

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

Governor's Report

This year has been going fast. Elections were held this Spring and new officers were elected,

Margaret Wint Governor,
Erin Thompson Vice Governor,
Martha Reith Treasurer,
Madison Doepke Secretary,
Dee Dreger and Joan Plato Directors

Erin Thompson was inducted in International Forest of Friendship.

Our North Central Section had four members receive Amelia Earhart Scholarships in 2026

Ninoshia Barnes- Indiana Dunes,
Megan McArthur- Chicago,
Martha Reith- Wisconsin, and
Taylor Smith-Iowa.

Our fall section meeting was held in Oshkosh, WI with tours of the tower and the EAA museum.

At the Spring Section in Batavia, OH, the home of Sporty's, we were given tours and had a movie night with only our group in attendance.

Chicago Area Chapter held their IFR/VFR/ Flying Companion Seminar and Aviation Expo with over 300 attendees. They have done this for many years.

The Iowa chapter flew a "Fly now " event.

Kentucky Bluegrass had a girls aviation day.

These are just a few of the events our section has done.

Sincerely, *Margaret Wint,*
Governor



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Deadline for OCT 1 Waypoint
9/1/26 send .doc files for text
.jpg files for pictures

CALENDAR

7/8-12/26	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SAN DIEGO, CA
7/15/26	PPLI FALL APPLICATIONS DUE
7/20-26/26	EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH, WI
8/15/26	IFOF SPONSOR APPLICATIONS DUE
9/1/26	WAYPOINT UPDATES DUE FROM CHAPTERS, COMMITTEES
10/1/26	AEMSF FIRST WINGS FALL APPLICATION DUE TO CHAPTER
10/1/26	COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPS DUE
10/1/26	ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE FOR FALL SECTION MTG
10/2-4/26	NCS FALL MEETING, INDIANA CHAPTER, FISHERS, IN
10/17/26	CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER AIR MEET LANSING, IL IGQ
11/5-6/26	FALL INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
12/1/26	WAYPOINT UPDATES DUE FROM CHAPTERS, COMMITTEES
1/1/2027	WAYPOINT JANUARY, 2027 ISSUE RELEASE DATE
EARLY MARCH	SECTION AWARDS DEADLINE TO DIRECTORS
4/9-11/27	NCS SPRING MEETING, MICHIGAN CHAPTER
9/9-12/27	99S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

WAYPOINT GUIDELINES

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.

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

September 11 & 12 at Atchison, Kansas
“World Friendship Through Flight”

Advance Registration Required: IFOFOF.ORG

Register now -see full information on pages

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Fall Meeting

Hosted by the Indiana Chapter

Hilton Garden Inn Fishers, IN

October 2-4, 2026



Advance Early Warning

Something to Look Forward to!

Just announced by Michigan Chapter 99s

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

SPRING MEETING

APRIL 9-11 2027

SHORELINES TO SKYLINES

In Southeast Michigan

NCS FALL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM



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Hilton Garden Inn Fishers - October 2-4, 2026

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

First-Time Attendee _____ Student Pilot _____ Lifetime Member _____

Current Office/Committee: Chapter: _____ Section: _____ International _____

SELECTIONS:

Attend Thursday Night Gathering: _____ No. of attendees: _____

Rolls Royce Museum Tour: (Limited availability) Boxed Lunch (Sat):

Bus 1 (12:30pm)

Bus 2 (1:00pm)

Turkey Sandwich

Ham Sandwich

Veggie Option

Please note that registration includes two (2) drink tickets for alcoholic beverages during Saturday's banquet!

PAYMENT	Cost:	Quantity:	Total:
Registration*:	\$152		

Payment Method:

Cash/Check made payable to Indiana 99s

PayPal @indiananinetynines

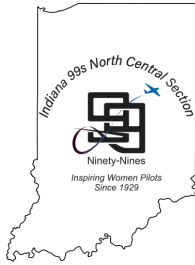
SUBMIT registration form:

Mail: Erin Hammer, 18903 Hague Road, Noblesville IN 46062

Email: indiananinetynines@gmail.com

***Hotel booked separately.** For room reservations: Ask for "Indiana Ninety-Nines", scan the QR code, go **HERE** for the direct link, or visit: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/indfghi-hilton-garden-inn-indianapolis-northeast-fishers/> and use group code **INN**.

Contact Erin Hammer at indiananinetynines@gmail.com or 317-727-1698 with any questions.
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Hotel (BOOKED SEPARATELY)

Hilton Garden Inn Fishers
9785 N by NE Blvd, Fishers, IN 46037
317-577-5900

Our conference headquarters
will be the Hilton Garden
Inn Fishers, conveniently

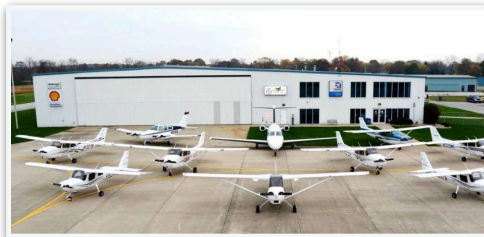
located just minutes from Indianapolis Metro Airport (KUMP).
Free parking and breakfast are included. For room reservations:
Ask for “Indiana Ninety-Nines”, enter group code INN, scan the
QR code, or go HERE for the direct link.



Room Rates: - valid until September 11, 2026

\$145/night + tax (2 queen beds)

\$135/night + tax (1 king bed)



FBO: Tom Wood Aviation

317-849-0840

The FBO is located on the southwest side of the
field. Free tie down parking will be available.
Full service fuel will be available at self service

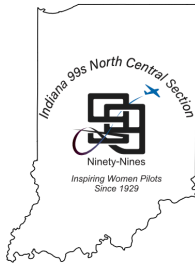
price. FBO is open Sunday-Saturday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. **If flying in,
transportation from KUMP available by prior arrangement.**

Thursday Night Hangar Party

Join us for a relaxed evening at the hangar featuring a classic cookout with burgers,
hot dogs, and good company at KUMP, hosted by Indiana Chapter Chair Erin
Hammer. Guests are invited to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share if they
are able. Vegetarian options will also be available. Details to come - stay tuned!

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Friday Evening Networking Event at Republic Airways

Kick off the conference with a special Friday evening networking dinner hosted by Republic Airways at their state-of-the-art training facility. Guests will enjoy an evening of networking, aviation conversation, and behind-the-scenes experiences, with transportation to and from the event generously provided by Republic Airways.



Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust Museum Tour

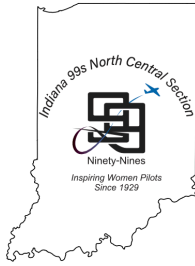
Conference attendees will have the opportunity to tour the fascinating Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust Allison Branch museum on Saturday. The museum highlights the rich aviation and engineering legacy of Rolls-Royce and Allison engines, featuring historic aircraft engines, artifacts, and exhibits that showcase decades of innovation in aerospace technology. Space is limited. Limited transportation available.

Saturday Banquet at the Warbird Hangar

Two drink tickets provided with registration, then cash bar

Join us Saturday evening for a memorable banquet at the Tom Wood Aviation Warbird Hangar, surrounded by historic aircraft. Guests will enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner catered by Mary's Kitchen, a favorite local BBQ restaurant, featuring classic smoked meats, homestyle sides, and dessert. In celebration of the October season, attendees are encouraged to dress as their favorite female aviator for a fun aviation-themed Halloween twist to the evening. The banquet will also feature special guest speaker Ninety-Nine Laura Goldsberry, whose extraordinary career in aviation, education, and federal service continues to inspire generations of women pilots.

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Guest Speaker: Laura Goldsberry

Ninety-Nine Laura Goldsberry has built a remarkable aviation career defined by service, education, and breaking barriers for women in aviation. Raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Laura pursued her dream of flying through Purdue University's Professional Pilot Program, later becoming Purdue's first tenured female assistant professor in the General Flight Technology Department. After earning both fixed-wing and helicopter ratings, she joined the U.S. Customs Service Air and Marine Division in 1986 as its first female federal agent and pilot, serving for 27 years in air interdiction, surveillance, and undercover operations both domestically and internationally. Following her federal career, she became a respected instructor and examiner at FlightSafety International. Inducted into the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame, Laura's legacy reflects excellence in aviation education, public service, and leadership for women in the industry.



Saturday Evening Attire

In the spirit of October and our aviation-themed Halloween celebration, attendees are encouraged to have fun with Saturday evening's banquet attire by dressing as their favorite female aviator or embracing the elegance of 1930s–1940s wartime fashion. While there is no formal dress code for the evening, we encourage guests to choose attire that feels festive, polished, and a little glamorous rather than overly casual as we celebrate together in the iconic Tom Wood Aviation Warbird Hangar.

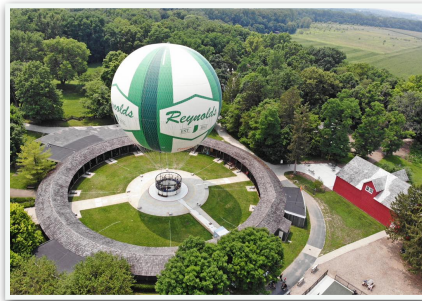
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Explore the Area



Conner Prairie

Experience Indiana history and innovation at Conner Prairie, one of the nation's premier interactive history parks. With immersive exhibits, historic reenactments, and engaging experiences for all ages, Conner Prairie offers visitors a unique glimpse into Indiana's past and pioneering spirit.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

No visit to Indianapolis is complete without exploring the legendary Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. The museum features historic race cars, exhibits celebrating the history of the Indianapolis 500, and a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most iconic venues in motorsports.



Newfields Art Museum

Discover world-class art and beautiful gardens at Newfields, home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Visitors can explore impressive galleries, seasonal exhibitions, and scenic outdoor spaces that make Newfields one of Indianapolis's premier cultural destinations.

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Thursday, October 1

Thursday evening - Hangar Party at KUMP hosted by Erin Hammer (timing TBD!)

