

All Ohio, Chicago Area, Greater Kansas City, Greater St. Louis, Indiana, Indiana Dunes, Iowa, Kentucky Bluegrass, Lake Erie, Michigan, Minnesota, Northwoods, Scioto Valley and Wisconsin.

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Waypoint

FLY HIGH, DREAM BIG!

As my term as Governor of the North Central Section comes to an end, I want to commend our chapters for all your efforts to provide educational and entertaining aviation activities for our members and the general public. I have been impressed with the variety and scope of the events that our chapters have planned, organized and presented. Activities such as Let’s Fly Now, Girls Fly, Too, Girls Aviation Days, Girl Scout Days, Aviation Expos, and 99s booths are regularly presented and staffed. Many of our chapters volunteer for humanitarian activities such as Tree of Hope, Feed My Starving Children, and providing support to ATC during government shutdowns.

Compass rose painting, visiting museums and other aviation venues, bringing in aviation speakers, aviation book clubs, and other activities help bind us together and keep the enthusiasm high. Pancake breakfasts, sales of chapter-made items and other activities help bring in funds to enable our chapters to provide scholarships for women who are working to achieve their aviation goals. Thank you for all you do!

Congratulations are in order to our Fall First Wings Scholarship recipients – Breanna Frazier (KY Bluegrass), Sarah Smith (All-Ohio), Esme Lowry (Michigan), and Patience Stoller (Lake Erie). Other congrats go to Marcy Dresher (Minnesota) for receiving the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, and Kacy Thompson Smith (Kentucky Bluegrass) for receiving a Solarius Advanced Rating Scholarship from Women in Corporate Aviation. Congrats to Ellen O’Hara (Chicago Area) for 60 years as a 99! A special “Happy Birthday” to Nadine Sjudgen (Minnesota) for her 99 th birthday as a continuing 99!

This year’s Air Race Classic has the start (Mt. Vernon, IL), terminus (East Alton, IL) and three stops in the North Central Section (Frankfort, KY, St. Joseph, MO, and Prairie du Chein, WI.), The Air Race Classic depends, in part, on volunteerism of the North Central Section 99s to be successful. Make your plans to race or volunteer at a stop for the June 23-26 event.



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Deadline for JULY 1 Waypoint
6/1/26 send .doc files for text
.jpg files for pictures

GOVERNOR'S REPORT , continued

The Forest of Friendship will be celebrating its 50 th Anniversary on September 11-12, 2026. This special celebration will be the one to attend. Chapters, please consider nominating a deserving nominee to be honored as an inductee in the Forest this year. Attending the ceremony in Atchison, KS, is a must-do. Atchison also is home to the Amelia Earhart Airport (59K), the state-of-the-art Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, as well as other historical sites.

I cannot end my term without offering thanks to my North Central Section Board of Directors. Over the past two years, they have worked diligently to update SOPs, develop new ones as they occurred, provide support to chapters as they take their turns to host section meetings, eliminate costs when able in order to increase donations, develop our budget, monitor our expenditures and work to stay in compliance with our tax-exempt status, keep accurate records of our meetings, recognize our very deserving members and 49 1/2s with awards for service to The 99s, and to be responsive to the concerns of our membership.

I am grateful for all the work our committees and chapter boards do to help continue the work and mission of our organization. You are the life-blood of our organization and your importance is not unrecognized.

I also want to recognize the dedication and hard work of our Waypoint editor, Madeleine Monaco. Madeleine has strived to include as much information as is sent to her to keep us abreast of our official proceedings, upcoming events, and of the activities of our committees and chapters.

As you read this, the new North Central Board of Directors (2026-28 Term) will have taken office. Please give them the support that you have given us and continue all the great work you do for The 99s.

Blue skies, and tailwinds to all!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Glisson, NCS Governor (2024-26)

WAYPOINT GUIDELINES

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.

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.

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

SPECIAL NOTE: 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.

SAVE THESE DATES



2026 International Conference
July 8-12, 2026
San Diego, California
REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!



September 11 and 12, 2026
50th Anniversary
"World Friendship Through Flight"

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING NCS EVENTS

June	23-26	<i>Air Race Classic East Alton, IL. Start Mt Vernon IL terminus</i>
July	8-12	<i>International Conference San Diego, CA</i>
	20-26	<i>EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI</i>
September	11-12	<i>Forest of Friendship 50th Anniversary Atchison, KS</i>
October	2-4	<i>Fall North Central Section Meeting Indianapolis, IN</i>
November	6-7	<i>Int. Board of Directors Meeting Oklahoma City, OK</i>



Countdown to Ninety-Nines Conference!

Join your Ninety-Nines sisters for camaraderie, networking, learning, and fun at this year's International Conference in San Diego, California, July 8-12 at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter Hotel.

Discounted registration fees are in effect until **March 31**, so save some money by registering now – regular registration fees go into effect April 1. Registering early also helps you book the optional tours you want and reserve a room at the conference hotel rate while block space is available.

For more information and online registration, go to 99sconference.org

Conference Questions? Contact Cathy Prudhomme at cgprudhomme@gmail.com

Travel Questions? Contact Anna with AKA Travel Team at 99s@akatravelteam.com

Additional opportunities to support your International Conference

***Chapters and Sections as well as individuals and aviation businesses
can place ads in the Conference Program***

***Table for sales, education and displays can be secured in the FLY Mart
(discounted rates for Members, Chapters and Sections)***

NCS COMMITTEE SOPS

(ALL NCS COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED EXCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WHICH IS ELECTED)

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Sends AE Chapter Committee Chairs/Chapter Chairs emails regarding First Wings scholarship/AESMF scholarship applications, including any changes in the current cycle.

Sends AE Chapter Committee Chairs/Chapter Chairs emails regarding resources for candidates and mentors to help develop high caliber applications.

Sends First Wings Checklist (from AE Trustees) to AE Chapter Committee Chairs/Chapter Chairs (Spring).

Attends AESMF Zoom meetings as called.

Emails additional First Wings/AE scholarship information to AE Chapter Committee Chairs/Chapter Chairs as needed.

Reminds AE Chapter Committee Chairs/Chapter Chairs of First Wings Spring and Fall and AESMF application deadlines.

Attends NCS Fall Meeting to give oral committee report and sends mandatory written committee report on due date.

(Report period from NCS Fall Meeting previous year to NCS Fall Meeting current year.)

Sends mandatory written report to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org on or before designated due date.

Receives and judges AESMF/Vickie Cruse Scholarship applications with NCS AESMF Committee members.

The number of applications sent to the Trustees is based on an NCS membership quota.

