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Waypoint

FLY HIGH, DREAM BIG!

Most of us had a very hot summer, but still managed to work on or complete those ratings, provide fun and educational meetings and activities for our members, and attend aviation events.

Congratulations to our Spring 2025 First Wings Scholarship recipients – Gabrielle Fullilove (Chicago Area), Yuaqing He (Minnesota), Taylor Peeff (Kentucky Bluegrass) and Rachel Stivers-Bender (Kentucky Bluegrass).

This year's Air Race Classic was a true cross-country race, from Fairhope, AL, to Spokane, WA. A shout out to all NCS members who volunteered at a stop or participated as racers. Congratulations to Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) and Brenda Frye (Iowa) on their third place finish in the competition class! Next year's race will include 4 airports in the NCS – start East Alton, IL; Frankfort, KY; Prairie du Chien, WI and terminus Mount Vernon, IL. Encourage your chapter members to participate or volunteer at the NCS stops.

Twenty plus NCS members attended the International 99s Conference in Burlington, VT, hosted by the New England Section. The conference included keynote speaker, Colonel Laura Caputo, USAF, and special guest, Bram Kleppner, Vermont legislator and great nephew of Amelia Earhart. We enjoyed many informative seminars and side trips which included a visit to Stowe, VT, touring the "Sound of Music" Von Trapp Family's Lodge, and an evening cruise aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen on Lake Champlain. NCS members elected to International positions included Director Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area), Endowment Fund Trustee Deb McGee (Iowa), and AE Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee Rene Burger Bowman (Minnesota).

No sooner had the International 99s Conference wrapped up, than many NCS members were heading to AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, to volunteer or enjoy the airshow, another year of record attendance and everything aviation.

As you read this, the NCS Fall Meeting in Oshkosh, WI, should be in full swing or just completed. Much thanks to the Wisconsin Chapter for hosting. Touring the Oshkosh Tower and EAA's Museum are on the schedule. Banquet speaker, Wisconsin Hall of Fame Inductee, and former U.S. Army Warrant Officer and EMS helicopter pilot, Janis Sierra, and Wings seminar, "Anatomy of an Accident," presenters, Joan Plato and Jurg Grossenbacher, are lined up for our enlightenment and enjoyment.



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Deadline for WINTER Waypoint

12/1/25 send .doc files for text
.jpg files for pictures

GOVERNOR'S REPORT , continued

The NCS Nominating Committee has been working to solicit members to fill the NCS BOD and 5-member Nominating Committee positions that will be open for election for the 2026-28 term. Intent to Seek Election forms can be found on the website in the library and are due October 31, 2025.

Members of the All Ohio Chapter are planning for the NCS Spring Meeting, March 27-29, 2026, that will be held near Sporty's in Batavia, OH. If you are like me, I can always use another aviation item from Sporty's. Put the date on your calendar right now.

I hope chapter chairs have been taking advantage of the informative Chapter Chair Roundtable Zoom meetings that are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Central/8:30 p.m. Eastern. The meetings are recorded for later viewing if your chapter chair cannot attend on the scheduled date.

Please be sure to update your chapter officers in the International directory as they change. The Chapter Update form can be found on the website in the library. If your chapter is missing an officer, please do what you can to fill that position. It is important that our chapters have the needed leaders on record.

As Fall approaches, I hope that our chapter members meet and share our passion for aviation, present or participate in aviation events, work on the aviation goals they have set for themselves and enjoy opportunities to take to the skies.

We are 954 strong – let's see if we can meet that 1000 mark soon!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Glisson, NCS Governor (2024-26)

WAYPOINT GUIDELINES

Share your story....Photos MUST be print quality, high resolution!!! Please don't copy them from Facebook or Instagram as they won't reproduce well. Tell us about a 99 who accomplished something wonderful!

Send your submissions to: waypoint@ncs99s.org

NO HARD COPY ISSUES ARE SENT! Due to the high cost of printing and mailing, and the low subscription numbers for this service, the printed version of WAYPOINT has been recently discontinued. If you need a printed copy, and do not have any access to a computer, please ask your Chapter Chair for a workaround.

SPECIAL NOTES: Waypoint is emailed to every member of the North Central Section at their email address as listed on the 99s International Directory (in the members only section of Ninety-Nines.org. If you change your email address, or other contact information, log in and correct your record to show the new information.

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

2025

October 1 First Wings Applications Due

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

October 31 Intent to Seek Office NCS due

November 7-8 IBOD Fall Meeting Oklahoma City OK

December 31 Intent to Seek Office International

2026

January 1 AE Scholarship Due

March 1 Robert J Santori scholarship due

March 27-29 Spring Section Meeting NCS, Clermont County, OH

July 6-12 International Meeting, San Diego, CA

July 20-26 Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI

Pre-Flight Briefing: Spring 2026 North Central Section Meeting Hosted by the All-Ohio 99s

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend! The All-Ohio Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is excited to host the Spring 2026 North Central Section Meeting in Batavia, Ohio from March 27-29, 2026. Featuring aviation, local gems, and plenty of opportunities to connect, next spring's section meeting will be one you won't want to miss. With all that in mind, here's everything you need to know to get ready for takeoff.