Friday, October 2

- 8am - 4pm Registration at the hotel
Lunch on your own
- 3pm - 4pm Board Meeting (Garden Room B)
- 4:45pm Van #1 departs for Republic Airways Training Facility
- 5pm Van #2 departs for Republic Airways Training Facility
- 5:30pm Republic Airways Networking and Dinner Event/
Scholarship Presentations

Saturday, October 3

- 6 - 9am Breakfast at hotel (included in reservation)
- 9 - 11am Board Meeting
- 11 - 12pm Lunch (boxed lunch selections on registration form)
- 12:30pm Van #1 departs for Rolls-Royce Heritage Museum
- 1pm Van #2 departs for Rolls-Royce Heritage Museum
- 5:15pm Vans depart for Tom Wood Aviation Warbird Hangar
- 5:30 Cocktail Hour
- 6:30 Banquet
- 8pm Guest Speaker Ninety-Nine Laura Goldsberry

Sunday, October 4

- 6 - 9am Breakfast at hotel
Safe travels home!

**Remember to bring a
contribution for the Silent
Auction!**

Fly Market and Silent Auction hours will be announced at a later time

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MANDATORY CHAPTER OFFICER CHANGE REPORT



Ninety-Nines

Inspiring Women Pilots
Since 1929

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

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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.



It may seem relatively dramatic to call a section meeting “transformational,” but having become a Chapter Chair as a result of its conclusion, I think the word is applicable for me. The NCS Section Meeting, while being one of the largest attended in recent seasons, with 106 total guests, was also the first I have attended. I joined the 99s initially in 2019 and was honored to have a greater responsibility within the Spring meeting, especially knowing I would transition from Vice Chair to Chair following the weekend event. I had the role of managing all registrations and I saw the numbers and spreadsheets come to life as the weekend moved along.



On the very first day I had the pleasure of seeing our dedicated team bustling like busy worker bees in their sky-blue tees – scrambling to ensure everything would be ready for the incoming members. We watched members start to trickle in, enjoying their time in the hospitality room, socializing in the lobby, or wandering through the fly market and silent auction.



Later I sat in RJ's Cinema watching films surrounding historic women in aviation, laughing along with those in the theater, the event became more of an experience and less of a checkbox on a form (even if I did know exactly how many people were laughing).



In the cafeteria of Sporty's, as many toured around joining various tables and mingling with other attendees, I saw these formatted nametags become faces I could tie them to, and people I am pleased to have learned so much about.



Valerie Palazzolo, Section Meeting Chair, and Debra Henrichs, previous All-Ohio Chair did such a fantastic job in creating an itinerary that so many members did not want to miss. The event was carefully thought through and meticulously planned, as was clear through its content and how excellently it was pulled off.



There was no lack of good opportunities to bond with new members; the hospitality room was so ripe with camaraderie that, following the banquet, we even received a request to close the door because of our volume!

Knowing I would be slated to become the next All-Ohio Chair, our NCS Spring Meeting could not have come at a more opportune time. I made connections that will help me navigate my role, I learned more about our organization and ways for our group to connect with the world at large, most importantly I learned that I can make it my own through Linda's legendary chapter song,



49 1/2 AWARD PRESENTATION

Rich Wagner, husband of Jun O.

L-r Jeneanne V, Director, Jun O, Rich Wagner, Dee Dreger, Director



BBQ Dinner with MUSIC!!! Friday night social event at Jungle Jim's. Good food, good drinks, good fun! This was preceded by a tour of the huge store/market and followed by the double feature in our privately reserved theater.



SANTORI SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

\$2,000 Commercial ME Martha Reith Wisconsin

\$1,000 Initial license Skye Newsome Kentucky Bluegrass

L-r Jeneanne V, Director, Cynthia M, Santori Chair, Martha R, Skye N, Margaret W, Governor

Section Meeting Report continued

I am so grateful to have been able to volunteer, contributing to an event that brought so many wonderful women together. I am so thankful to countless people who devoted their time and hard work to this event. I am so touched at how many members attended and how many approached our chapter to relay their genuine excitement at what they called a great event. I am so moved by the possibilities that can be found within this organization, and I am so excited to take on my new role.

Thank you, so much, to all who attended. *Dalya Abu-Shaweesh, Chair*



Kathy L-R presenting outgoing Governor Sue G, with a gift. A tile in her name at 99s HQ in the Compass Rose.

Deb M. and Sue G swearing in new NCS Board. Margaret W, Gov Erin B-T, Vice Gov Martha R, Treasurer Madison D, Secretary Dee D, and Joan P, Directors



Fly Mart tables in the foreground

Silent Auction Tables in the background



MINUTES OF THE SPRING 2026 NORTH CENTRAL SECTION BUSINESS MEETING

THE NINETY-NINES, INC.
NORTH CENTRAL SECTION
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING – March 28, 2026
Cincinnati, OH
Hosted by the All Ohio 99s Chapter

The meeting was called to order by Governor Sue Glisson [Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter] at 0906 EST. This in-person meeting did not have hybrid / Zoom options, as approved in advance. On behalf of NCS 99s, Sue thanked the All Ohio 99s for their efforts in organizing a well-structured meeting and delightful weekend. Reviews of the meeting format and instructions were provided. Gov. Glisson reviewed Election Procedure Committee [EPC] guidelines re non-campaigning for the 2026 Election cycle, which are in effect during this NCS meeting and until the close of voting.

Peg Ballou, All Ohio 99, offered the Invocation.

Vice Governor Wint (Indiana Dunes) asked for a moment of silence to honor those 99s who have gone to New Horizons.

NCS Board Members in attendance included: Governor Sue Glisson (Kentucky Bluegrass), Vice-Governor Margaret Wint (Indiana Dunes), Secretary Kathy Lester-Ross (Wisconsin), Treasurer Joan Plato (Wisconsin), Director Dee Dreger (Northwoods), Director Jeneanne Visser (Iowa), Past Governor Deb McGee (IA).

Guests included 99s International IBOD Vice President Minnetta Gardinier (IA), IBOD Directors Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area) and Carol Voss (Emerald Angels, Gulf Coast, Southeast Section), Leslie Prellwitz, Trustee for the Museum of Women Pilots [MWP] (Chicago Area) and International 99s Treasurer, Aileen Coverdell (Mid-Columbia, Northwest Section), who served as the IBOD Representative for this meeting. Other non- NCS attendees included: Janet Patton, (Ambassador/Virtual Chapter, SCS) and Terry Carbonell (Paradise Coast, Southeast Section).

Gov. Glisson acknowledged NCS members serving with International Committees: AE Scholarship Trustee, Tina Hartlaub (WI); Endowment Fund Trustee Deb McGee (IA); MWP Trustee Leslie Prellwitz (Chicago Area), AE Scholarship Trustee, Renee Burger Bowman (MN) and International Nominating Committee Chair, Kathy Lester-Ross (WI).

In-person attendees shared their membership milestones:

16 are first time NCS meeting attendees	8 are student pilots
16 are life members	7 are members < 1 year
27 are members for 1-10 years	11 are members for 11-20 years
9 are members for 21-30 years	5 are members for 31-40 years
8 are members for 41-50 years	1 is a member for >50 years
2 are members for >60 years: Ellen O'hara (Chicago) and Kaye Coombs Moore (KY)	

Among the attendees were: 9 past NCS Governors, 18 AE and First Wings scholarship winners; 7 former NCS Governor Service Award winners. 11 members flew in and most travelled "O AGL" due to weather.

Secretary Lester-Ross reported 69 NCS members signed the in-person attendance sheets and they represented 13 of our 14 chapters. Greater Kansas City 99s were not in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

BOARD REPORTS

GOVERNOR Glisson's report included:

Educational and entertaining activities for members and the general public, as well as humanitarian activities, have been provided by NCS members. Examples included: Let's Fly Now, Girls Fly, Too, Girls on the Fly, Girls Aviation Day, Girl Scout Day and Aviation Expos. Members supported the Tree of Hope, Feed My Starving Children and ATC staff during the government shutdown. The Wisconsin Chapter hosted the Fall meeting at KOSH. Landing at the famous airfield, visiting the OSH Tower and the EAA Aviation Museum were treats for attendees. Speakers included Joan Plato's 'Anatomy of an Accident,' Jenny Beatty's 'Fabulous First Female Flyers' and Janis Sierra who chronicled her life as the first female EMS helicopter pilot in the U.S., flying for Flight for Life in Wisconsin and being Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee. Thanks to Wisconsin 99s for a wonderful section meeting. The NCS had 4 Fall First Wings Scholarship recipients – Breanna Frazier (KY Bluegrass), Esme Lowry (Michigan), Sarah Smith (All-Ohio) and Patience Stoller (Lake Erie). Congratulations are in order for June Oikawa (All Ohio) for receiving the High Altitude Award and Linda Langrill (Michigan) for receiving the Aviation Spirit Award, both from the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation. Also, congratulations go to Jun Oikawa for receiving the very first 99s Collegiate Women's Achievement Award. Kacy Thompson (KY Bluegrass) received a Solarius Advanced Rating Scholarship from Women in Corporate Aviation. Marcy Drescher (Minnesota) received a Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Lara Gaerte (IN Dunes) received her tenth accreditation as a Master Flight Instructor from the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators.

Congrats to Ellen O'Hara (Chicago Area) for 60 years as a 99! Happy 99th birthday to Nadine Sugden (Minnesota) and as a continuing 99. Congratulations to the Indiana Dunes Chapter on their 50th anniversary.

NCS members are encouraged to race or volunteer for the Air Race Classic, June 23-26, 2026. The start and terminus and two stops are within the North Central Section – Mt. Vernon, IL; Frankfort, KY; Prairie du Chien, WI; and East Alton, IL. Chapters are encouraged to nominate inductees for the Forest of Friendships' 50th Anniversary Celebration in Atchison KS on Sept.11-12, 2026.

As my term as Governor has come to an end, I want to list some of the accomplishments of this Board during the 2024-26 term:

- Updated the section meeting guidance with new checklists and post-section meeting report forms.

- Updated Section Officer SOPs.

- Revived the NCS Fundraising Committee with the help of Committee Co-Chairs, Brenda Frye (IA) and Brenda Hanson (MN) who have brought in additional operating funds with 3 Zoom fundraisers, enabling NCS to increase donations to AEBM and MWP.

- Worked to reduce NCS expenses by moving to online only distribution of our section newsletter, Waypoint, and encouraged online voting.