Note: First Wings Scholarship applications are sent directly to AE Trustees by chapter AE Chairs. NCS AE Committee does not judge Spring and Fall First Wings Scholarship applications.

Note: See ninety-nines.org/scholarships and in the members section/Amelia Earhart Scholarships & Awards for more detailed information.

AIRMARKING COMMITTEE

Provides information about airmarking to chapters or sections. See [ninety-nines.org/members section/library/airmarking guide](http://ninety-nines.org/members-section/library/airmarking-guide).

Requests airmarking activities report from chapter chairs via email for the designated time period – NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.

Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Airmarking Report and sends in mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (See time period above.)

AVIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Provides aviation education information to chapters. Examples of aviation education activities may include: Aviation Expos, Girl Scout Aviation Days, Girls Aviation Days, pinch-hitter courses, speaking to aviation or non-aviation groups, staffing 99s booths at various aviation events, etc.

Requests aviation education activities report from chapter chairs via email for the designated time period – NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.

Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Aviation Education Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (See time period above.)

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Provides flying activities information to chapters. Examples of flying activities may include: Let's Fly Now, Pennies a Pound, Poker Run, Proficiency Races, Aerial Scavenger Hunt, etc. (See [ninety-nines.org/member section/library/flying Education Event Planning](http://ninety-nines.org/member-section/library/flying-education-event-planning).)

Provides flying activities insurance information to chapters. (See [ninety-nines.org/members section/library/forms, lists, guides/flying event liability waiver agreement and insurance request form](http://ninety-nines.org/members-section/library/forms-lists-guides/flying-event-liability-waiver-agreement-and-insurance-request-form) – chapter flying events.)

Requests flying event activities report from chapter chairs via email for the designated time period – NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.

Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Flying Events Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (See time period above.)

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

- Develops fund raising plans and activities not to exceed three times per fiscal year.
- Sends plans to the NCS BOD for approval before publicizing an event.
- Creates advertising and information for the event to be shared on NCS or chapter social media sites. (NCS FB, chapters FB, Instagram, etc.) Advertising may also be sent to webmaster to be sent via MailerLite to NCS membership. Advertising events may also be reported at section meetings and sent for publication to Waypoint.
- Creates link for event registration to be shared on NCS or chapter social media sites or via webmaster to NCS members.
- Instructs participants about payment methods to NCS Treasurer (check or Venmo).
- Collects registration emails to be forwarded to NCS Governor. NCS Governor creates Zoom event invitation sent to registered members.
- On day of Zoom meeting, after Governor launches event meeting, Fund Raising Committee member acts as Zoom host to conduct meeting.
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Fund Raising Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

HISTORY & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Provides information to chapters about preserving history of the chapters. (Preserving chapter newsletters highlighting chapter activities, maintaining yearly lists of chapter officers, and members aviation accomplishments, etc.)
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral History & Preservation Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

- Vice Governor provides information to chapters about insurance requirements for flying and non-flying events and updates chapters about any changes. (See [ninety-nines.org/member section/library/forms](http://ninety-nines.org/member%20section/library/forms), lists, guides/insurance request – chapter non-flying events and insurance request form – chapter flying events).
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Insurance Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Provides NCS members information about the International Forest of Friendship and encourages chapters or individuals to nominate individuals to be inducted into the Forest. (See ifof.org)
- Acknowledges NCS IFOF honorees of the current year and provides dates for the upcoming year's ceremonies.
- Attends the NCS Fall Meeting to present an oral International Forest of Friendship Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

IT/ZOOM COMMITTEE

- Assists at NCS Spring and Fall Meetings to set up needed av equipment for the official business meeting. (Chapters may choose to include Zoom for the business meeting, but chapter members must be responsible for equipment and persons to set up and conduct the Zoom portion of the meeting. Costs for equipment to include Zoom beyond the normal business meeting av equipment must be absorbed by the chapter.)
- Attends the Fall Meeting to present an oral IT/ZOOM Committee Report and sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Keeps track of gains/losses in section membership. (Monthly lists are sent by Headquarters to section membership chairs – of both section members associated with a chapter and members-at-large.) Keeps track of trends.
- Keeps track of monthly section stand-by and hold numbers.
- Keeps track of student pilot numbers.
- Keeps track of life member numbers.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE continued

- Encourages chapter membership chairs to use calls, emails, Zoom or in-person meetings, newsletters, submission of chapter activities and member accomplishments to NCS Waypoint and 99s News, and chapter social media to make chapter members aware of dates and times of activities and recognition of members accomplishments.
- Provides tips for recruitment and retention of members to chapter membership chairs via Waypoint or chapter chair emails.
- Provides membership information/ideas for recruitment and retention of members to Waypoint. (Waypoint due dates are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.)
- Attends NCS Spring and Fall Meetings to present an oral Membership Report. (Time period is from NCS Spring Meeting to NCS Fall Meeting. Then from NCS Fall Meeting to NCS Spring Meeting.) Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of the previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of the current year.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – (THIS IS AN ELECTED COMMITTEE – SEE NCS BYLAWS)

- Solicits NCS members to fill elected NCS positions (Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors, and a 5 member Nominating Committee) for two-year terms (even years).
- Publicizes positions for election, due date for acceptance of Intent to Seek Election Form (ncs99s.org/members section/ scroll down to form) via NCS email, section meetings and Waypoint. Intent to Seek Election Forms are due October 31 prior to election year.
- Vets applicants to insure qualifications for positions are met.
- Provides applicant information to Waypoint for publication (Winter issue).
- Prepares and authorizes election information sent to Election Buddy for NCS member voting and prints Election Buddy information sent by paper ballot to requesting NCS members.
- Receives and enters paper ballot voting into Election Buddy. Prepares total voting election results from Election Buddy reports after verification.
- Sends official election results to current NCS BOD before NCS Spring Meeting.
- Announces official election results at the NCS Spring Meeting.
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Nominating Committee report. Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of previous year to NCS Fall Meeting current year.)

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

- Attends NCS Spring and NCS Fall Meetings to document section activities.
- Provides photographs, section meeting activities information to Waypoint and 99s News for publication. Posts same with possible addition of videos on NCS FB or other NCS social media sites.
- Documents and provides photographs for other section activities to Waypoint and 99s News as well. (Avoid duplication of chapter activities or information provided to Waypoint or 99s News.)
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Social Media Report. Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of previous year to NCS Fall Meeting current year.)

SAFETY/FAASTeam COMMITTEE

- Issues email notices of FAA media presentations to NCS members via NCS MailerLite.
- Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral SAFETY/FAASTeam report. Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of current year.)