Inbound for Landing: Clermont County (I69) or Cincinnati, OH (KCVG)

For those flying in, the host airport is Clermont County Airport (I69), where landing and tie-down fees will be waived for the event. On the other hand, if you're flying commercially, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (KCVG) is located just 30 minutes from the hotel.

Landing Spot: Holiday Inn & Suites

For accommodation, our hotel is the Holiday Inn & Suites Cincinnati-Eastgate, offering a special group rate of \$152/night plus taxes for either a king or double room. The rate includes a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings for up to two guests per room.

Friday, March 27: Food, Fun, and Films

Kick off the weekend with a one-of-a-kind culinary and shopping adventure at Jungle Jim's International Market featuring over 180,000 products from 75 countries — from Ostrich eggs to candied bugs, you will find it all at the market. We have a 90-minute guided tour planned that includes 10–12 samples of products from around the world. Get ready for a global experience right in Eastgate!

In the evening, we'll be gathering at RJ Cinema, Distillery & Taproom with a delicious Ohio BBQ Buffet in the Paradise Pavilion. Next, enjoy a private screening of *Hearts Above Clouds*, a newly produced, Emmy-nominated documentary celebrating 100 years of women in aviation. The last film of the night is *Beyond the Powder*, which highlights the inspiring women of the Air Race Classic.

Saturday, March 28: Business, Exploration, and Inspiration

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll gather for our North Central Section business meeting. During this time, guests and 49½s can spend the morning exploring the Cincinnati Museum Center at the beautifully resorted Art Deco Union Terminal. The terminal houses four museums and an Omnimax theater. Guests and 49½s will have the opportunity to visit the Museum of Natural History & Science and the Cincinnati History Museum.

A highlight for many pilots, Saturday afternoon takes us to Sporty's Pilot Shop, one of aviation's most iconic destinations. Enjoy their famous hotdog cookout and an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the facility.

Last, but certainly not least, the day concludes with a banquet, featuring keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Marla K. Gaskill of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Meet Our Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Marla K. Gaskill

We are honored to welcome Lt. Col. Marla K. Gaskill of the Ohio State Highway Patrol as our banquet speaker. A trailblazer in every sense, Lt. Col. Gaskill is the Patrol's first and only female pilot and the first female Lieutenant Colonel in its history. With over three decades of service, she has exemplified leadership, perseverance, and passion for aviation and public safety. From humble beginnings on her family's dairy farm to breaking barriers in a male-dominated field, her journey embodies her own advice: *"You will never know if you can do it unless you try."*

We're Excited to See You in Cincinnati!

The All-Ohio 99s are looking forward to hosting you this coming spring! Don't miss the chance to create lasting memories, make new friendships, and connect over our shared love of aviation. Watch for registration details coming soon!



**NCS
SPRING
2026**



Sporty's Pilot Shop on the runway at
Clermont County/ Sporty's Airport

**ALL
OHIO
HOST**

**MARCH
27-29
2026**



Friday night dinner and a movie!



Friday afternoon—tour and shopping

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Lester-Ross

"The falling leaves drift by the window, the autumn leaves of red and gold....."

Nat King Cole's ballad reminds us of how the seasons and our lives change. So, too, does our membership. We see spikes in new members and renewals several times a year...at Sun'n'Fun, WAI and primarily at EAA-AirVenture. Many continue their membership for years thereafter. Others do not renew after their first year.....in spite of notification the member is on "Standby" when the first month lapses and on "Hold" the second month. Then the member's name is withdrawn from our Directory, no longer a 99.

Review of the past 5 years of NCS membership reveal that we lose an average of 9% of our members within 14 months of joining. Yes - NCS membership continues to grow....but what would the total be if we did not lose once enthusiastic members? Why do new members not renew? What happened to her excitement of being a 99? Why did she join? What were her aviation goals? How did she engage with Chapter members? Was she invited to share car or plane rides to 99s events? Did she expect an easy route to a scholarship? Did she have a 99 mentor? Did she know about the resources on The 99s website? Was she introduced to a sister 99 who lived nearby? What small Chapter tasks was she asked to help with in that first year? What strengths could she have contributed to the group? What did we do [or not do] in that first year help our new member begin to learn the value of being a 99? What could current members have done to help her feel welcome?



Our chapters are not the same without these lost members and we miss their enthusiasm & our opportunities to help them achieve their aviation dreams. How can we change this pattern?

"...since you went away the days grow long and soon and I'll hear old winter's song. But I miss you most of all, my darling, when autumn leaves start to fall."