- Worked to ensure each chapter has its officer leadership in place (This is a work in progress. A few chapters still need critical positions filled.)

- Helped revive the Indiana Chapter with the efforts of new Chapter Chair, Erin Hammer

- Helped develop Lafayette Wing of the Indiana Chapter with the efforts of Wing President/Purdue student, Maddie Eckberg.

- Developed Wing SOPs which we are willing to share with other chapters or sections.

- Developed new NCS Committee SOPs to help committee volunteers know what the position may entail.

- Transitioned the Membership Committee leadership to Co-Chairs, Susan Musacchio (CAC) and Deborah Howell (MI)

- Conducted 4 amazing section meetings, hosted by our Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and All-Ohio Chapters.

All of these initiatives could not have been accomplished without the dedication and hard work of our members, our chapters, our committees and our NCS BOD. Thank you all for all you do to keep this organization alive, growing, and a benefit for women pilots and our communities. It's been an honor to serve the North Central Section as the 2024-2026 Governor and I offer my best wishes for the new NCS Board.

VICE GOVERNOR Wint's report included reminders that all must be sure of when insurance coverage may be needed and/or required when Chapters host aviation events, including when student aviators and attendees are present.

SECRETARY Lester-Ross reminded all that the minutes from the Fall 2025 meeting in Oshkosh, WI, were reviewed by the NCS BOD, emailed to all Chapter Chairs and Vice Chairs and appeared in Waypoint. Hard copies were available to review on site. Madeleine Monaco (Chicago Area) moved the minutes of the Fall 2025 meeting be approved as published. Minnetta Gardinier (IA) seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

Ms. Lester-Ross informed attendees that the NCS BOD new SOP documents, covering the past 5 years of changes and suggestions, were formally approved by the BOD. Hard copies were given to each member of the current and incoming BOD. The electronic version will also reside in the Members Only section of the NCS website.

TREASURER Plato presented the fiscal financial report, including the checking and savings balances, rebate revenue from memberships and projected income and expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year, which runs from June 1 to May 31. The increased rebate for members, to \$5.00 vs \$4.50, was calculated into the projections. There is no on-going rebate from Life Members.

501c3 details were reviewed. All chapters are responsible for accurate and timely completion of necessary filings required by the IRS, as well as their respective state documents. She requested that all Chapters copy her on any Chapter forms required by the respective state or their governing body.

Members were reminded to indicate the reason for using the Zelle account or paying by check so that funds can be appropriately processed and recorded.

As is the NCS tradition, a 'pin penalty' envelope was circulated. Members not wearing their gold 99s member pin contribute \$2.00. First time attendees and student pilots are exempt from this contribution. The \$50.00 donated will be added to the general NCS treasury funds.

NCS DIRECTOR reports included: Director Dreger (Northwoods) shared that NCS Directors are available and have resources to help Chapters who are planning to host a Spring or Fall Section meeting. Director Visser (IA) elaborated on the criteria for the 3 NCS annual awards. She reiterated there are rubrics and objective criteria used to avoid conflicts. There were many qualified submissions for the 2026 Awards and candidates not chosen in the past should be renominated in the future. The Governor's Service, 49 ½ and Spinning Prop awards will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet.

The Ninety-Nines IBOD representative to our meeting, Treasurer Aileen Coverdell, presented information on behalf of the International Board of Directors.

The 99s organization is converting to a QUICKBOOKS format. This should provide a better and more contiguous system across all accounting and reporting systems we use. The employment of a dedicated accountant at Headquarters will assure continuity as well.

The International Elections Procedure Committee has released the full slate of officers and candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors and 3 Nominating Committee positions, each with a 2 year term, from 2026-2028.

All 4 Trusts have 3 year terms, from 2026-2029.

See the 99s Election page to review candidate information, intent letters, position statements, resumes and [for IBOD positions] a brief video from each candidate. The March-April 99s Magazine has candidate information, as well.

All members were sent a ballot, via email/text or paper, on March 15th.

Voting closes May 1, 2026.

99s International Conference information includes:

July 8-12, 2026 at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter hotel.

Rooms can only be reserved as part of the Conference registration @\$299-\$319

Early registration at \$329 ends March 31st.

On-time registration at \$359 ends May 31st.

A child registration at \$75 is new this year.

Keynote speaker will be Jessica Cox: "Flying Without Arms: Redefining Limitations and Possibilities"

A special 'Professional Pilot Career Panel' will be presented Saturday

Other highlights include the Thursday reception, Friday "Laugh, Learn and Lead" session, Saturday morning business meeting and evening awards banquet

Many tours are offered for this inviting venue, including harbor cruises, Gaslamp walking food tour and attending the Toronto Blue Jays and San Diego Padres baseball game at the iconic Petco Park

To help keep conference costs stable, Chapters and Sections are encouraged to place program ads, reserve a Fly Mart table, sponsor an event or 99 member.

Search The 99s website or contact the International Conference Committee Chair for additional information

Collegiate Women's Achievement Award (CWAA) [replaces the NIFA SAFECON award]

Recognizes achievements of a collegiate 99 in the areas of scholarship, leadership, academic excellence and professionalism

Applications are accepted from July 1 to October 1.

CWAA Committee members include representatives from 99s Chapters and Sections

Donations are welcome.

2026 CWAA Award – the first in its history, was given to Jun Oikawa, Sinclair College (Dayton, OH) – All Ohio Chapter, North Central Section

EAA AirVenture – July 20-26 Please sign up to help at the booths in Hangar B or the WomenVenture Center

A limited amount of wristbands may be available in turn for working a 4 hour shift Watch Straight and Level for the link and information Great opportunity to meet and greet 99s AND to sign up new members

Chapter Leadership Roundtable

Monthly – to share ideas, challenges, successes and what other Chapters are doing Hosted by Susan Conner-Steeb [San Luis Obispo, Southwest Section] 2026 topics may include:

99s air travel stories: EAA, 99s Conference, Chapter flying activities

Air marking and compass rose ideas

Chapter meetings: what's working, what's not, why

99s Governance: Bylaws, Standing Rules, SOPs, Tax and legal forms

Scholarships – AE, First Wings, others

Section Overview – what Section BODs do and why

99s Museums, IFOF

99s news from Headquarters – Jill vanEgmond and Laura O.

99s Magazine This publication is 'all about us.'

Any submissions from your Section or Chapter?

Consider sharing a highlight, member accomplishment or activity

Digital or hard copy preference? Contact Laura at HQ with preference

For more publications information, contact Lori Plourd at 99spubschair@gmail.com

Support the 99s Museums - DONATE

AE Birthplace in Atchison, KS Integral part of The 99s history Conditionally bequeathed to The 99s as long as we can maintain the 164 year old home and its contents. Maintaining the home and artifacts is critical! Experience the 'young' Amelia via her personal belongings; see where her childhood adventures took place <https://www.ameliaearhartmuseum.org/donate>

Museum of Women Pilots [MWP] – on site at The 99s HQ in Oklahoma City Mission is to preserve the history of women in aviation, honor their achievements, share their stories with the public Archives include photos, artifacts, documents and oral histories Dedicated to assisting outside researchers & writers with women in aviation projects Explore The 99s history through the searchable, digitized 99s Magazines <https://www.museumofwomenpilots.org/donation.htm>

The Beverley D. Sharp Aviation Diversity Award Recognizes and promotes programs and efforts that enhance the participation of individuals from diverse aviation backgrounds Annual \$1,000 award available to Chapters and Sections Serves as a tribute to Ms. Sharp’s significant contributions to the 99s and her commitment to aviation education and safety Goal is \$30,000 to be able to sustain the award well into the future

Future Section Meetings Each IBOD member attends at least one Section meeting each Spring and Fall, in addition to her own 'home' Section meeting(s) It’s important Section Governors collaborate to coordinate the Section Meeting calendar. There appears to be a 6-8 week preferred period each Spring and Fall for 10 North American Sections to schedule their Section meetings Goal: No more than two (2) Sections should meet on any one weekend. Council of Governors dialogue could help structure a scheduling plan/rotation.

IBOD Fall Meeting – Join us in OKC Thu Nov 5 through Sat Nov 7 Finance Committee and Council of Governors meet on Thursday IBOD Fall Meeting is on Friday and Saturday Trusts, Section Governors, and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend and update us on your activities. Interested 99s members are also welcome to attend. A block of rooms is available for 99s at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport (\$105/night). This weekend is a great opportunity for quality, in-person time with 99s leadership teams and Headquarters staff. For those unable to travel to OKC, a Zoom link will be provided. Jill vanEgmond, The 99s Executive Director, is under a 3 year contract. Her efforts are already being seen and felt throughout the organization.

International Board of Directors



Robin Hadfield, President



Minnetta Gardinier, Vice President



Debi Dreyfuss, Secretary



Aileen Coverdell, Treasurer



Madeleine Monaco, Director



Carol Voss, Director



Mary Build, Director



Pat Chan, Director



THANK YOU for being a 99... YOU are what makes this organization so special!



Questions?



After a brief break, Gov. Glisson indicated there was no unfinished business. Committee reports ensued. Detailed information will appear in Waypoint. Highlights included:

Membership co-chairs Susan and Deborah shared: the Chapter growth contest they have started has proven successful with percentage growths from several Chapters. Retention and recruitment are goals for all.

Fundraising co-Chair Brenda F. recapped the success of the first 3 events and announced that "Aviation Family Feud" will take place Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 Central time. This zoom-attended evening should evoke quick thinking, friendly competition and aviation laughs. A \$10 donation is requested. See Waypoint P. 22 for details or register via the QR code or at <https://forms.gle/FH2GdJR3DpHi3Mza9>.

The NCS Nominating and Elections Committee reported the completion of their 2026 tasks. The full report will be included in Waypoint. Of note, the return for online ballots was 21% and 34% for paper ballots. Elected were: Governor Margaret Wint [IN Dunes], Vice Gov. Erin Thompson [KY], Martha Reith [WI], Secretary Madison Doepke [IA], Directors Dee Dreger [Northwoods] and Joan Plato [WI]. Nominating Committee electees included: Pat Haneline [Northwoods], Sarah Haskett [MI], Sue Glisson [KY], Shelley Ventura [CAC] and Samantha Claypool [IA]. A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Kathy Lester-Ross [WI], seconded by Jenny Myren [IA] and was unanimously approved.