TAX EXEMPT 501(c)3 COMMITTEE

- This committee may be a separate chapter 501(c)3 chair or may be the chapter treasurer.
- Ensures that the chapter finances are used exclusively for exempt purposes and none of its earnings may inure to any private individual.
- Files an annual 501(c)3 report form with the Section Treasurer by June 30 for the reporting year.
 - Reads the instructions sent each year carefully.
 - Ensures the International Members website is up-to-date with the current officers and 501(c)3 chair.
 - Ensures that the last year's balance matches the year's beginning balance.

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Ensures the Net Income or Loss line for Revenues and Expenditures matches the Banking section Net Income or Loss line.

Ensures the Tax ID number, chapter name, 501(c)3 chairman name and chapter chairman name are entered correctly.

Ensures the chapter chairman reviews the report for accuracy and reasonableness.

Ensures a Not for Profit Report is filed with chapter's state.

Attends the NCS Fall Meeting to present an oral Tax Exempt 501(c)3 Committee Report. Sends the mandatory written report on the due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of previous year to NCS Fall Meeting of current year.)

WAYPOINT COMMITTEE

Gathers photographs and written information submitted by chapters for publication in the NCS newsletter, Waypoint, and sends completed issue for distribution through NCS MailerLite.

Waypoint due dates are as follows: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Waypoint issue dates are as follows: Spring – May 1, Summer – July 1, Fall – October 1, Winter – January 1.

Chapters or members wishing to publish in Waypoint should follow published submission guides.

Sending information and photographs about chapter and member activities, meetings, and member accomplishments are encouraged. Submissions should be current within the past 2 or 3 months.

Chapter and section committee chairs are encouraged to submit information.

NCS Officers and Directors should submit information as needed.

All Chapter Chair Reports due at the NCS Spring Meeting will be published.

All Committee Chair Reports due at the NCS Fall Meeting will be published.

Attends NCS Fall Meeting to present oral Waypoint Committee report. Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org. (Time period is from NCS Fall Meeting of previous year to NCS Fall Meeting current year.)

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Manages NCS web domain and internet communication platforms and oversees the chapter subdomains responding to any problems chapters may have as they administer their subdomains.

Updates website periodically. Members are encouraged to contact web admin at info@ncs99s.org if errors are found or pages need updating.

a. Chapters should have a designated member as admin who provides chapter information on the subdomain. An additional chapter member may also be an admin in order to provide continuity.

b. Chapter websites should be simple and informational (no monetary transactions) to avoid security concerns.

Administers the NCS MailerLite platform for sending out email blasts to all NCS Members. Information sent includes Waypoint releases, section meeting information, Governor's messages, and election information.

Member email addresses are downloaded from the International directory and uploaded to MailerLite for each mailing to ensure the most current dataset.

Maintains payment information to be paid by NCS Treasurer for GoDaddy (website) and MailerLite (email service).

Attends the NCS Fall Section Meeting to present an oral Website Committee report. Sends mandatory written report on due date to governor@ncs99s.org, secretary@ncs99s.org, and waypoint@ncs99s.org.

Prepared March, 2026, by Governor Susan Glisson.

MIDWEST Volunteers Needed
Lots of opportunities to be a
valuable part of this great event

Contact your Chapter Chair!



MANDATORY CHAPTER OFFICER CHANGE REPORT



CHAPTER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Please complete the information on this form and return to International Headquarters by emailing to hq@ninety-nines.org

Date: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Chairman: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Membership Chairman: _____

News Reporter: _____

Aviation and Space Education Chairman: _____

Airmarking Chairman: _____

AE Scholarship Chairman: _____

Name of newsletter: _____

Newsletter Editor: _____

Does your Chapter have a website?

Yes _____ No _____

Website address _____

Webmaster _____

To help us update your Chapter file, please enclose a copy of your current Chapter bylaws with this report, if not previously provided.

Just a reminder:
Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen must be current members of The International 99s Organization

MAIL TO:
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
PO Box 950374
Oklahoma City, OK 73195-0374 USA

EMAIL TO:
hq@ninety-nines.org

THANK YOU very much for completing and returning this form!

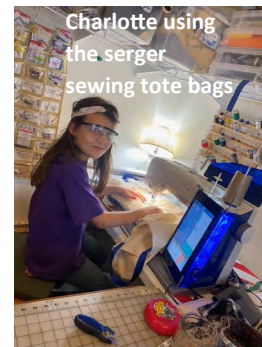
PLEASE SEND A COPY TO YOUR GOVERNOR ALSO!

REMEMBER: WHEN YOU HAVE NEW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS, THE WEBSITES HAVE TO BE CHANGED. YOUR CHAPTER CHAIR AND COMMITTEE CHAIR ADDRESSES FOR FORWARDING MUST BE NOTED TO THE WEBMASTER. IF YOUR OWN EMAIL GETS CHANGED—TELL THE WEBMASTER. IF YOU GET A NEW POSITION, UPDATE YOUR ONLINE RECORD. AND WHEN YOU ACHIEVE NEW AVIATION RATINGS, LICENSES, OR CERTIFICATES—TELL US.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

MARGARET HAZLETT—SECRETARY

Hello women pilots from the All-Ohio Chapter! Our members have been working hard to get ready to welcome you to the Spring North Central Section Meeting in Batavia, Ohio, and we hope to see many of you soon! In advance of the section meeting, our experienced seamstress Peg Ballou, and other members, sewed tote bags to be given to the first forty to register. When the group was unable to complete all of them due to illness, Peg recruited family to finish the job, teaching her granddaughter, Charlotte, to use a serger.



In the meantime and despite weather obstacles, our members continue to work for ratings and achievements. CFII Kylie Gottman has three students ready for their checkrides.



Ballou in heated coat with Private Pilot Taylor

CFII Peg Ballou's students have been passing their checkrides, and Peg has a secret way of keeping warm: a heated jacket!

Jodie Lee Hostetler and Brooklyn Kochert passed their PP written exams.

Natalie Moncaleano earned her IFR rating. Sarah Smith passed her instrument and her instrument instructor written exams in preparation for studying at the American Airlines Cadet Academy.



Mentor Sarah Smith with new IFR pilot Natalie Moncaleano

Gabby Tan passed her instrument written too! Great accomplishments, gals!



Did you know that we have groundbreakers in our chapter? One of them is Valerie Palazzolo, who has been flying for 48 years, as an airline pilot and FAA manager. She was the first woman FAA Inspector, among 100 men at the Detroit FSDO and she was the first woman ATV Captain at Spirit Airlines. Val will be one of the panelists "Women Firsts" at the International Meeting in San Diego in July.