Fall 22:	Current	798	Life	60	Student	139	Standby	45	Hold	10			
Fall 23:	Current	879	Life	66	Student	194	Standby	28	Hold	33			
Spring 24:	Current	888	Life	66	Student	194	Standby	22	Hold	12			
Fall 24:	Current	897	Life	64	Student	235	Standby	43	Hold	18	AEMS	44	PPLI 12
Dec 24:	Current	895	Life	78	Student	214	Standby	28	Hold	13	AEMS	44	PPLI 12
Spring 25:	Current	938	Life	79	Student	221	Standby	22	Hold	30	AEMS	44	PPLI 12
Summer 25:	Current	933	Life	83	Student	220	Standby	23	Hold	20	AEMS	44	PPLI 12
Fall 25:	Current	950	Life	83	Student	217	Standby	29	Hold	48	AEMS	43	PPLI —

Note from North Central Section Governor, Sue Glisson:

Two new NCS Membership Co-Chairs have been appointed.

Susan Roe Musacchio (Chicago Area) and

Deborah Howell (Michigan)

They are replacing Kathy Lester Ross (Wisconsin) who is stepping down. Our thanks to Kathy for her continued service to the 99s on every level, and for serving as our Membership Chair these past years.

NCS Flying Activities

Dee Dreger, Committee Chair

Fall is here! You can just feel it! And no better time than to go flying!!!

The 99s have actually taken the wind out of my sails as the Flying Activities Chair. Just this month (late August) the Chapter Chair Share's focus was to discuss where people have flown and ideas to where we pilots may want to fly. The ideas were endless: Fly to all the National Parks or fly with a buddy in another plane to a destination, as examples.

I'm planning on hand flying (no autopilot) to the Ozarks to several grass strips and "camp under the wings" with another lady pilot friend. Once I mentioned that on the Chair Share that opened up all kinds of discussion while acknowledging that this has become quite the destination, which the Ozarks are highly promoting.

Aviation Summer Bingo

Obtained a new rating	Visited an airport in another state	Attended a chapter meeting	Attended an aviation seminar (in person or virtually)	Flew more than 250nm in one day
Gave a flight to a young person	Visited an aviation museum	Flew a cross country	Flew with instruments (IFR or under the hood)	Participated in an airmarking event
Helped with a scout or Young Eagles event	Attended an airshow	FREE SPACE	Read an aviation related book	Sent plane in for annual or another inspection
Watched airplanes flying overhead	Attended EAA Airventure	Attended another chapter's meeting	Connected with another 99	Used a VOR to navigate
Flew more than 150nm in one day	Visited a new airport	Visited a towered airport	Aborted takeoff or landing	Contacted wxbrief

Now on to what the NCS is offering, in case you haven't seen it yet – NCS Aviation Summer BINGO!

That's right! You can participate in this terrific activity until October 20. It is a fundraiser and you pay \$10 when you register by October 20. You use your personal aviation experiences from June 1st to October 20. Then you will participate in a Zoom interactive online event, which closer to the date you will receive the Zoom access information! It looks fun!

Go to: <https://forms.gle/Rw68qvkSzeUQRBdt9> and complete the online form. Just another flying fun activity.

So, ladies, there are some great organized flying activities available or you can create your own. I've been out of the air for quite a while this summer but I look forward to getting back up and out there this Fall. A great time to go flying! I hope you can do the same.

AE Scholarship

Laurie Probst, Committee Chair

It's Scholarship Time!

First Wings applications have now been posted on the Ninety-Nines website in the Member Section.

One notable change: *Mentors will now need to write a letter of recommendation* for the applicant.

AE Memorial Scholarship: Applications are now posted on the website in the Member Section. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CHANGES! Here are some of them: The General Requirements and Instructions were updated 08/2025, so please read them carefully. The application itself has also been updated. Instead of boxes for letters of recommendation and essay, applicants will attach a full size page for each as PDFs within the application package. Essay, personal recommendation, and the chapter recommendation each require a separate page.

Chapter AE chairs--can be chapter chair OR a chapter officer if no AE Chair. This is to allow for more options (for example, if the AE chair wants to apply and needs a recommendation).

Please make sure applicants read the Instructions *before, during, and after* completing their application. 1st time--for an overview of what's expected (including documents and due dates!), 2nd time--while filling out the application, and 3rd time--to make sure something wasn't omitted/misinterpreted. Also, AE Chairs/Chapter Chairs--make sure you are familiar with the updated instructions/requirements so that you are able to advise your applicant(s).

All Ohio Chapter

Margaret Hazlett, Secretary

Hello from the All-Ohio 99s Chapter!

Our members have been busy earning new ratings and achievements, despite the weather challenges they must conquer.

Jun Oikawa travelled to the International Conference in Vermont to receive her Amelia Earhart Scholarship. She was accompanied by her 49 ½ Rich Wagner and her two sons, Jesse and Lucas. She is pictured in a lovely kimono of her native country, Japan. She also received a High Altitude Award from the Debbie Franceus Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Great job, Jun!



Congratulations to Gabriella Tan for passing her private pilot checkride! Pictured is Gabby with her CFII Erin Lautzenheiser, who was a guest at a recent meeting

The All-Ohio Chapter met in June at the Lorain County Airport then proceeded to the nearby ARTCC for a tour. Pictured are L-R: Jun Oikawa, son Lucas, Debra Henrichs, Mitzy Figueroa, Jun's son Jesse, Catherine Stritenberger, Kylie Gottman, and Gabriella Tan.