Gov Glisson lead the 2 minute oral Chapter Annual Reports. Mandatory written reports from each committee will appear in Waypoint. Of note was Linda's Michigan Chapter report: in costume and in tune, singing the entire report.

All- Ohio – Deb Henrichs	Indiana – Erin Hammer	Michigan – Linda Langrill
Chicago Area – Vickie Szewczyk	IN's Lafayette Wing – Maddie Eckberg	Minnesota – Cheryl Daml
Greater Kansas City – NA	Iowa—Brenda Frye	Northwoods—Dee Dreger
Greater St. Louis – Libby Yunger	KY Bluegrass—Kaye Combs Moore	Scioto Valley—Mary Biller
Indiana Dunes – Margaret Wint	Lake Erie—Lori Manthey	Wisconsin—Martha Reith

The invitation for the 2026 Fall NCS meeting in Fishers, IN, was presented by Indiana Chapter Chair Erin Hammer. Oct 2-4 will find attendees staying at the Hilton Garden Inn and enjoying activities at the Republic Airways Training Facility, a hangar party sponsored by Republic & visits to the Rolls Royce or Heritage Trust Museum. The Saturday banquet is likely to be at the Warbirds hangar. Shopping at nearby IKEA or the well-known malls that are close, may be interesting for some. Watch for details in Waypoint and in your emails.

Vice Governor Wint offered announcements as submitted by attendees:

It is imperative that all badges be returned no later than after the banquet

Details about the hours for the Silent Auction and Fly market were announced.

Maddie Eckberg [Purdue Wing of IN Chapter provided information on the April 11th "Purdue Aviation Day" at the University's airport – LAF. All fly-in guests will receive a collectable challenge coin. See details at PurdueAviationDay.com

MI Chapter invite all to their Women in Aviation event in Benton Harbor April 25th.

IFOF is celebrating it's 50th anniversary. It is hoped many NCS members will participate.

Terri Donner requested NCS members create short videos about the IFOF and forward to her for inclusion into the festivities.

All attendees were asked to gather in the lobby area for the group picture.

The famous Sporty's hot dog lunch will be provided on site at their 2001 Sporty's Drive, Batavia address. Tours will follow – with shopping likely after that.

Secretary Lester-Ross presented outgoing Gov. Sue Glisson with a special certificate for her years of service to the North Central Section. It reads:

"This certifies that White tile numbered NC112 on the Compass Rose located at The Ninety-Nine's International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK, was purchased in honor of Susan Glisson. With grateful appreciation for your service to the North Central Section. This tile was purchased by members of the North Central Section." Dated March 6, 2026.

Signed by President Robin Hadfield.

Vice Governor Wint provided the calendar of deadlines and events.

Jun. 1, 2026	Waypoint news due	Jun. 23-26, 2026	Air Race Classic - Four sites at NCS airports
Jul. 8-12, 2026	99s International Convention – San Diego, CA	Jul. 20-26, 2026	EAA AirVenture – OSH.
Sept. 1, 2026	Waypoint news due	Sept. 11-12, 2026	IFOF 50 th Anniversary, Atchison, KS
Oct. 2-4, 2026	NCS Fall Meeting, Fishers, IN	Nov. 5-7, 2026	IBOD meeting, Oklahoma City
Dec. 1, 2026	Waypoint news due		

The induction of the 2026-2028 NCS Officers was conducted by Gov. Glisson.

Incoming Governor Margaret Wint adjourned the meeting at 1214 EST

Respectfully submitted, **Kathy Lester-Ross** NCS Secretary (2022-2026)

COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Celebrating the Excellence of Our Next Generation of Women Aviators

The Ninety-Nines is proud to have this recent initiative that recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of a collegiate member of The Ninety-Nines -

The **Collegiate Women's Achievement Award (CWAA)**

This award will be presented annually to a student who exemplifies the values we hold dear: **academic excellence, professionalism, leadership, and volunteerism.**

The 2026 winner Jun Oikawa of All Ohio.

Read more...<https://www.ninety-nines.org/download/99sCollegiateWomensAchievementAward.pdf>

Collegiate Women's Achievement Award applications are accepted each year from **July 1 to October 1.**

This year's [application form is available here.](#)

We look forward to recognizing and supporting our collegiate members as they pursue their aviation goals. Stay tuned for updates and help us spread the word!

SHOW US YOUR AIRPLANE

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

MINNETTA GARDINIER's beautiful Cessna Cardinal (C177) on the tiedown at our "I Flew To Sporty's" Spring Section Meeting



Why? 'cause we love flying

Annual Report April 2025 – March 2026

As of February, All-Ohio has 65 current members. This includes five lifetime members and 23 student pilots. Currently there is one member on Standby and 3 on Hold. Current Chapter Officers are: Debra Henrichs, Chair; Dalya Abu-Shaweesh, Vice-Chair; Peg Ballou, Treasurer; Margaret Hazlett, Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Betty Huck, Scholarship Chair; Jun Oikawa, Membership Chair; Gabby Tan, Public Relations Chair and Val Palazzolo, Webmaster and Section Meeting Chair.

Chapter Activities

We are very fortunate to have several talented ladies in our group who devoted much time and energy planning the NCS Spring 2026 Section Meeting. Our publicity was very strong thanks to articles, emails and registration materials written by Gabby Tan. Lisa Blair's Invitation Video received rave reviews at the Fall 2025 meeting. Kylie Gottman created the section meeting logo and coordinated the Silent Auction. Hospitality & Decoration Chair Sarah Smith, Transportation Chair Jun Oikawa and Registration Chair Dalya Abu-Shaweesh did a fabulous job organizing the meeting.

Even though we were very busy planning the Section Meeting, our members still had time to staff the 99s booth at Oshkosh, assist Scioto Valley to paint a compass rose at Licking County (VTA), volunteer at "Girls in Aviation Day" at the USAFM, and decorate WASP graves on Memorial Day. We also had the opportunity to tour Cleveland's ARTCC. Members not only saw what happens on the other side of the mic, but had the opportunity to sit with a controller while (s)he worked their sector. Our social media is still strong with Sarah Smith producing member introductory reels for Facebook, and Lisa Blair and Peg Ballou continuing production of YouTube videos.

Member Achievements

All-Ohio members are definitely over achievers. This past year we have had multiple scholarship awards, and members who have won multiple scholarships. Jun Oikawa received an AE Academic

Scholarship and the Debbie Franceus Memorial Scholarship and was the inaugural recipient of the 99s Collegiate Women's Achievement Award. Jun was also one of 5 recipients, along with Gabby Tan, Erin Walling, Tabitha Minor, and Sarah Smith of a check ride scholarship from a generous anonymous donor. Gabby Tan was a First Wings and Richard Santori Scholarship winner. A First Wings Scholarship was also awarded to Sarah Smith.

Two of our members were accepted into airline cadet program: Sara Smith with American Airlines, and Cat Stritenberger with PSA Airlines. Cat also received the prestigious PSA President's Award and has accepted a position as a flight attendant ground instructor. Lisa Blair who has been CAP aircrew for 19 years is an airborne photography instructor. Alison Jenkins completed her PhD and is an aeronautical engineer doing research at WPAFB. Val Palazzolo, with all her accomplishments and many firsts, was asked to be a panel member for "Women Firsts" at the 2025 Ninety-Nines International Meeting. On a more personal note, Jun Oikawa became a Black Belt in karate, and Kylie Gottman competed in the Miss Ohio pageant. Sarah Smith started a non-profit organization which gives haircuts to the needy, 47 haircuts were recently received.

Three members became private pilots (Gabby Tan, Cat Streitenberger, Sarah Smith), two more are on their way, having passed their private pilot written exams (Jodie-Lee Hostetler and Brooklyn Kochert), and several others are working on their PPL. Gabby Tan, Erin Walling and Sarah Smith moved on to instrument training and passed the written. Sarah also passed the CFII written, and Natalie Moncaleano has earned her instrument rating.

New Horizons

Sadly, we lost two members this past year: JoAnn Stype and Ann Samuelson. Both were long time members of All-Ohio who had played very active roles. JoAnn Stype served as the safety officer for multiple Buckeye Air Rallies and Ann Samuelson was Chapter Chair of All-Ohio for many years.

Annual Report YE March 31, 2026

Current officers

Victoria Szewczyk Chair,
Larisa Kano Vice-Chair,
Susan Roe-Musacchio Treasurer,
Lisa Mitchell-Secretary,
Madeleine Monaco Past Chair

Membership summary

142 Members Total (10 on Hold, 4 Standby)
5 PPLI Grads
26 Student Pilots
9 AE Scholarship Winners
10 Life Members

Member achievements

Private: Sophie, Ellie, Maya, Addie, Eriel, Isabell, Marla
Instrument: Ana, Hannah, Isabella, Lisa
CFI: Bailey, Megan, Mona
Commercial: Bailey
new PPLI : Bailey
First Officer: Mariko
Tailwheel: Mona
International Director: Madeleine

Chapter activities

April 2025 attendance at NCSection meeting
in Iowa City, Iowa
May 2025 Aviation Day for Girls at Lake in the
Hills Airport
June 2025 Annual Awards meeting, Casa de
Aero with Stearman Rides
July 2025 Members worked at EAA Air Venture,
and attended Int Conference Burlington, VT
Aug 2025 Meeting Kenosha Airport
WINGS presentation
Sept 2025 Fly Out Meeting Sky Soaring –
Glider Rides

Oct 2025 attendance at NCSection Meeting in
Osh Kosh, WI

Nov 2025 Feed My Starving Children
Charity food packing

Dec 2025 Holiday Party Potluck in
Lake Barrington IL

Jan 2026 Aviation Expo Friday Dinner,
Saturday Seminars, an estimate of
300 attendees,
Great member participation!

Feb 2026 Fly in Meeting with Dinner at Pilot Pete's
and joint program with EAA 153 at
Schaumburg airport

March 2026 attendance at NCSection Meeting in
Batavia, Ohio!

In June the Chapter changed Officers

Past-Chairman Madeleine did a great job
leading the Chicago Area Chapter and
continues to guide and mentor me as I learn
how to lead this amazing group of women.