Jun Oikawa will be finishing up her CFI program at Sinclair College soon. Jun's 49 1/2, Rich Wagner, will be retiring from the USAF and they will take a retirement cruise to the Bahamas. We thank Rich for his many years of service to our country! Jun divulged that she was born in a horse year, and this year is also a horse year and a fire year, which is doubly good, so she expects to do well. Jun reported that Japanese don't actually observe the Lunar New Year like the Chinese.



It is sad to note the passing to New Horizons of Ann Samuelson. She was a long-time member of our chapter until moving to Missouri. She served as chairwoman and in other offices for years, and was a vital and energetic part of every meeting and event we held. A bright light in our lives was Ann!

We hope to greet you at our section meeting in Batavia soon!

In January our Chapter produced the IFR/VFR Safety Seminar and Flying Companion Course. This event has evolved over the years to become the ANNUAL AVIATION EXPO. This year approximately 300 pilots attended, more than 30 vendors supported us by purchasing tables in the Expo Hall, & 27 Chicago Chapter Members were present/working

IFR PILOT SESSIONS

- 8:15 Introductions & Opening Remarks
- 9:00 Flying Real IFR—a Comprehensive Review
Gary Reeves (the guy in the pink shirt)
A full morning of Instrument Instruction
Immerse yourself in becoming more proficient
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 ATC Was My Co-Pilot
Minnetta Gardinier, Race Pilot, 99s Vice President
- 15:00 Tales from the TRACON
Eddie Trujillo, Air Traffic Controller

FLYING COMPANION SESSIONS

A Comprehensive all-day Program for Right Seat Riders

- 08:15 Introductions & Opening Remarks (IN IFR ROOM)
- 09:00 How Does It Fly?
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Customary Communications
- 12:00 Lunch with your pilot (provided by Chicago Executive Airport)
- 13:30 Finding Your Way Around
- 15:00 Stay Calm and Carry On

All sessions created, produced and presented by Chicago 99s
Jen Markovska + Jamie Swanson

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT—CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!
- FAA SAFETY DIVISION WINGS PROGRAM LEADER D'WAYNE COLLINS
- CHICAGO FAASTEAM LEAD REP MICHAEL BARAZ FOR AV EXPERTISE
- STATE OF ILLINOIS, DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS/SAFETY JEFF HURST
- Additional sponsors for 2026 Pilotsafety.org and Poplar Grove Airmotive

Hotel WIFI: Hilton Honors network, select promotional code: CHINB

VFR PILOT SESSIONS

- 08:15 Introductions & Opening Remarks (IN IFR ROOM)
- 09:00 VFR Airport Runway Procedures
Jennifer Settle, FAA Runway Safety
- 10:00 Mosaic Can Change your Pilot Life
Michael Baraz, CFII, FAA Safety Rep
- 11:00 RAF Backcountry Airstrips & Your Role in Safe Operations
Mike Purpura, Regional Manager
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Between a Rock & a Hard Place Pilot Mental Health
M Penny Levin CFI, PhD
- 15:00 Flying Paved Alaska
Dave Montgomery, Intrepid Aviator

VENDORS

- 99s Chicago Area Chapter
- Aviation Chicago LLC
- Blue Skies Flying Services
- Civil Air Patrol
- Chicago Executive Airport
- Chicago Executive Flight School
- Chicago Executive Pilots Association
- Chicago Flight Instructor Association
- Chicago Tracon
- Civil Air Patrol
- DuPage Airport Authority
- EAA Warbird Squadron 4
- Eagles Nest Projects Wisconsin
- Extreme Flight Simulation
- FAA Chicago FSDO FAASiteTeam
- Fly America
- Fly Waterloo
- Golden Wings Team
- Holiday Airways, LLC
- Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame
- IDOT Division of Aeronautics
- Leading Edge Flying Club NFP
- Lewis University
- Lifeline Pilots
- Midwest Sight Foundation NFP
- PilotSafety.org
- Plane English
- Poplar Grove Airmotive
- Recreational Aircraft Foundation
- S S A Sky Soaring
- Stick & Rudder Flying Club
- Tuskegee Airmen DODD Chapter
- WAirAviation
- Women in Aviation, Leading Edge

This year the Expo was scheduled as a part of Chicago Executive Airports 100th Anniversary as an airfield. They were extremely supportive and generous and we videotaped a thank you and presented it to the Airport Board Chairman and his Board of Directors at their February meeting.

Our February meeting was to be hosted by Chapter Member Corie W at DKB on Feb 21st. Corie decided against hosting and for an emergency surgery. We forgave her, found another solution and showed how resourceful we can be! She is better and we are very happy to have her back on her feet. The meeting date, place and time were all changed. The members were all notified, and the EAA Chapter 153 members welcomed us and said to bring brownies!! We shared the brownies, held our meeting separately and then joined them for their program. All in all a very nice outcome and a rewarding collaboration.



The highlight of November was the Greater Kansas City Chapter’s invitation to join them on their field trip to the Culver Props facility near Rolla, Missouri. It was an enjoyable, informative tour of the family business that makes wooden props. Our Chapter was represented by Melissa (Hanthorn) Shantz, Libby Yunger and June Shepard. Our thanks to Alaina Lewis who led our tour of her family’s business.

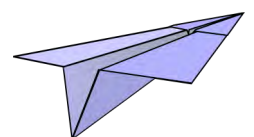


Avoid the rush! Our Holiday Party took place in January when we had time for camaraderie and visiting with each other. Wings of Hope graciously lent us their hangar and Stephanie Maughan arranged a banquet for our celebration. Fortunately our party took place before January’s extreme weather and snow storm so we had a great fun time together.

Attendees: Martha Norman, Katheryn Carr, Anne Mongiovi, Gene Mongiovi, Col. Mike Maloney, Sarah Maloney, Jennifer Weaver, Isabel Clark, Kevin Clark, Michael Maughan, Stephanie Maughan, Jennipher Vorhees, Beth Campbell, Sue Ackley, Libby Yunger, and Nelda Lee. Not pictured: Brenda Frasier (photographer) and Kim Rumpsa.



Indiana Dunes have done a few things this winter. Flying was out of the picture. Our Christmas lunch was in LaPorte, IN where we collected items for the women’s shelter in Valparaiso. January was a joint zoom with Indiana chapter. February we attended Science Alive in South Bend Margaret & Mike Wint made paper airplanes with 400 kids.



Kentucky Bluegrass 99s celebrated at our Holiday Gathering at Cattleman’s Roadhouse Restaurant, Louisville, KY. We played our gift exchange game and sang a rousing aviation rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”



For our January meeting, we joined the EAA Chapter 110 at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY, for their VCM Meeting where the topic was “Who are the 99s?” presented by Terri Donner. The group played 99s aviation jeopardy afterward. We knew all the answers

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Jessica Salyers – CFI,



Chloe Park – Commercial,



Chasity Jackson – First Solo,



Lydia Munro – First Solo,



Dora Green – Private.