In conjunction with the Scioto Valley Chapter, some of our members participated in a compass rose project at the Licking County Airport at Newark-Heath. Pictured are Debra Henrichs and Jun Oikawa hard at work. Then, pictured are the All-Ohio crew of Deb, Jun, Rich, and their boys, Lucas and Jesse.



The 99s booth at Oshkosh was a place to volunteer and meet other aviation enthusiasts. Jun Oikawa and her family, Cat Stritenberger, Peg and Sam Ballou, Ali Peterkort and 49 ½ Andy were among those attending. Jun and Cat are pictured with Captain Savino (author of "Jet Boss") and 99s Executive Director Jill VanEgmond.

In July our chapter met at the lake side home of Lisa and Troy Blair for a BBQ pot luck. Pictured is Sarah Hofacker greeting Valerie Palazzolo's mother, Miss Lillian, who will be 95 in September.

Check out our recorded biographies by Peg Ballou and Lisa Blair for great flying stories from some of our members at All Ohio 99s – YouTube

Also, visit All-Ohio Ninety Nines on Facebook.



Chicago Area Chapter

In July the Chapter had great representation at the International Conference in Burlington, Vermont.

Front row—Ellen O'Hara, Leslie Prellwitz, Diane Cozzi

Middle row—Bailey Reiners, Shelley Ventura, Madeleine Monaco

Top row—Vickie Szewczyk, Cynthia Madsen

Again in July, Chicago members volunteered and/or attended the aviation mecca that is EAA AirVenture. Did you know that for many years, which we had our own tent out on the grounds, the 99s Booth was set up and run by my Chicago Area Chapter 99s—led by Norma Frieir, Mary Panczyszyn and Rita Adams for many years. We are so completely pleased that Wisconsin has taken that ball and runs with it.

We gained some members at EAA, and have a new Membership Chair to get them up and running as 99s.

Our elected officers for 2025-2027 are settling in to their new duties and obligations and sharing fresh ideas with the group. We can't wait to share more with our members, and with all of you in the future.

In August we hosted a meeting at Kenosha Airport, FBO AVP, and Sharon Schorsch had a Milwaukee FSDO Safety Team CFI speak on aviation Careers. Elaine Kauh is a FAA Team Rep, a CFII, and a Corporate Pilot.

Madeleine Monaco, Reporter



In September we met at Sky Soaring Airport Glider club owned grass strip near Huntley, IL. The club members gave us hangar space for our meeting and demo rides for those who were “up for it”. Our Chair flew in with her plane partner and flew a glider after the meeting. Vice Chair and Secretary also flew the glider. We watched a glider student fly her lesson and then we recruited her. Watch for new member Leah S. to join us in our work and play.

Our Chapter has instituted a funding grant to encourage 1st time Section Meeting attendees to come. There is a \$150.00 grant for one of these first timers to come to Section.

Plans are in the works for a revival of our former Chapter Air Meet, which will be held next fall. Past winners Cynthia and Ralph Madsen will be hosting an air meet training class at our next meeting.



Greater St. Louis Chapter

Martha Norman, Reporter

Members of the Greater St. Louis Chapter enjoyed EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh this year. Libby Yunger, Anne Mongiovi, Stephanie Maughan, Beth Campbell, Pennie Pavlisin, Jackie Huebbe and Tallia Brown were busy with booths, displays and most certainly all the aircraft.



Libby Yunger, Stephanie Maughan, Anne Mongiovi



Stephanie Maughan, Pennie Pavlisin, Beth Campbell

We also found time for an all day adventure when we started the day with the Greenville Airport Fly-in for breakfast and continued our day with the Centralia Balloon Fest. The Balloon Fest was a must be there. Our Chapter's Stephanie Maughan was there with her balloons! Just maybe, we might be able to help her "man" her balloon.

Indiana Dunes Chapter

Margaret Wint, Chair

This year has been flying by.

Tricia DeBlock is now a commercial pilot. Tricia has been a 99 since 2010 and is our Vice Chair

We attended some pancake breakfasts.

South Bend airport hosted an Aviation Education day where we had a table with kids making friendship bracelets. Our Indiana Dunes Members Ninoshka Barnes, Tricia DeBlock, and Margaret Wint were in attendance.

Marcia Nellans, TJ Shaum, and Margaret Wint attended the International Meeting, in Burlington Vermont. We had a great time.

Several things are planned for the fall.

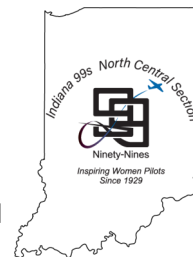
Indiana Chapter

Erin Hammer, Chair

It has been a very productive few months for the Indiana 99s. We have a lot on the books and it doesn't seem to be slowing down!

We have a new Treasurer, Gina Beckner. She has previous experience with a similar position so we are very happy for her to move into this position with us.

We have moved all of our record keeping over to Google Drive so that as we grow and officers change we will still have a solid record of all the meeting notes, flyers, planning, financial record keeping, etc all in the same location. We will also have all of the emails coming from the same location as well for record keeping and history.