2025-2026 Annual Report

Membership:

We currently have 48 members including 5 Life members and 10 Student Pilot members. Three members earned their private pilot SEL license, one member earned her Commercial LTA (balloon) add-on.

Jean Murry flew to New Horizons in February the day before her 96th birthday. She was a Life Member who began flying in 1948 when she joined the CAP as a teenager and earned her pilot certificate in 1961. In 2012 she received the 99s award for her humanitarian work with Wings of Hope.

Activities:

In July several of our members volunteered at Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI:

Shuttle Conductors: Jackie Huebbe, Pennie Pavlisin, and Libby Yunger

Southwest Airlines tent: Stephanie Maughan

Soaring Society Tent: Anne Mongiovi

EAA Youth AeroEducate: Libby Yunger

Generally, our planned events had little participation. On August 16, we planned an a group drive-out to Airstravananza at Greenville Airport in Illinois and the Centralia IL Balloon Fest but only two other members besides those participating in these events attended. In September our annual Chapter birthday party at the Olympia Taverna in St. Louis was cancelled because only three 99s and 1 guest signed up to attend. In November two members and one former GSL 99 (currently in the Ambassador Chapter) joined the Greater Kansas City and Kansas Chapters to visit the Culver Props Factory in Rolla, MO.

In January we had our annual holiday party at Wings of Hope and 9 members and 5 guests attended. Nelda Lee talked about her career with the new and prospective members and their parents who attended. Stephanie Maughan donated the food and beverages.

We are currently in the planning stages for helping out during the Air Race Classic this June, since both the race start at St. Louis Regional Airport and finish at Mt Vernon Outland Airport are in our Chapter's region. Some of the members may have volunteered directly with the ARC organization, but we are also working with the airports and their EAA Chapters to determine additional assistance they might need.

Chapter updates:

Our Chapter web site (greaterstl99s.org) is up and running again with frequent updates thanks to our new Web Master Katherine Carr. Anne Mongiovi keeps members and guests updated on aviation events in the St. Louis Area via our public and private Facebook pages.

Beth Campbell and Barb Wilper are developing an award in memory of Sue Matheis that will give \$500 to five female pilots in the St. Louis area for successfully completing their Private Pilot check rides.

Every new member of our Chapter now receives a welcome packet with information about the Ninety Nines, the North Central Section, and the Chapter, including a list of useful web sites, suggestions on how to be an active 99 even if you're located hours away from St. Louis, and a questionnaire so we can learn more about our new members. When this packet was developed it was also e-mailed to all of our current Chapter members.



Annual Report

Membership Numbers: The Greater Kansas City Chapter has 31 members

1 on hold

3 Life Members

4 student pilots

Current Officers are:

Newland, Linda (Chapter Chairman)

Slinkard, Kate (Chapter Vice Chairman)

Lenz, Billie (Chapter Treasurer)

Member Achievements:

Jeanne Willerth placed 9th in the Air Race Classic with a former chapter member, Emmy Dillon as her copilot.

Grace Reber got her CFI and we are proud of her for that accomplishment.

Kira Moffet has an ongoing business of making "heritage panels" to raise money for flight training. Her artwork is very well done, and is a beautiful craft.

Billie Lenz is working on the 99s 501 (c) 3 report as our treasurer, thank you Billie!

Linda Newland is a 2026 graduate of the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science: Professional Pilot. Congratulations Linda!

Chapter Activities

Several members attended Oshkosh with Billie Lenz being recognized at Oshkosh for Women in Aviation.

Linda Newland, Kate Slinkard and Billie Lenz attended Billie's annual "pig roast" in the fall in which several members of the aviation community attend for good food and talk about flying endeavors. Billie lives on a private grass airstrip and several people fly-in for the event. It's a great time had by all!

Linda Newland and Kate Slinkard volunteered for "Trunk or Treat" in October to spread the 99s

message to the community. We spoke with several high school women who stopped by our booth and asked informative questions about the mission of the 99s.

Kate Slinkard volunteered with the local WAI Chapter for the annual Girl's in Aviation Day this fall at the downtown airport in Kansas City (KMKC) to help attendees understand how to read our beloved sectionals!

Sarah Deaton organized a food dropoff to ZKC to support our local aviation community during the government shutdown last October.

A true highlight for many was the gathering of four 99s Chapters in November for a tour hosted by the wonderful Alaina Lewis who graciously gave us a tour of her business, Culver Props near Rolla, Missouri. Alaina is a pilot as well as a true artist of her craft, and welcomed all of us with open arms to see where she makes her beautiful wooden airplane props. Joining the GKC Chapter were also members from the Northeast Kansas Chapter, Greater St. Louis Chapter and a hybrid chapter. We had an extremely enjoyable day, and a few members flew in to KVIH.

In early December, four active members and their spouses joined forces for some good food and red wine at our annual holiday gathering at a favorite local restaurant.

We attended WAI Convention in Dallas where Jeanne Willerth was a speaker for Angel Flight Central. Kate Slinkard and Linda Newland attended Jeanne's charity flying presentation at this conference.

Kira Moffet has an ongoing business of making "heritage panels" to raise money for her flight training. Her artwork is very well done, and is a beautiful craft.

Billie Lenz is working on the 99s 501 (c) 3 report as our treasurer, thank you Billie!

Annual Report

Membership:

40	Members
13	Students
3	Hold
2	Standby
2	Life Members
1	AEMSF Recipient

Current Officers:

Erin Hammer (Chapter Chairman)

Liz Hanrahan (Chapter Secretary)

Gina Beckner (Chapter Treasurer)

Chapter Activities:

The Indiana Chapter has spent the last year aggressively working on reviving the Chapter. We have added a new officer, gained some very instrumental members and are on our way to being a strong chapter once again. We have been working on plans to incorporate more of our members that may not live as close to Indy as those that are more active.

There has been a lot of brainstorming and action when able. Our hope is for this next year to travel more and bring the meetings to the entire State at some point during the year along with more online engagement for those who cannot make it in person.

We have redesigned our social media, worked on making our website more relevant, developed a document tracking system for the chapter

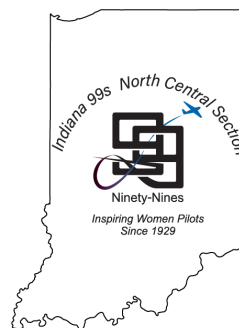
so information is not lost from one year to the next and done more community outreach. Even if it is just wearing a 99s shirt to a pancake breakfast or leaving contact cards at random airports.

We are building a great relationship with Republic Airways, including the addition of a 5- \$1000 scholarships to be announced at the Fall 2026 Section Meeting here in Indy. We have spent the majority of our time the last several months working on getting ready for the Section meeting in the Fall of 2026.

Some of us were also able to attend the Spring Section meeting at Sporty’s to make sure all of our planning was on point for the Fall, along with finally getting to meet some of the wonder women that we only “see” on Zoom or email. Some of our members have had career changes, new certificates, and other accomplishments. They don’t all get reported to us and we find out on social media. (We are working on that too!)

While I feel like there should be much more in this report, the pages and pages of the administrative details may bore the masses. So for this annual report it is just the broad strokes.

I look forward to this next year and where we will go and we look forward to seeing everyone in October in Indy.



Annual Report

Indiana Dunes elected new officers in April 2025,

Margaret Wint Chair,
Tricia DeBlock Vice Chair,
Rose Sirko Secretary and
Marcia Forcey Treasurer.

We were inducted in May with a speaker from
“Wheels up”.

In July Marcia Nellans, TJ Shaum and Margaret Wint went to our 99s International Meeting in Burlington, Vt. We enjoyed the dinner cruise and the other side trips. I enjoyed the trip I took with the Kentucky Bluegrass chapter, to the Von Trapp Family Lodge where we spent the night and had lunch on top of the mountain after the gondola ride.

September was a busy month. Ninoshka Barnes planned our program at South Bend Airport Airport Education Day. At LaPorte AirPort was Air Fair with a pancake breakfast, where we hosted a table and talked about the 99s.

October sent us in two different places at the same time. Tricia DeBlock spoke to a group of High School girls in Goshen, Indiana and we will be doing it again in July.

We also had a presence at Scairport at the Laporte Airport. We all were dressed for Halloween and the airplanes were decorated for the event. We handed out candy to about 700 kids and Marcia Forcey’s plane took first place.

We had our November meeting to plan the programs for the upcoming year.

December was our Christmas party with donations to the women’s shelter in Valparaiso, In.

Indiana, Michigan, and Indiana Dunes had a joint zoom meeting with a speaker.

In February Mike and Margaret Wint went to St. Joseph County Library in South Bend for “Science Alive”. We made paper airplanes with about 400 kids. It was fun for all.

In March Margaret Wint and Kayla Maddox spoke to a group of homeschoolers. We also made paper airplanes and flew them around the building.

Kayla Maddox soloed in the fall and now can finish up since she is 17.

INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS



NINETY-NINES, INC.

Annual Chapter Report

March 27, 2026

The Iowa chapter has 56 current members,
1 on hold,
4 on standby,
9 student pilots, and
4 life members.

- Brenda Frye, Chapter Chairman
- Jeneanne Visser, Chapter Vice Chairman
- Madison Doepke, Chapter Secretary
- Samantha Claypool, Chapter Treasurer
- Minnetta Gardinier, Chapter Webmaster
- Jennifer Myren, Chapter AEMSF Chairman

Member Achievements

This year we've had
1 new PPL rating (Delainey),
2 instrument ratings (Susan & Denice),
2 commercial certificates (Jeneanne and Taylor),
2 MEI-CFI ratings (Raynee & Trinity), and
an A&P certification (Taylor) coming this May.

Air Race Classic team "Is This Heaven?" comprised of chapter members Minnetta Gardinier and Brenda Frye placed 3rd in the cross country air race from Fairhope, AL to Spokane, WA.

Two other members volunteered at the race start, and we've started plans to help support the race stop in Prairie Du Chien, just across the border in Wisconsin.

Our members continue to serve at the section and international level and are also on the ballots for the upcoming elections.

Each month we have several planes fly in to our chapter meetings around the state and continue to add new members to our chapter.