Way to go girls!

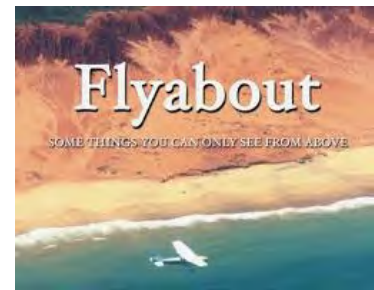
Welcome to the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter Britney Howard, Emily Rafliiff, and Amelia Kelsey!

The Iowa 99s have had a productive start to the new year and have several exciting events coming up soon - including a few potential joint meetings with nearby chapters!

In lieu of an in-person gathering in December, Chapter Vice Chair Jeneanne Visser went on an Operation Cookie Flight to the tower at DSM to thank them for all of the support throughout the year. This gesture was especially appreciated after they spent months working without pay.



In January, several members met in Iowa City and watched the movie *Flyabout*, the story of Ventura County 99 Monika Petrillo’s great adventure circumnavigating Australia. The meeting fell on the same day as Iowa 99 and International Vice President, Minnetta Gardinier’s birthday - a great reason to share some cake!



February brought the chapter to Waverly for lunch and a business meeting. We finalized the next slate of chapter officers for election this Spring, and PPLI participant Chloe Krohn along with Membership chair Jenny Myren discussed volunteer and planning needs for our Let’s Fly Now! event planned in Spencer in April. The chapter is looking forward to introducing the next generation of female aviators to the joy of flying!



Our March fly-out will be held in Dubuque where we plan to tour the National Mississippi River Museum and hopefully join with some members of the Wisconsin chapter to discuss needs for the upcoming ARC stop in Prairie du Chien.

Other fly-out adventures planned this year include picnicking in Ledges State Park in Boone, a tower tower and visit to the Mid America Museum of Aviation and Transportation in Sioux City, and a potential compass rose painting. Follow us on Facebook to see where we visit next!

2026 started with our monthly meeting January 11 hosted by Jessica Maslach at Skypark (15G). We discussed how to recruit new members, and keeping current members active in our chapter. Grace Dempsey gave a great safety presentation on getting a weather briefing. Ava Vidovich completed her ATP/CTP course, and her ATP written test. Way to go Ava!

In February, we hosted our meeting at the Kent State airport, and encouraged students to attend. We were able to sign up 3 new members! Grace Dempsey gave a safety presentation on aircraft performance, and using your airplane's POH. Patience Stoller is leading our fundraising committee, and presented fundraising ideas to our chapter. We are also in the process of designing a chapter t-shirt. Kate Heinselmann took charge of our website, and was able to get everything updated. Kate also created a flyer for us to post at our local airports, advertising the Lake Erie 99's. Simone Walters volunteered to manage our social media, and started an instagram for our chapter.



Jessica Maslach is coordinating with fellow Maryland 99, Shannon O'Brien, a tour of the Youngstown Air Reserve Base on March 13. Lori Manthey is setting up our airmarking for this summer at Geauga County. We also plan to set up a booth at multiple local aviation events this summer to share with our community the mission of the 99's and to recruit new members.

We gave out our quarterly FLAP Award to Patience Stoller, an award unique to the Lake Erie 99s to encourage safe flying. It is given each quarter to the first Lake Erie 99 who shows that she flew with an instructor, and she is reimbursed up to \$150. This effectively encourages our members to stay proficient, and to go fly!

The Michigan Chapter held meetings via Zoom in December, January and February 2026. In December, Suzette Biela, Chapter Vice Chair, led a Q & A session with a panel of Michigan Chapter member CFIs including Barb Goodwin, Rachel Morrow, Suzette Biela, Grace Eger, and Linda Langrill. In January Linda Langrill presented “My Flying Story in Six Logbooks,” from Discovery Flight to ATP rating. In February we discussed the book, The Great Stewardess Rebellion, by Nell McShane Wulfhart.

We met for an in-person holiday event in December, organized by Reya Dila (Ludington MI). We had brunch at a local Kalamazoo restaurant then moved to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum. Reba Milow (New Boston MI) hosted the fun event.

Michigan Chapter Fundraising Chair, Deborah Howell, organized a chapter fundraiser in December, raising \$575. She designed merchandise as an incentive for donating.

We welcomed five new members this quarter: Madelynn Yakim (Paw Paw, MI), Marissa Marshall (Athens, MI), Amie Stiltner (Battle Creek, MI), Megan Hamilton (Grand Rapids, MI), and Emily Robbins (Clyde, MI), and Brielle Coventry (Auburn Hills, MI).

The Michigan 99s Denton Traveling Trophy Awardees:

- January 2026 – Olivia Arnold (Kalamazoo, MI) – ATP/First Officer Envoy Air
- February 2026 – Haley Haley-Sellers (Detroit, MI) – Private Pilot Certificate
- March 2026 – Madison Barch (Shelby Township, MI) - CFII

New Ratings:



Olivia Arnold ATP, Dec 25.
Regional airline base Chicago.



Esme Lowry,
First Solo, Jan 26



Samantha Inguanzo,
CFI, Jan 26



Rachel Morrow,
1500 hrs, FO Endeavor



Haley Haley-Sellers
Private Pilot, Jan 26



Madison Barch
CFII, Feb 26



On December 6 the Minnesota Chapter participated in the Tree of Hope toy collection event. Enough toys were donated to serve children in 42 hospitals and all the Ronald McDonald Houses. The 99s helped unload, tag, sort and bag the toys to be delivered to the hospitals by volunteer drivers. We had a great time, and Santa even joined us.

We had our quarterly meeting and holiday party on December 7. Our Chapter awards were given out, and a pot-luck followed our meeting.



The award for most Minnesota Airports Landed At went to Becky Juarez



Holiday Party

Congratulations to those ladies!



The Award for 99 who attended the most events in 2025 was Patti Sandusky



Craft night group!!!

We took a break till February 8 when a group of us gathered to do some crafts together and socialize. It was a fun evening and good to catch up with each other and find out what people have been doing.



Elaine Morrow crafting

The flying has been slow this winter, because of several weeks of extreme cold, but some are working on training and our newest CFI, Kim Marcell, is enjoying some instruction flights. We have been planning our first Let's Fly Now event, which is scheduled for May 30 at the downtown St. Paul airport. We are excited for this and look forward to sharing flight experiences with other females new to aviation.