Indiana, continued

We are planning on revamping our social media platforms as well to try to get all of the Indiana communication on one page. We currently have a couple different pages due to past accounts without access.

We plan on updating our meeting schedule to include at least one social event per quarter. We are hoping to engage more of our distance members to attend for more than just a meeting. We are also trying to work out schedules where we can meet with the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter and the Indiana Dunes Chapter.

We welcomed a few new members from OshKosh this year. Erin was able to go and finally meet in person, some of the wonderful women she has been speaking with over the last year.



We had our first fundraiser on September 6th. We showed AIRPLANE! (1980) at our sponsor hanger at 7pm on the 6th. We are very excited to be able to begin fundraising for our aviation outreach goals. It was pretty successful for our first event.

We also have some swag projects in the works since we have been approved for trademark use. Look for this to be coming soon to our social media for purchase.

We toured the Beck's Hybrids Facility for our meeting in September.

We have a Career Day in the works for our Lafayette Wing on September 28th from 4-6pm to help them with how to make it through a successful interview. What to wear, resume reviews, what to share, etc.

We have begun our work to host the Section Meeting in the Spring of '27. We have started with working on a location, finding a speaker, and reaching out to sponsors. We hope to have an airmarking done prior to the Section meeting, but it is still in the works.



The best part about being able to do these updates in the Waypoint is... This time last year the Indiana Ninety-Nines were not meeting or communicating. The Chapter took a huge hit during COVID and despite the efforts on some it was not fully about to recover. Erin would like to thank everyone locally, at the Section level and at the International level for believing in her to get the Chapter headed in the right direction again.

Here's to calm winds and blue skies ladies!

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

Sue Glisson, Reporter



Kentucky Bluegrass 99s met in June to tour the Aviation Museum of Kentucky's new women's display after a delicious meal at nearby, Los Clamatos restaurant.



Several of us braved the heat to view the warbirds on the ramp that day flown in by the Commemorative Air Force.



Rachel Stivers-Bender checked out the cockpit of the B-13 with the pilot.



Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter was well-represented in July at the International 99s Conference in Burlington, VT, by Louise Bornwasser, Kaye Combs Moore, Terri Donner, and Sue Glisson.



Several 99s visited the Von Trapp Family Lodge. Christina Von Trapp Frame, granddaughter of Maria and George, spoke to us about the family and was kind enough to pose with us for a photo.



The conference welcome reception speaker, Bram Kleppner, Vermont legislator and great nephew of Amelia Earhart, brought the family Bible in which Amelia's birth was recorded.



The KY Bluegrass 99s met at Clark County Regional Airport in August and enjoyed an informative presentation by Miranda Spurgeon about her work as an A&P mechanic for the flight club there. Miranda is a 1500+ hour pilot whose ultimate goal is the airlines.



Congratulations to KY Bluegrass Spring First Wings Scholarship recipients, Taylor Peeff and Rachel Stivers-Bender and to Jessica Salyers for earning her Commercial Certificate!



Michigan Chapter

Linda Langrill, Chair

Our Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting was held on June 14, 2025 at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport. Ten members attended in person and five attended via Zoom meeting platform. *Pictured here—Nicki Acker, Madison Barch, Reya Dila, Berfin Kayikcioglu, Frances Rose. Back row: Sarah Haskett, Becky Smith, Linda Murphy, Linda Langrill. Five members also attended via Zoom.*



Several chapter members attended the Debbie Frances Memorial Scholarship Foundation Award Ceremony at Toledo Suburban Airport on July 12, 2025. Linda Langrill was awarded the Spirit Award by Foundation Director, Mike Franceus, for driving the spirit of aviation by creating an atmosphere that encourages others to pursue their aviation dreams and goals.



Several chapter members attended EAA AirVenture and were present for WomenVenture activities on Wednesday, July 23, which was also Frances Rose's 30th birthday! That same day, chapter member Nicki Acker performed with the EAA Concert Band in their afternoon concert, the first held since COVID cancelled the concerts.

Pictured here—Nicki Acker, Jen Little, Suzette Biela and Linda Langrill at EAA WomenVenture 2025

On August 10, 2025 seven members helped staff the 99s booth at the Pontiac Festival of Flight at Oakland County International Airport. Attendance at the event was excellent and we did some successful fund raising for the chapter scholarship fund. *Pictured here - Linda Langrill, Frances Rose, Reba Milow, Susan Siporin, Dr. Sarah Albers, Olivia Forrest. Not pictured are volunteers Sarah Haskett and Arian Perez.*



Michigan Chapter member and Aviation and Space Education Chair, Melanie McNicholas, was guest speaker at our August 5, 2025 Zoom meeting. She shared information about the upcoming changes to the FAA NOTAMs system expected in October.

Pictured here-Melanie McNicholas

The Michigan 99s Denton Traveling Trophy was awarded:
June - Alyson Galbraith, Instrument Rating, May 7, 2025
July - Madison Barch, Instrument Rating, June 2025
August - Rachel Morrow, CFII, June 2025
September - Reya Dila, Private Pilot Certificate, August 23, 2025.



