have been having monthly NCS committee planning meetings to prepare for hosting the Fall NCS meeting. It is to be held October 3, 4, 5 2025 at Oshkosh WI.

In January we had our Annual Business meeting at the West Bend airport.

On February 22, we had our awards luncheon at a restaurant in an old train depot where we had a meeting followed by awarding pins to members based on their years of active service in our chapter.



In March, we will have our meeting at the CAP hanger in Milwaukee followed by a presentation by the CAP members.

We have quite a few members in active flight training working on their Instrument ratings, multi engine, and private pilot certificates.

We recently had one member pass her CFI checkride and two of our student pilots solo!

One of our members has also started taking an Upset recovery/intro to Aerobatics course in Oshkosh WI!

Hope to see you all soon!

## SHOW US YOUR AIRCRAFT

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

Why?

'cause we love flying



Kassie Miller after her flight the night of October 1, 2024  
Kassie flew her club plane and is a Michigan Chapter member

## 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**

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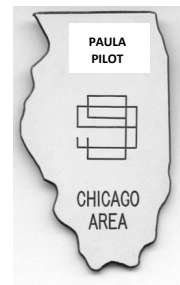
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## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RETENTION OF MEMBERS

Our Section numbers are growing steadily. Thanks to our Membership Chair and each Chapters efforts. Suggestions, ideas, promotions, and incentives are all good—lets share and gain new knowledge and success.

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- *in the absence of a Membership Chair, the Chapter Chair is the defacto person for this position*



Current Section statistics show:

938 members	30 on hold	22 on standby	224 student pilots
	79 life members	43 AE winners	12 PPLI Grads

So the first thing we see is that just over 3% of our members did not pay their dues payment (yet)

Then we see that around 2 1/2% are 2 months past due

**SOLUTION:** A small amount of follow up and encouragement could mean a lot  
Text, email, or call the members that show up on your monthly report from International in either of those statuses (every Chapter Chair and Chapter Membership Chair gets one.)

Do you interact with our organizations lifeblood? Our Student Pilots? They account for almost 1/4 of our numbers!

**SOLUTION:** Assign a contact person to communicate monthly—keep in touch  
Make use of those members who have received the most benefit from membership—the AE Winners, the PPLI participants, the Life Members. They might be willing to take on a small task like this

THESE EFFORTS WILL INCREASE YOUR RETENTION OF MEMBERS—try them. And if you have any additional ideas, please send them to [membership@ncs99s.org](mailto:membership@ncs99s.org) so we can share.

We should explore RECRUITING TECHNIQUES as well, but for those of us reading this Waypoint article, its probably a given that we share the love and the good news of all things 99!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!



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