We had a wonderful winter season, celebrating both the small and big wins of our chapter. We then kicked off the new year with a productive business meeting in January. In December, we gathered for our annual Awards Lunch to celebrate the incredible achievements of our members over the past year.

Member Spotlights:



•In the News:

We are so proud of chapter member Valencia Caldwell, who was recently featured in a [FOX6 Milwaukee news segment](#). Valencia is a STEM teacher pursuing her pilot's license at Watertown Municipal Airport to honor her father's aviation legacy.

•Kelch Aviation Museum:

Another one of our members, Hannah Shickles, has been working hard at the Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead. The museum recently celebrated its reopening with a new exhibit: "Women in Aviation."



NEW HORIZONS

Jean Emily Murry, a 99s Life Member (2018) and member of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, flew to New Horizons on February 22, 2026, just shy of her 96th birthday on February 23.

She became a 99 in December 1988. Many members of the North Central Section will remember her from the many section meetings she attended. As an active member of the Chapter, she was a Chapter officer - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary - several times and was the first to volunteer to "man" the Chapter and the Wings of Hope booths at various aviation functions. She and Delia Greer received recognition and the 99s award for their humanitarian work in 2012.

Jean wanted to learn to fly at an early age. In high school she flew with the Civil Air Patrol. As many ladies of her time, flight was interrupted by marriage and raising five children. She earned her pilot's certification in 1961. Hours of humanitarian efforts followed. As an active volunteer at Wings of Hope for many years; she helped them with projects in Haiti, Guyana, Belize, Guatemala and Ecuador as well as at their home offices. "Home office projects" she helped with included refurbishing a DC-3 that returned to service in South America. It was her practice to make a trip to the Wings of Hope hanger on Friday at noon with a hot lunch for anyone there. Until Covid came, she was among the volunteers who greeted people coming to St. Louis' St. Luke's Hospital. There, she would also escort them to their destinations. She was treasurer of the St. Louis Air and Space Museum and a museum docent on weekends. Still, Jean found time each week to participate in two bridge groups and a bowling league.



Jean Emily Murry:
An avid supporter of the 99s;
a humanitarian quietly giving time
to others making their lives better.
She will be missed by many.

Jean is pictured here at a 1991 Poker Run

AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE LAURIE PROBST—CHAIR

Last year the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee had quite a few applications to go through, and this year was no different. Our section is able to send nine applications on to the Trustees, per our membership total as of December 31st. Choosing which nine out of so many worthy applicants proves to be a challenging task, but it is great to see all of the things the women in our section are doing to further their own goals, as well as the aspirations of others.

The Ninety-Nines whose applications were forwarded to the International level from the NCS include:

- Jun Oikawa (All-Ohio) Multi-Engine
- Gabriela Tan (All-Ohio) Instrument
- Deborah Howell (Michigan) Commercial
- Rene Porlier (Kentucky Bluegrass) CFI
- Ninoshka Bornes (Indiana Dunes) Commercial
- Taylor Smith (Iowa) Multi-Engine Comm Add-on
- Martha Reith (Wisconsin) CFI
- Megan McArthur (Chicago) CFII
- Reya Dila (Michigan) Academic



We wish them luck!

A special THANK YOU to the members of the Scholarship Committee for their time and efforts!!

AVIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MADELEINE MONACO—CHAIR

I am encouraging action not reports. You don't have to be a CFI to educate someone about aviation. You don't have to be a ground instructor to help a neighbor understand why he can't fly his drone within 5 miles of the airport. All you have to do is share your knowledge with anyone who is interested.

When someone asks what you have on your iPad, tell them about Foreflight, or Garmin navigation.

When a kid is making a paper airplane, show them how lift is developed by blowing on a piece of paper the right way.

When you are celebrating and its time to quit so you will be in compliance with the "8 hours from bottle to throttle" FAR (or 12 hours, if that's your personal guideline) tell someone why?

Just watch the parents and kids at the airport when you go out to fly. It doesn't take much time to bring a child and their parent onto the field and show them an airplane.

And that first ride is magic sometimes. I gave a 12 year old his first little airplane ride when he was 12, and he found me last year and asked me to take his 12 year old daughter up for a Discovery Flight

Oh—he is now Chief Pilot for a company with 3 Falcons! Like I said—MAGIC

Yippee! I consider Spring the beginning of “Flying Season”! I’m planning now some trips I’d like to make, but first, before I head out I want to be sure my aircraft is ready and I am ready - physically and technically. With every column I write I suggest pilots keep up with taking actual/additional training, practicing around the patch, sim training/practice, WINGS classes, etc. If you’ve kept up over the winter then you should be ready by Spring.

Be sure that all is good with your aircraft, also. Does it need an oil change? Are the tires in good condition? Your avionics are all working? Etc, etc, etc...

Ok. So now you’re prepared. Have you considered challenging yourself to something new? Have you ever heard about Flytionary Flying? That would be a type of “air writing” only it doesn’t involve smoke! With Flytionary Flying you design a drawing of something in the sky (such as a heart, a rocket, a flower, a shoe) and record it using your flight tracker, such as “Breadcrumbs” on Foreflight. You then have a design you’ve flown for fun and bragging rights you can personally share with others via social media or however you like. This could be a personal challenge or possibly a new challenge. It sounds like a fun activity! Here’s an example!



As always, I hope you are able to increase your flying time. Are you trying to fly to your Chapter meetings, NCS Section meetings, Airmarking events, Let’s Fly Now or Young Eagle events, \$100 Hamburger flights, going to visit family or friends, or just flying for the fun of it? I hope so!

And, as always,

Blue Skies and great Tail Winds!

Aviation Summer Bingo 2025 brought together 18 participants and raised over \$200 to support the North Central Section 99s fundraising. Each participant received a personalized bingo card featuring exciting aviation-themed challenges, such as visiting unique airports, earning new ratings, attending chapter meetings, and safety seminars. Participants shared their completed cards and stories on the NCS Facebook page and celebrated their achievements at a final get-together on October 20, making the event a successful community-building and fundraising endeavor.



Next up –

Aviation Family Feud!

Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 PM Central,

members and friends will log on via Zoom for an evening of quick-thinking, friendly competition, and plenty of aviation-flavored laughs. A \$10 donation is requested to be entered to play for digital prizes—all while supporting NCS fundraising efforts. This is an opportunity to connect across airports and states, share stories and pilot jokes, and strengthen the community that keeps us learning, flying, and mentoring. Whether you're a weekend VFR explorer, a tailwheel enthusiast, a “heavy” flyer, or someone who mostly flies with other pilots, the questions are built to feel familiar and fun— think:

- "Top things you'd like to see at an FBO ,
- "Top reasons to fly on a Tuesday,"
- or "Why a ‘quick hop’ becomes a whole day."