Alyson



Madison



Rachel



Reya

The chapter will be honoring former Chapter Chairman, Sandy Denton, by sponsoring her into the International Forest of Friendship at Atchison KS in 2026. The Denton family will sponsor Sandy's husband, Bob Denton, into the Forest of Friendship also.

Minnesota Chapter

Cheryl Daml, Chair

The Minnesota Chapter had our quarterly meeting in June, which was attended by 18 members, including 5 on Zoom. We had planned on doing a picnic lunch after the meeting, but rain and wind prevented us from doing that.

On a beautiful night in July, five of us had picnic dinner at the Minneapolis Airport viewing area. We watched really cool airplanes, fed the chipmunks and saluted an A350, in honor of our member Susan Bailey Schmidt, who became captain in that aircraft that week. Unbeknownst to us, she in fact had flown her first flight in the left seat earlier that morning.



Our next gathering was in Oshkosh at Womenventure. For those who went to Airventure, it was fun to see each other for Womenventure photo and Power Lunch. Several of us hung out together during the week, enjoying airshows, cool airplanes, parties, and each others' company in the happiest aviation place on Earth.

We attempted a flyout to Granite Falls to see the Fagen Fighters Museum on the first Saturday of August, but thunderstorms prevented us from flying. We decided to have lunch together at B52s restaurant in Inver Grove Heights. Good food, good company!



Three of us taught our Companion Flyer Course in August to benefit our Scholarship Fund. It was a small group, but the attendees enjoyed it and learned a lot.



On August 23 we celebrated with Marcy Drescher in Albert Lea. Marcy received her 50 year Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award!! The local EAA chapter hosted a sloppy joe luncheon. Troy Seikas from the FAA FAAS-Team showed a video, read Marcy's flight history (she has just about every rating possible) and presented her plaque. The honorees also receive a blue folder with every piece of paper the FAA has on them (test scores, ratings, etc.) Marcy was thrilled and so were the 14 of us who joined her at the celebration.

And finally, long time member, Nadine Sugden will celebrate her 99th birthday on September 25! We plan to travel to Mankato and help her have a great day!! It's not every day a 99 turns 99!

Congratulations to these members for their milestones:

Kim Marcell: Commercial

Vanessa Sampson: Multiengine Commercial

Susan Bailey Schmidt: A350 Captain

Sophie Bowman: CFI and CFII

Evelyn Canfield: CFI and CFII

Victoria Delshire: CFI

PingPing He: First Solo

Zohra Amiri: CFI &

Multiengine Commercial

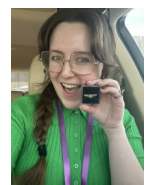
Marcy Drescher: 50 Year Master Pilot Award



Kim



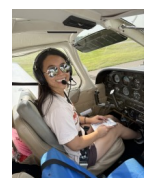
Vanessa



Evelyn



Victoria



PingPing

The 99s International Nominating Committee Seeks New Candidates for 2026

Sept. 10, 2025

The Nominating Committee for the 2026 Election period for The 99s began its service at the conclusion of the Burlington, Vermont International Conference. The elected committee includes:

Anele Brooks [Southwest Section],
Annie Wen [East Canada Section],
Jill Oakes [West Canada Section],
Kaylee Jeffries [South Central Section],
Kathy Lester-Ross, Chair [North Central Section].

The following positions will need to be filled in the 2026 election:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Directors (2 positions)
Nominating Committee (2 positions)

In addition, each of our 4 Trusts will need to elect at least one member:

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
Museum of Women Pilots
Endowment Fund
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

The [Intent to Seek Election Packet](#) for 2026 is ready for this next election cycle, will be sent to all members and be available in the website library. It will also be published in the *Ninety-Nines* magazine and appear in the October Straight and Level publication. Please send any comments, questions and/or your completed packet to nominating@ninety-nines.org

We look forward to your help in finding the best candidates to lead The Ninety-Nines organization into the future.

Kathy Lester-Ross, Chair,
International Nominating Committee

Intent has been made into a pdf, fillable form created and posted. Here is a link to the form.

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/zolddocuments/Elections/2026/2026IntentPackage--Final.pdf>

INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION PACKET

Election Year 2026

All candidates for International elective positions must file an "Intent to Seek Election" form according to the instructions appearing with the form. Candidates must meet the qualifications as outlined in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Each person considering running for the Board should be familiar with The Ninety-Nines, Inc. governing documents, (Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules, SOP's and BOP's) are located in the library in the Members Only Section of the Ninety-Nines website.

All members of the International Board of Directors (IBOD) must attend three Board of Directors (IBOD) meetings per year. The spring and fall IBOD meetings are held at the preferred and default location of our Headquarters, Oklahoma City; the annual meeting is held at the site of the Annual International Conference and requires the BOD members to arrive one or two days early for pre-conference, finance, and other business meetings.

The annual budget allows a stipend for the BOD Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors, currently set at \$3,500 per year. This is provided to help offset travel and hotel expenses to the three mandatory Board meetings. The current stipend for VP is \$5,000 and President is \$10,000 to reflect the extra travel expenses in their roles.