Chapter Activities

After hosting the Spring 2025 section meeting in April, we had many social events throughout the state, including a stop at the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum in Knoxville (KOXV) and a relaxing lunch on the river (KIIB).

Our Let's Fly Now event for the fall got rescheduled to the spring, and planning is well underway for our upcoming event in April.

We have regular attendance at NCS section meetings, the international conference, Air Race Classic, and Youth in Aviation Days at our local airports.

During the government shutdown we delivered food to our tower workers and cookies for the holiday. They are very appreciative!

Many more fun events are planned for this year.



Annual Report

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY: current members - 62, 1 on hold, 3 on standby, 13 student pilots, 6 life members.

CURRENT OFFICERS: Chair Evie Sapp, Vice Chair Kacy Thompson-Smith, Secretary Chloe Park, Treasurer Terri Donner.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS:

FIRST SOLOS – Lydia Munro, Chasity Jackson, Rachel Stivers-Bender
PRIVATE – Dora Green
INSTRUMENT – Jennifer Drosos
COMMERCIAL – Jessica Salyers, Chloe Park
CFI – Jessica Salyers, Maddie Breintenstein
CFII – Jessica Salyers

Kaye Combs Moore received the NCS Governor's Award
Olivia Parmenter graduated from Purdue University
Bre Frazier Fall 2025 First Wings Scholarship.
Kacy Thompson Smith won Solarius Advanced Rating Scholarship from Women in Corporate Aviation.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

May Fly-in/Drive-in breakfast at Samuels Field, Bardstown, KY.
2 scholarships awarded for youth to attend Aviation Museum of Kentucky's Summer Aviation Camp in Louisville, KY.

June we met at Clamatos Mexican Restaurant for lunch, then toured Aviation Museum of Kentucky and enjoyed checking out the Commemorative Air Force's warbirds on the ramp that day.

July Several attended the International 99s Conference in Burlington, VT. We spent one night at the Von Trapp Family Lodge and rode the gondola to the top of the mountain for lunch. We enjoyed the dinner cruise on the Ethan Allen on Lake Champlain, heard speakers Col. Laura Caputo and Vermont legislator and great nephew of Amelia Earhart, Bram Kleppner, and the many other seminar presenters. Thanks to the New England Section for an enjoyable, educational International Conference. Several KY Bluegrass 99s also attended EAA's Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI, in July.

August speaker, Miranda Spurgeon, pilot and A&P for the flight club at Clark County Airport, Sellersburg, IN, shared her aircraft maintenance experience with us in a very nice air-conditioned hangar during the summer heat. Several went to the "Come From Away" performance at Derby Dinner Playhouse, about aircraft landing in Gander, Newfoundland, on September 11, 2001, while flights were grounded.

September Our KY 99s volunteered to staff 2 99s booths on the same day highlighting our 'sectional scavenger hunt.' One booth was part of WAI's Girls Aviation Day at Bowman Field, Louisville, KY. The other was at Capital City Airport's Aviation Day in Frankfort, KY. Glad to see so many of our members participate.

KY 99 Erin Thompson, was inducted into the International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, KS, for her service to the chapter and the 99s.

October Amy Bogardus, with friend Bill, and Sue Glisson and Kaye Combs Moore, flew to the NCS Fall 2025 Meeting in Oshkosh, WI. We enjoyed visiting the Oshkosh Tower and the EAA Aviation Museum, the seminars, and our banquet speaker, Janis Sierra, first EMT helicopter in the U.S. flying for Flight for Life in Wisconsin and Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee. We also met at Samuels Field, Bardstown, KY, for speakers Rick Markle of Bluegrass Aerospace Experience and student Anna. The 4-year program is for interested Nelson County high school students who participate in building an aircraft, take ground school, and fly with instructors up to solo. After the meeting we were treated to a chili cook-off lunch and viewed the airport's Pumpkin Drop event. KY 99 Mads Elliott, tried her hand at hitting the target in a C150.

Some of us also enjoyed the NCS Zoom Fundraiser, "Summer Aviation Bingo."

November We joined the local EAA chapter for a WINGS VMC meeting with a rousing game of aviation jeopardy at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY.

December Our annual holiday gathering was held at Cattleman's Roadhouse Restaurant in Louisville, KY. We enjoyed a gift exchange game and singing our own version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," changing the words to an aviation theme. The chapter purchased a bench for The Forest of Friendship with a Kentucky Bluegrass inscription.

January We joined the local EAA again for their VMC meeting at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY. Terri Donner conducted a presentation on The Ninety-Nines and the aviation jeopardy game was geared to 99s information.

February – We met at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY. Topics for discussion included our upcoming Girl Scout Day 2026, volunteering for the Air Race Classic 2026 Frankfort, KY, stop, the 2026 International Forest of Friendship's 50th Anniversary Celebration, and attending the North Central Section's 2026 Spring Meeting. The KY Bluegrass chapter is offering a \$150 scholarship to a first-time attendee to encourage attendance.
March 2026 – Flight Club 502, Louisville, KY, was the site of the planning meeting for the Chapter's 2026 April Girl Scout Day.

We are sad to report the loss of two of our KY 99s in 2025 – Jeannie Batto and Louise Bornwasser. Jeannie was a long-time member and a current UPS pilot and Louise was an active, long-time member who contributed to the chapter in many ways

We welcome our new members: Alyse Adkins, Mady Bruner, Anah Campbell, Blair Cantrell, Bre Frazier, Dora Green, Britney Howard, Chasity Jackson, Emily Johnson, Amelia Kelsey, Logan Nissan, Aleah Nix, Emily Ratliff, Mycah Woolsey, Lindsey Adams, Ellie Anderson, Eden Moseley, Holly Jones and Smoky Folsom.

Annual Report April 2025-April 2026

Membership Summary 34 members, 4 on hold, and 4 on standby. Our membership also includes 3 life members, and 11 student pilots. 3 of the members on standby will continue their membership. We have gained 8 new members over the past year. We have learned through member surveys that many are looking for mentors, and fun activities to get to know chapter members. We are working on planning more events the chapter can attend.

Current officers: Jessica Maslach, Chair; Ava Vidovich, Vice-Chair; Lee Ann Baggott, Treasurer; Nakyung (Nadia) Lee, Secretary

Member Achievements: 10 aviation milestones were achieved by our members 2 first solo flight, 4 Private pilot, 2 instrument rating, 1 CFI, 1 Multiengine, 1 Captain Upgrade, 1 ATP, and 4 passed FAA written tests. Scholarships and awards: 4 FLAP initiative award, Bernice Barris Scholarship 1, First Wings Scholarship 1, chapter awards at Pilot of the Year banquet: (Fledgling, Achievement, Pilot of the Year, and 49 ½ award)

Activities

- **November 2025 Pilot of the Year banquet with guest speaker Josselyn Slagle, National FAA Safety Representative of the Year** Josselyn talked about her background in aviation, her role as an FAA Safety Representative, and the Wings program. We also recognized our Pilot of the Year (Grace Dempsey), Achievement Award (Nakyung Lee), Fledgling Award (Katelyn Heinselman), and 491/2 Award (David Vidovich)
- **Held 3 Lake Erie 99s promotional tables/booths at local aviation events**, estimated impact: ~400 people engaged. (Lorain County Discover Aviation Day, Skypark Summer Celebration, Cleveland Air Show)
- **Originated and conducted the 2025 "Fly and Dine TOUR-nament"** a summer-long event to promote community pilots' flying and local airport restaurants- Winner Grace Dempsey
- **Sponsoring monthly fly-ins for our members** (most destinations with the monthly meeting & food) to encourage chapter flying
- **Held 10 meetings** with increased attendance. We also held a meeting on a week day evening to see if we had more members attend. This was one of our biggest meetings, and we plan to host several evening meetings next year.
- **Received/sponsored 3 scholarship applications**, Patience Stoller awarded First Wings Scholarship Fall 2025, 1 applied for AE Scholarship (not selected), and we have an applicant who will be applying for Spring First Wings. We have seen an increased interest in scholarships this year.
- **Bernice Barris Scholarship** members who apply can be awarded up to \$2000. Hein Kwon was awarded the scholarship in 2025. The application for 2026 is due March 31.
- **FLAP Award** Our quarterly chapter scholarship that reimburses one member each quarter up to \$150 of a flight lesson. Nakyung Lee, Emily Bowling, Grace Dempsey, and Patience Stoller all received a FLAP award

- **Airmarking** Andie Rowe and Lori Manthey organized an airmarking event in May of 2025 at Lorain County. Next one June, 26
- **July of 2025** began working on finding a leader for all of our chapter committees. Many new members stepped up to fill these roles and we now have ALL of our committees staffed with volunteers.
- **Oshkosh 2025** 8 of our members attend the annual fly in event at Oshkosh. 1 member volunteered at the 99's booth
- **Member Survey** In July of 2025 Beth McDaniel created a survey to send to members to find out what activities they would enjoy, and what would help increase attendance at events
- **October 2025** Planned our calendar for 2026, members volunteered to host meetings at their local airports to encourage flying when weather allows
- **December 2025** Kaitlin Uzl hosted our annual holiday party at The Aviator in Cleveland. 15 members attended
- **February 2026** We hosted our monthly meeting at the Kent State Airport and invited Kent State University students to attend. We were able to gain more insight on what new aviators are looking for in an organization, and how to better promote the 99's. We are working on a chapter t-shirt, and will have a confirmed design soon. Kate Heinselman took over to update our website, and created a flyer to hang up at our local airports so that people can get more information about our organization.
- **Fundraising** Patience Stoller, chairs. 3 members have volunteered to assist with ideas and organizing. Our chapter has not done fundraising in quite some time so we are deciding which ideas could be successful, and following guidance from international.
- **March 2026** Jessica Maslach organized a tour of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station with Shannon O'Brien (Maryland 99 who is stationed at Youngstown). We invited the Pittsburgh 99's to attend. The station gave us a presentation about their mission, and we heard from several of their leaders. Afterwards, we took a tour of the C130H model and the C130J model.
- **Future Events** The chapter members would like to attend more events where we can learn about different areas of aviation. The first event to kick this off was the tour of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Upcoming events include: Cleveland Skydiving Center (tour/tandems/airplane rides), Soaring Thunderbirds (glider club at Wadsworth (3G3), presentation, and glider discovery flight), June meeting at the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum
- **99's Booths at Events** We want to reach more people, and increase membership in our organization. To do this we would like to increase our presence in our local aviation community.