We hope you'll join us, bring your best "survey says" instincts, and help make this event a success for NCS.

Come ready to buzz in, team up, and celebrate aviation together!

Register here

<https://forms.gle/FH2GdJR3DpHi3Mza9>

or use the QR code.



Let Brenda Frye or Brenda Hanson know if you have any questions.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

MARGARET WINT—VICE GOVERNOR

My term as Vice Governor and Insurance Committee Chair is almost over, and I would like to thank you.

To the chapters that did flying projects with girls thanks for making sure your insurance was in order. I hope that your future flying projects go well and keep up the good work.

501 c 3 COMMITTEE

JOAN PLATO—TREASURER

This is a reminder to the chapter treasurers that we put out each year. Since I will no longer be the North Central Section treasurer, you will be working with Martha Reith for the coming term of office. Martha Reith will be taking over the treasurer@ncs99s.org email address. Her future communications to the Chapter Chairs will include options for communicating with her via email and USPS for this committee. Please make sure that your Chapter Treasurer (especially if newly elected) receives this information.

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 requirement 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 the new Treasurer as directed. She will be scheduling a ZOOM meeting in May to review the 501c3 procedures, and emailing instructions to the Chapter Treasurers.

WAYPOINT COMMITTEE

MADELEINE MONACO—CHAIR

Its not often that your Waypoint Editor needs to tell you anything other than how much she appreciates (and invites) your articles for the ucoming issues. But this time I've got something.

Microsoft has announced that they are stopping all use of their Microsoft Publisher program this coming October, 2026. I use it this program extensively, the transition will not be easy.

So, please be watchful for messages regarding changes to your submissions—if they become necessary. I hope not, but don't know yet because I have not settled on a suitable substitute publishing program to use.

The International Forest of Friendship is an arboretum and memorial forest beside Lake Warnock in Atchison, Kansas. It is a memorial to the men and women involved in aviation and space exploration, and open to the public daily.

September 11 & 12, 2026

50th Anniversary will honor “World Friendship Through Flight”



Registration Information

By registering, you’ll gain access to exciting events, delicious food, and a vibrant community—all while supporting forest preservation. Your registration isn’t just a sign-up; it’s a step toward protecting and sustaining our beloved forest. Proceeds help fund essential maintenance and special projects that keep the forest healthy and thriving for generations to come.

Cost Fees apply for online payments.

Full Weekend Adult Registration \$150	Full Weekend Child Registration \$75
Adult Friday only Registration \$65	Adult Saturday only Registration \$100
Child Saturday only Registration \$50	

Register Please fill out the online Registration Form and remit payment to the Forest

Payments may be made online or remit to the address below.

Checks should be made out to: International Forest of Friendship
Mailing address: International Forest of Friendship
Attn: Office Staff
913 Main Street
Atchison, KS 66002-2706

Registration closes August 15, 2026 No refunds after Sept 1, 2026

Accommodations

Make your own reservations at any of the lodging facilities in Atchison.

Blocks of rooms have been set aside for the Forest at Holiday Inn Express and Suites, and Quality Inn
Ask for the Block for the International Forest of Friendship

Quality Inn	500 U. S. Highway 73	Atchison, KS 66002	913-367-4000
Holiday Inn Express	402 Main Street	Atchison, KS 66002	913-674-0033
Super 8	510 South 9th	Atchison, KS 66002	913-367-7666

Campground facilities are also available at the Warnock Lake area next to the Forest
RV hook-up accommodations are also available on a first come-first served basis
Atchison also has several AirBnB’s that are very nice.
There are also rooms available in St. Joseph, MO and Leavenworth, KS, less than 30 minutes away.

Chapters in our Section will be honoring members and others in this years’ Forest Induction Ceremony. Join in the celebration of the 50th Year and recognize our 99s and it’s partnership with the International Forest of Friendship founded by Charter Member Faye Gillis Wells and Atchison’s Joe Carrigan While you are in Atchison, you will be able to tour the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum during the Friday night reception, visit the Amelia Earhart Museum at the airport, and see the AE Earthworks.



Left: PMHC volunteers gathered on the steps of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for Advocacy Day 2026.

Top Right: Paige Kuhn posing with Chairwoman of the NTSB, Jennifer Homendy.

Bottom Right: Legislative Assistant Brigid Ueland stands with a group of PMHC volunteers outside Senator Pete Ricketts' office (left to right: Brigid Ueland, Stephanie Seefried, Krista Simmons, Carlos Diaz, Paige Kuhn, David Block).

Pilot mental health is a subject often ignored, shrouded in stigma and layered with regulatory complexities: Let's change the narrative. The Pilot Mental Health Campaign (PMHC) is a volunteer-based grassroots advocacy group dedicated to modernizing the current aeromedical system. Presently, controllers and pilots are disincentivized from seeking help and live in fear of reporting treatable medical conditions. This has already created an unsafe culture of silence in aviation; from chest pains to grief counseling, pilots are withholding information, deferring or denying treatment, and seeking informal medical care.

The culture of silence and avoidance affects the aviation community from the airlines all the way to general aviation and even aspiring pilots. When I began my pilot journey in 2022, I had no idea it would take me over two years and \$10,000 to get a - Special Issuance FAA medical certificate. Prior to that, I was becoming acquainted with the possibility that I would never fly an airplane solo or progress in my flight training. One day while searching the internet for guidance, I stumbled across PMHC and learned that thousands of others are also experiencing the effects of our broken aeromedical system.

I started volunteering with PMHC in 2025. Since then, I have contributed to social media efforts, worked our booth at AirVenture, been featured in an interview with MzeroA, and spoken to staffers on Capitol Hill. Each year since its founding in 2023, PMHC has coordinated an Advocacy Day in Washington, DC where volunteers come together and speak with representatives and senators about the need for legislative change to improve our aeromedical system.

Our focus this Advocacy Day was to garner more co-sponsors and support for the bipartisan Mental Health in Aviation Act (which passed unanimously under suspension in the House), as well as the Aviation Medication Transparency Act (introduced in the House). Please refer to the links below to read about the bills:

[H.R.2591 - Mental Health in Aviation Act of 2025](#)

[H.R.2592 -Aviation Medication Transparency Act of 2025](#)

Both of these bills aim to increase transparency, efficiency, and safety, while reducing costs, wait times, and stress. These bills will not lower the standards airmen and controllers adhere to; rather, they will break down barriers that have for too long fostered a culture of silence in our vulnerable community. Each member of the flying public will be safer if we address these known issues within our aeromedical system.