The IBOD shall be composed of the four (4) officers, and four (4) directors. The immediate past president shall be an ex-officio voting member of the IBOD.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS - The elected officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS - The non-officers of the BOD consist of four Directors, with two Directors elected in odd-years and two Directors in even-years.

THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT serves on the Board for one term after her presidency. They take part as a full Board member, with the same responsibilities as other Directors, including attending Board meetings. The Past President helps ensure smooth leadership transitions and organizational stability.

Serving as a member of the Board requires substantial time and constant communication with other members and with the membership in general. Each member of the Board must possess excellent communication skills and should have regular access to computer(s) and the internet. A Board member is expected to write all reports to other Board members after representing the President at a Section meeting or other meetings she may be required to attend. Additionally, each Director acts as a liaison with one or more International Committees of The Ninety-Nines and is expected to attend as many Section meetings as possible.

A term for an officer or director shall be two years, and all officers and directors shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The responsibilities of each elective position available this year are at the end of the packet. Please read and understand them prior to submitting an "Intent to Seek Election" form. If you have any questions, contact an individual who has or is serving in the position you seek or contact the nominating committee.

INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORM

OFFICE SOUGHT _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Email _____ 99 Continuous Member since _____

Chapter _____ Section _____

Total Hours _____ Ratings _____

SERVICE TO 99s, include dates. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

Chapter (offices, committees) _____

Section (offices, committees) _____

International (offices, committees) _____

Number of International Conferences attended in past 5 years _____

Number of Section Meetings attended in past 5 years _____

Number of International Board Meetings attended in past 5 years _____

Special aviation related awards _____

Membership in aviation related organizations and offices held _____

Occupation(s) and/or other training or experience related to office sought. (Attach resume)

____ Check here to allow "Intent to Seek Election" form and resume to be posted in the Members Area of The 99s website and 99s' publications.

I understand this notice constitutes authority to advise Members, Chapters and Sections of my intent to seek election, and that I meet all eligibility requirements for the office being sought.

Signature _____ Date _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(nominating@ninety-nines.org) DECEMBER 31, 2025

INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION PROCEDURES

The "Intent to Seek Election" form is required of all those who wish to be considered by the Nominating Committee for an elected position. The qualifications for elected offices are found in the Bylaws and Standing Rules (in the Members Area of The Ninety-Nines website) and referred to below. Check them carefully before submitting the "Intent Form."

To be considered for an elective position all candidates must prepare and submit the following:

1. **"Intent to Seek Election" form. You may not seek or state endorsements by Chapters, Sections, or the International Board of Directors.**
2. **A *position statement* of no more than 250 words. The position statement will appear in the *Ninety-Nines* magazine.**
3. **A *resume* of not more than 2 pages.**
4. **Submit 1 recent head & shoulders *digital photograph* in high resolution (at least 300 dpi.)**

You are to submit all documents (1-4 above) electronically via email to the Nominating Committee (nominating@ninety-nines.org).

The DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION is December 31, 2025. If sent by mail rather than electronically, you must submit all documents to Headquarters and to each of the five members of the Nominating Committee as follows:

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APPLICABLE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Bylaws –
Article VII– International Officers
Article VIII – International Board of Directors
Article IX – Trusts
Article X – Nominations, Elections and Removals

Standing Rules –
SR VIII – Nominations, Elections & Procedures
SR X, 2. – Nominating (Committee)

ELECTED POSITION REQUIREMENTS

THE PRESIDENT represents The Ninety- Nines at meetings and public appearances and must be able to communicate verbally. She formulates matters of policy and must be willing to spend time away from home on the business of the organization. She is given a yearly expense budget which she may use to help on support services, travel costs or other items consistent with the reimbursement policy, found in the members only section of the web site. She is an ex-official member of all International Committees except the Nominating Committee. She is responsible for conducting the Annual Business Meeting and other such meetings as may be necessary. She strives to connect with each Section during her term, whether by attending a meeting in person, joining virtually, or through other outreach, to support members and strengthen relationships across the organization. She should maintain good communications with the overseas sections and members and, if possible, should meet with overseas members in their sections or countries. The President also writes a column for each issue of the 99s Magazine and answers voluminous amounts of correspondence. After her presidency, she must also serve on the Board of Directors as the **Immediate Past President** for one-two year term as an experienced advisor and mentor to the current President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT serves as a member of the Finance Committee and serves in the place of the President whenever necessary. She serves as the primary liaison with Section governors and serves on any of the International Committees at the request of the President. When requested to do so, she represents the President, and, therefore, The Ninety-Nines. She understudies the President, and they work in close harmony on various long-range goals and objectives of the organization. She assists other officers in their duties and aids in the harmonious operations of the Board.

THE SECRETARY is responsible for recording and transcribing off all minutes of the corporate Board meetings in the approved format and forwarding them within thirty days of any meeting. She is responsible for the recording and transcription of the full and condensed minutes of the Annual Business Meeting. She is required to handle correspondence at the request of the President, and she must stay in constant communication with International Committees and Headquarters staff. She should have access to the necessary computer equipment and should possess good writing skills.