New Horizons: Bernice Barris

Annual Chapter Report May 2025 – March 2026

Membership Summary: Current officers are Linda Langrill, Chair; Suzette Biela, Vice Chair; Frances Rose, Secretary; Rachel Lindvig, Treasurer.

Membership is 101 members, down from 108 members in 2025. We have 28 student pilots compared to 33 last year. 6 life members, 2 on hold, and 5 on standby. To retain members, we send welcome messages and ask that they share aviation goals and a photo, which we include in our monthly newsletter.

Member Achievements: 2 of our members have been appointed to positions with the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation (DFMAF). Suzette Biela, who is also a DFMAF Board member, now the organization's Scholarship Chair. Arian Perez named the Foundation's Brand and Mission Ambassador. Cherry Kan and Arian Perez both won Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships. Arian Perez won the Michigan Aviation Education Foundation's Hecksel-Sutherland Scholarship, Lydia Hodgson won the Ray Scholarship, Hornsby Memorial Scholarship and the Grand Dames of Aviation ProAviSTEM Scholarship. Deborah Howell won the Mary Rawlinson-Creoson Scholarship. Linda Langrill was awarded the Spirit Award by DFMSF Director, Mike Franceus in June. Sarah Drevon and Leah Murphy won scholarships from the WACS Symposium, sponsored by MBAA.

New Ratings: 4 earned Private Pilot Certificate; 2 new Commercial Certificates; 2 new Instrument ratings; 2 new Airline Transport Rating; 3 new CFI and 2 new CFII, 1 new DC3 type rating ; 2 new Multi-Engine ratings; 1 First Solo. Rebecca Durbin completed her R-ATP rating in May . Reya Dila earned her private pilot certificate in August. Alyson Galbraith (Leonard, MI) CFI and CFII in August, Commercial Multi-Engine in September Loryn Heidema (Holland, MI) Private Pilot certificate September, Claire Dunnigan (Jackson, MI) Private Pilot in September Samantha Inguanzo (Cadillac, MI) Commercial Pilot September, Rachel Lindvig (Canton, MI) DC-3 Type Rating in September Madison Barch (Shelby Township, MI) Commercial rating in September and CFI in November Kelley Rogers (Grandville, MI) Instrument rating in October Sarah Haskett (Midland, MI) Multi-engine rating in October Berfin Kayikcioglu (Kalamazoo, MI) Instrument rating in November Olivia Arnold (Kalamazoo MI) – ATP, December. Regional airline pilot based at ORD Rachel Morrow (Ortonville MI) – Achieved 1,500 hours; First Officer at Endeavor Air. Esme Lowry (Byron Center MI) – First Solo, January 24 Haley Haley-Sellers (Detroit MI) – Private Pilot Certificate, January Samantha Inguanzo (Cadillac MI) – CFI, January; she is a Florida Goldcoast 99 actively flying in Michigan. Madison Barch (Shelby Township MI) – CFII, February 2026

Chapter Activities: We met monthly via Zoom and had in person events in June at Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport for the Annual Meeting, September at Lake City's Let's Fly Now event, November at the Girls Fly, Too event at Traverse City Airport, and December for a holiday brunch followed by a visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum. In August, 7 members staffed the booth at the Pontiac Festival of Flight at Oakland County International Airport Pontiac, MI. Dolly Ross, Michigan Chapter member residing in Naples FL, and Linda Langrill, attended the Grand Opening of the Hillsdale Municipal Airport Terminal Building on September 14. Dolly's daughter, Ginger Moore, oversaw the funding and construction of the new terminal building during her tenure as Hillsdale's Airport Manager. Many members worked WAI Girls in Aviation Day in September. Fund-raising Chair, Deborah Howell, organized a fundraiser in December raising \$575. She designed merchandise as an incentive for donating. Guest speaker at our May meeting was Sam "Wing Walker" Tryggvason, who used her work as a "wing walker" to help finance her pilot flight training! Aviation and Space Education Chair, Melanie McNicholas, was guest speaker at our August 5 Zoom meeting. Spotlight speaker Member, Julie Lowman, shared her story at the September meeting of how she earned her Commercial Pilot Certificate with help from the 2025 Mary von Mach Scholarship. Cate Cavanaugh, former Mary von Mach Scholarship winner in 2017 and now USAF pilot on the F-16, spoke at the October meeting. In December, Suzette Biela, led a Q&A session with a panel of Michigan Chapter CFIs. In January, Linda Langrill presented "My Flying Story in Six Logbooks," from Discovery Flight to ATP rating.

Our Book Club, led by Frances Rose, read several books during the year. In September Mary S. Lovell's book, *Straight on Till Morning*, an autobiography of Beryl Markham's life from England to Kenya. In October *Jet Boss: A Female Pilot on Taking Risks and Flying High*, by Captain Laura Savino. In February *The Great Stewardess Rebellion* by Nell McShane Wulfhart.

Several chapter members attended EAA AirVenture and were present for WomenVenture activities Wednesday, July 23, 2025, which was Frances Rose's 30th birthday! That same day, member Nicki Acker performed with the EAA Concert Band in their afternoon concert, the first held since COVID cancelled the concerts.

Several chapter members attended the WACS (Women Aviation Career Symposium) in February, sponsored by the Michigan Business Aviation Association. Two chapter members received scholarships from the MBAA.

Annual Report - March 2025 - February 2026

Current Leadership: Abby Schierholz: Chair, Pat Haneline: Vice-chair, Lesley Williams: Treasurer, Dee Dreger: Secretary

Meeting Summary: We held 5 meetings in this timeframe, averaging about 6 members in attendance. We are making it a mission to have more presence at these meetings, and coordinating those who can host/help transport others.

Membership: Helen Ryan unfortunately passed away.

Members [April 2025-March 2026]:
Current 15, Lost members: 1

We are currently working on some fundraiser ideas for this summer!

The Northwoods Chapter continues to foster a supportive and active aviation community across Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin. While our chapter spans a large geographic area and serves several small communities, our members remain committed to supporting one another’s aviation goals and advancing the mission of The Ninety-Nines.

Over the past several months, our members have made significant progress in their individual aviation journeys. This includes flight instruction, professional flying, and continuing training.

We are proud to celebrate Claire Collins, who received a generous monetary gift from a fellow Ninety-Nines sister to help pursue her Instrument Rating. We also congratulate Paige Dekiep, who was awarded the Cynthia Carlson Scholarship to continue working toward her Instrument Rating.

In addition to these accomplishments, several of our members have recently passed FAA written exams as they continue their training and professional development.

Abby Schierholz also passed her ATP checkride and is starting a career at NetJets.

Our meetings continue to provide a space for members to connect, share aviation knowledge, and discuss safety topics particularly relevant to flying in the Northwoods, where seasonal weather and remote flying conditions create unique challenges.

A highlight from last year was our free Girls in Aviation day we held in Marquette, MI. We are hoping to bring this back to different locations this summer, and support more young women to pursue aviation careers. As a small chapter spread across a wide region, expanding membership and increasing engagement remains an ongoing goal. We are actively exploring outreach opportunities within the communities we serve, including aviation events and partnerships with local pilots and organizations. While distance between members and smaller population centers presents challenges, we remain committed to finding creative ways to grow awareness of The Ninety-Nines and connect with women interested in aviation.

The Northwoods Chapter is proud to support the achievements of our members and looks forward to continuing to strengthen our presence across the Northwoods aviation community.



SCIOTO VALLEY CHAPTER

MARY BILLER, CHAIR

ANNUAL REPORT April 2025 to March 2026

Membership Report 28 Members
4 student pilots 3 Life Members

Current Officers: Mary Biller Chair
Christine Mortine Vice Chair
Jann Bowne Treasurer
Karen Pilkenton Secretary

Chapter Activities:

Over the past year, we again paid tribute to the Ohio Wasps on Memorial Day by tending to their graves and placing flags. We completed a compass rose painting and we baked cookies to share with local FBOs and control towers.

We awarded a scholarship for an advanced rating, and our members achieved several milestones,

including earning a multi-engine rating, a CFII certification, and completing Emergency Maneuver Training with Rich Stowell.

Our chapter was active in the community, hosting booths at the STEM tent during the Columbus Airshow and The Ohio State University Airport Open House. We also organized two fly-outs—one to a southeast Ohio airport offering picnic and camping amenities for pilots, and another to a 1940s-themed gathering hosted by a member at her airport in northwest Ohio.

Additionally, we hosted a tea party at an assisted living facility for one of our longtime members, and one member was featured in an interview on the local PBS radio program Fascinating Ohio.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

DANA MCLAREN—CHAIR

ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/2025 through 3/31/2026

Current Officers;

Dana McLaren, Chair Stacy Wolak, Vice Chair
Joan Plato, Treasurer Martha Reith, Secretary
Krys Brown, AEMSF Paige Kuhn, Membership

Membership summary: Our membership has increased by about 10 in the last year with current Membership at 118. We have a new membership chair and hope to incorporate fresh ideas into the position. We found having regularly scheduled monthly meetings with an activity at different locations across the state has been a draw for members. We also use Zoom at our meetings which helps keep members involved when they can't attend in person.

Member achievements

Mandy Ehrler PPL 5/25; Astrid Melms CFI/CFII 6/25;
Lauren LaFontain PPL 6/25; den Witt - CFII 9/25;
Paige Kuhn Instrument 9/25; Commercial 11/25;
Dawn Madeja - CFII 3/26
Laurie Probst- 500 Young Eagles flown

Chapter activities Twice a year our chapter volunteers at EAA Girls on the Fly to offer hands-on support while participants build a RC aircraft. Many members volunteered at the Ninety-Nines booth at EAA's Airventure.

One member curated a display on Women in Aviation at the Kelch Aviation Museum and several members were in attendance for the opening of the show. We also participated in the Waukesha Airport Food Truck Fridays and received a portion of the proceeds for our help. In September, we held our annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Watertown airport.

We hosted the Fall NCS section meeting in Oshkosh and had a great turnout with nearly 100 attendees. Two of our chapter members gave WINGS seminars at the event.