So, you're thinking: What can I do to help effect change? Consider...

- Contacting your local representatives & senators.
- Talking about it! Bring it up at your next pancake breakfast, visit to the local FBO, EAA Chapter, Ninety-Nines meeting, the list goes on!
- Familiarizing yourself with current proposed legislation.
- Posting about pilot mental health on social media.
- Joining our advocacy efforts by signing up through our website.

Please check out our website pmhc.org to learn more, find us on social media, and volunteer for/donate to our organization. Let's work together to break the culture of silence and keep the blue side up!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT JENEANNE VISSER & DEE DREGER - DIRECTORS

By the time you read this the Spring Section Meeting at Batavia, OH hosted by the All-Ohio Chapter will already be over. At that meeting the Spinning Prop Award, the 49 ½ Award, and the Governor's Service Award will have already been presented. Congratulations to all the recipients! All well deserved! Your NCS Directors are also the people who send out requests for submissions for these awards that are always awarded at the Spring Section meetings.

The NCS Section meetings Spring 2025 in Iowa City, Iowa, Fall 2025 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Spring 2026 in Batavia, Ohio were all successful and well attended meetings. We look forward to the 2026 NCS Fall meeting in Indianapolis, IN, hosted by the Indiana Chapter.

The directors are tasked with assisting chapters with their planning for the section meetings that are upcoming. Advice, details of past meetings and requirements for the meetings are all things you can rely on the directors while planning the section meeting you will be hosting. We saw great cooperation between the Indiana Chapter and Michigan Chapter who swapped hosting dates when Michigan dates were conflicting with college football dates. These are the types of things directors can consult on when your date is coming up in the next two years.

After the Spring 2027 Section meeting in Michigan, you can begin to look forward to the Fall 2027 Section meeting hosted by the Chicago Area Chapter.

Questions and requests for guidance are always welcomed by your NCS Directors. And we look forward to seeing you at these Section meetings. It is a great time to connect with your fellow sister 99s !



All Ohio, Chicago Area,
Greater Kansas City,
Greater Saint Louis,
Indiana, Indiana Dunes,
Iowa, Kentucky Bluegrass,
Lake Erie, Michigan,
Minnesota, Northwoods,
Scioto Valley and Wisconsin.



“Queen Bess”
**BESSIE
COLEMAN
CENTENNIAL**

AVIATION FILM FESTIVAL

Queen Bess Aviation Film Festival Invites The Ninety-Nines to Inspire the Next Generation of Flight

The **Queen Bess Centennial Aviation Film Festival** invites members of The Ninety-Nines to take part in a powerful, first-of-its-kind event honoring the legacy of Bessie Coleman while inspiring the future of aviation.

Taking place **May 2, 2026 at Bult Field (C56)**, the festival brings together aviation, film, STEM education, and innovation—creating a shared space where history meets the next generation of pilots. At the heart of this year’s festival is a featured film by filmmaker Beth Powell, whose work captures the enduring spirit of flight, perseverance, and the power of storytelling within aviation history and culture. Powell’s film anchors a program designed to inspire audiences, connect communities, and elevate underrepresented voices in aviation. Hosted in the Chicago region—where Bessie Coleman’s journey began—the festival brings together filmmakers, pilots, historians, and future aviators to mark the centennial era of Coleman’s impact on aviation and equality. “Bessie Coleman didn’t just break barriers—she redefined who belongs in the sky,” said Susan Roe Musacchio, founder of the festival. “This festival carries that legacy forward through film—connecting past, present, and future in one powerful experience.”

In addition to The Discovering Bessie Coleman film, there will be several other aviation films in the Bult Theater. An award ceremony will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, May 2, 2026, awarding the best feature film, the best short film, the best drone film and the Audience Choice film. In addition to the film screenings, the festival will feature: A panel discussion with filmmakers and aviation leaders, a Welcome film by Gigi Coleman, Grand-Niece of Bessie Coleman, a Drone demonstrations by RBS Drone and Ken Rapier, Tuskegee Airmen, flight simulators, Aviation vendor fair with education tables, including a 99 table, Beth Powell book signing and Awards presentation recognizing excellence in aviation storytelling. About the Festival: The Queen Bess Centennial Aviation Film Festival will be held at Bult Field in Monee, Illinois.

The festival starts at 9 am with the Honor Flight at 9 am by Ken Rapier, Tuskegee Airman. Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy films, drone demonstrations, aircraft displays and the educational forum in the grand foyer. For the complete schedule and more information, visit www.BessFF.com.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Queen Bess Film Festival is the first aviation film festival in the world. Ninety-nines interested in volunteering for the event, reach out to Susan Roe Musacchio at queenbessff@gmail.com. Pilots are also welcome to bring planes and share educational opportunities with the public.

Queen Bess

Centennial Aviation Film Festival



Bult Field (C56), Monee, Illinois

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 9 AM - 4 PM



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



bessff.com



THE FALL 2026 NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

The Indiana Chapter has great plans for us next October. Watch for the Full Registration Package in the near future, and again in the Summer (July 1, 2026) issue of WAYPOINT!

Our weekend hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn in Fishers, IN, off I-69, with dining on site. They are located just a few miles from the Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center, Nickel Plate District and Conner Prairie. Downtown Indianapolis, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Lucas Oil Stadium are within a half-hour drive. Enjoy the pool, fitness center, and complimentary WiFi.



Our banquet will be at the Warbird Museum at KUMP. The Indiana Wing CAF is a flying museum that maintains and flies a Fairchild PT-26 Cornell, a twin engine Beech SNB (RC-45J), Vultee BT-13 Valiant, and Stearman. AT-6 Texan, and a Stearman. based at Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport (KUMP) located in Fishers, Terre Haute Airport (KHUF)

Our speaker for the banquet is Laura Goldsberry, an Indiana native, Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame recipient and a Ninety- Nine!



Laura Goldsberry

We will have a list of local venues and attractions for those not attending the meeting, dinner plans for Thursday and Friday evening and a tour coming soon.

**COME TO INDIANA
MEET THE INSPIRING INDIANA CHAPTER 99S
CELEBRATE FALL IN THE MIDWEST**

SEE YOU THERE!!!

This is the paint by number art piece Brenda did of her Own aircraft!

I sent a picture of my plane to Gray Duck Art and specified that it should be flying in the sky. I added a few more details and might update how the prop appears later, but otherwise they did a great job.

The cost was the same as if paying for two animals (it'll make sense when you look at the site.)

NICE GIFT FOR A PLANE OWNER!!!!



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