THE TREASURER must be able to analyze and produce corporate financial statements and be proficient at analyzing computer financial information. She chairs the Finance Committee and prepares a proposed budget for the spring Board meeting. She is responsible for compiling all financial information and providing the Board with accurate financial statements on a regular basis. She prepares and/or presents the following items for the Annual Meeting: Adopted Budget, Budget Comparison, Headquarters Balance Sheets and Income Statements along with balance sheets and income statements for the various trusts. She also assists the Headquarters Manager with accounts analysis. Her job requires her to be in constant communication with all International Committees and Headquarters staff.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS Directors are essential members of the International Board, working alongside officers to lead and strengthen our organization. They attend the annual meeting, the spring and the fall BOD meetings and represent the IBOD at assigned spring and fall Section meetings. They also serve as liaisons to international committees and contribute to special projects. This role is both a commitment and an opportunity to grow as a leader within The Ninety-Nines. Serving as a Director on the International Board of Directors is both an honor and an important responsibility. Directors play a role just as vital as that of the elected officers in guiding the organization forward. Directors are expected to become familiar with the functions of the BOD officers and the Headquarters staff.

Note: *Serving as a member of the Board requires substantial time and constant communication with other members and with the membership in general. Each member of the Board must possess excellent communication skills and should have regular access to computer(s) and the internet.*

Members of the International Board of Directors (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors) may submit 99s-related expenses for reimbursement per the Reimbursement Policy. The amount of the stipend is subject to change.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE members are responsible for presenting candidates for all elective positions. They need to know the requirements for each position and be able to communicate what will be expected of those volunteering. Committee members must be active at the Chapter and Section levels and identify individuals to serve at the international level. From resumes, letters of recommendation and personal contacts, the committee becomes custodian of very personal information about candidates.

It is the committee's responsibility to prepare and update suitable forms; supply copies of qualifications; provide photos and brief biographies of candidates and newly elected members and prepare other articles as appropriate to meet deadlines for the 99s magazine. Most importantly, the committee verifies that all candidates who submit an "Intent to Seek Election" form are qualified and meet the requirements specified in the Bylaws and Standing Rules prior to sending it on to the Board or the Election Procedures Chairman.

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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

X Chapters responding!

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

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

***** *None received this quarter.*

The Air Race Classic is indicative of the kinds of things that provide tremendous benefit to the 99s

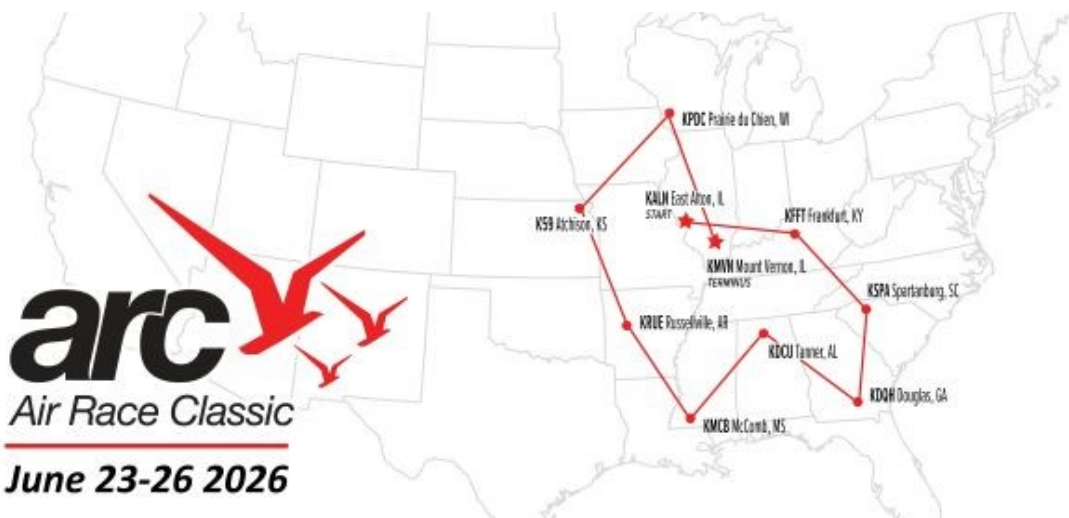
It is a Flying Activity

It is an Educational Event

It is a Public Relations showcase

It is a Safety Program

It is an outreach to prospective new members



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MICHIGAN FALL 26

CHICAGO AREA FALL 27

NORTHWOODS FALL 28

INDIANA DUNES FALL 29

SCIOTO VALLEY FALL 30

MINNESOTA FALL 31

WISCONSIN FALL 32

ALL OHIO SPRING 26

INDIANA SPRING 27

LAKE ERIE SPRING 28

GREATER ST LOUIS SPRING 29

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS SPRING 30

GREATER KANSAS CITY SPRING 31

IOWA SPRING 32

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

Why? 'cause we love flying



*Here's Joan P with her airplane.
She has reached 500 hours as of August 2025!*