We had several members attend the International Conference in Vermont and the Spring section meeting in Iowa. Throughout the year we had various tours and seminars at our monthly meetings.

Laurie and Tina continue to host a bi-monthly virtual study group for ladies looking to get guidance and knowledge towards their flying goals.

New horizons: Marcy Lange passed away in July 2025. Several members attended her celebration of life and shared memories of her involvement in the chapter.

AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE LAURIE PROBST—CHAIR

As our membership changes over time, it becomes necessary to educate others regarding scholarship opportunities within our organization. As an AE Scholarship recipient myself, I know how much it can help continue an aviation journey. How can your chapter encourage and support members considering scholarships?

Some chapters submit applications regularly, others not as often. We want to make sure that any Ninety-Nine who wishes to seek a scholarship is able

to do so, and their chapter is able to support them. The Trustees put out an SOP document to help guide the process. I am including it at the end of this article, to make it easier to access.

If you have any questions about Amelia Earhart scholarships, please feel free to reach out. If you would like to volunteer for the committee and review applications at the section level, we would love to have you! Please let me know.

Laurie

Standard Operating Procedure for Chapters

Purpose: Assist members with application process for the 99s' First Wings Scholarships and AE Memorial Scholarships

Objectives: Provide information to [your chapter] about Ninety-Nines' scholarships
Facilitate and guide members who want to apply for scholarships
Review applications, make recommendations, and provide assistance so that members have a better chance of winning

- Tasks:**
- 1) Appoint a scholarship committee as appropriate (essential if the chapter has to decide which applications go forward if there are more applicants than the chapter quota. Current quota is one application for every 25 members.)
 - 2) Get information about the First Wings and AEMSF Scholarships throughout the year (essential to keep track of any changes.) Sections of the application directions are specifically for the Chapter Scholarship Chairman.
 - 3) Pass on information to members via emails, newsletters, and at general meetings, particularly about upcoming deadlines.
 - 4) Determine who wants to apply and for what rating/certificate.
 - 5) Set deadlines for receiving applications as Scholarship Chair. Notify applicants that you have received their applications.
 - 6) Provide guidance for completing applications.
 - 7) Review applications for clarity and completeness. Have applicant revise as necessary. Complete 99s Certification and Recommendation on applications. Cover all points required in the 99s Recommendation. Utilize a committee as appropriate.
 - 8) Forward qualified First Wings applications to Trustees. Use correct email in the current directions.
 - 9) Forward qualified AE applications to Section Scholarship Committee Chair.
 - 10) Maintain files of applications sent, either electronically or on paper.
 - 11) Know your Section AE Scholarship Chairman.

Timeline:

January – AE Scholarship applications due to Chapter AE Chair by January 1. Receive applications. Review, request revisions & review again. If recommended, complete 99s Certification and Recommendation. Forward applications to Section Scholarship Chair by January 15. Remind members about Spring First Wings requirements and deadlines.

February – Follow up with AE applicants to see if they have any updates to report to the Trustees (due March 5).

March – Remind Spring First Wings applicants that they must have at least 5 hours of total time since October 1. Find mentor volunteers for any First Wings applicants.

April – Spring First Wings applications due to Chapter AE Chair by April 1. Receive applications. Review. Ask for revisions and review again. If recommended, complete Certification and Recommendation. The AE Chapter Chair's recommendation is an important part of the application. Write about things that are not already in the application and show the applicant in the best way. Forward application to the trustee email to reach her by April 15. AE Winners were announced approximately April 15.

May – Spring First Wings winners announced by May 15.

June – Remind potential applicants for AE Scholarships that instructions and applications will be available on the 99s website by September 1. Remind potential Fall First Wings applicants that they must be a member by July 1 and have at least 5 hours total since April 1.

July – Fall First Wings potential applicants must be a member by July 1.

August -

September – Verify that the AE Scholarship instructions and application are available on the Ninety-Nines website. Offer assistance with Fall First Wings application process. Find mentor volunteers for any First Wings applications.

October – Fall First Wings applications due to Chapter AE Chair by October 1. Receive and review applications. Request revisions and review again. If recommended, complete 99s Certification and Recommendations and forward applications to trustee, to reach her by October 15.

November – Fall First Wings winners announced approximately November 16.

December – Remind potential AE Scholarship applicants that applications are due January to the Chapter AE chair. Remind Spring First Wings applicants that they must be a member by January 1.

Additional information:

Ceci's Tips has information regarding scholarships, how to write an essay, and how to obtain an excellent recommendation letter. <http://www.sfv99s.org/education.php> Ninety-Nines website has a webinar (dated 11/2020) with tips on strengthening your application. <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm> All the directions and applications are posted on the 99s' website in the Members Area

AVIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As you read each Chapter's Annual Reports in this Waypoint, you will see that many have hosted educational seminars and events for the public.

They have taught children with paper airplanes and enticed them with trick or treat candy. They have been brand ambassadors with 99s logo apparel at many public events. They have hosted Girls Days at the Airport full of career info and beginners training for student pilots. They have staffed booths and tables at aviation events all across the Section, and

MADELEINE MONACO—CHAIR

they have represented our vision for aviation. THAT'S Aviation Education!

The world is slowly, excruciatingly slowly, seeing women as pilots, and we are the vision that let's them see the future. Take a few minutes to explain that general aviation aircraft are not just for 'fat cats' and 'movie stars' or 'corporate execs. They are also the educational 'grammar school that fills the world's cockpits. The future transportation system. Aviation Education -

FLYING ACTIVITIES

Flying Season Is Here!!! Are YOU ready?

Hopefully the severe and erratic Spring storms are behind us and great weather, (even with the occasional summer storms), is here and now.

What summer flying plans do you have? Are you challenging yourselves? I say that in every Waypoint. So, this year I am taking my own advice. I'm flying to our 99s International Conference in San Diego in July. I've never made a trip as HUGE as that but I am so excited! I'm not just going to San Diego. I'm leaving northern Wisconsin, flying over Montana – that means mountains, and heading to the Oregon coast. From there I'll fly the length of California to Brown Field.

DEE DREGER. CHAIR

Then after the conference I have to get home so I can go to AirVenture!! Now I'll be flying in the hot South and over more mountains! Another new experience! Lots to preplan, lots to consider. I am so pumped for this amazing adventure!!!

I share to inspire you to challenge yourself, to plan YOUR new adventure. Maybe to fly 100 nm further than you've ever flown before, or maybe land at every airport in your state. Maybe land on a grass strip for the first time or go for a seaplane or taildragger flight to see how that is flown, or camp under the wings?

Please share with us what fun and new challenges and adventures you had flying this summer!!!

INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP

KAYE COMBS MOORE, CHAIR

September 11 & 12 50th Anniversary "World Friendship Through Flight"

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Your registration is a step to protect and sustain our forest. Proceeds fund essential maintenance & special projects that keep the forest healthy & thriving for generations to come.

Full Weekend Adult \$150

Adult Friday only \$65

Adult Saturday only \$100

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

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

BRENDA FRYE & BRENDA HANSEN, CHAIRS

Women Who Fly: the 2027 NCS Calendar

Be part of the 2027 North Central Section Ninety-Nines' Calendar!

Submit photos highlighting your chapter members and their aviation spirit to this photo circle:

<https://join.photocircleapp.com/6HWFNCZQF>

by August 1, 2026, so there is time to collate and create the calendar.

Please caption your photo with your chapter name as the photos will be grouped by chapter.

By submitting your photo, you confirm that all people, aircraft, and identifiable items in the image have been approved for publication. All proceeds from the calendar (after expenses) will support the North Central Section's charitable work in our communities. Calendars will be available for purchase in October. Watch Waypoint for more details!



FLYING FEUD RECAP

Sixteen pilots from eight NCS chapters signed up for the Family Feud (Flying Feud?!) game on Thursday, April 23. The event was filled with laughter as we swapped stories and celebrated all stages of the pilot journey—from student to airline pilot to general aviation. Some favorite answers included flashlight, mechanical issues, and snacks—if you know, you know!

HISTORY/PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ELLEN O'HARA/SUSAN MUSACCHIO

How picking beans can lead to an aviation career

Growing up in Alabama on a farm did not offer me opportunities to go to a local airport, or talk to pilots, and rarely did my family talk about airplanes and aviation. Conversations were about tractors and picking beans and farming and going to church and going to town in the truck and school events. There were six in my family, and we were all actively working together doing farm chores and enjoying family and friends. No one in my family was involved in aviation.

My interest in aviation began when I was picking beans in our garden and a commercial airliner would fly over at high altitudes. The long, beautiful contrails always stirred my curiosity because I had no idea what they were.

by Nelda Lee, Greater St. Louis Chapter 99s



HISTORY continued

I would watch the jet soar out of sight as I tried to continue picking beans. I thought “I wonder what flying is like” and “I wonder if maybe I can do that one day”. Those jets made picking beans somewhat enjoyable.

I was the oldest of three siblings and my dad called on me to help with farm repairs and engineering jobs. Together we worked on the tractors, the car and truck, and house repairs and more. Following him around and learning was fun. That interest was the foundation for my studying engineering at Auburn University.



Selecting aerospace as the discipline was a random selection I suppose related to picking beans. To better understand my engineering studies, I decided to add flying and ground school my senior year. I substituted these classes for an elective and graduated in March 1969 with an aerospace engineering degree and a private pilot license.

In April 1969 I started my employment with McDonnell Douglas Corp. in St. Louis assigned to structural and mechanical design of the DC-10 wing. In the first nine years I also designed the wings of the F-15 and F/A-18 fighters. During these years I continued to fly and added a commercial license with an instrument, multi-engine, and helicopter ratings. My career then transferred to Flight Test Engineering.

When I moved from Alabama to St. Louis, I had never heard of the 99s. On September 29, 1970, there was a half-page article in the Family section of the St. Louis Globe Democrat Newspaper that talked about “Fly Girls” by Susan Croce Kelly. It caught my interest because it talked about the 99 organization and members taking “short hops in their work-and-play hobby”. The article talked about the Greater St. Louis Chapter history and their summer activities, goals, and how to become a member. I was now beyond interested and contacted the chapter leaders in hopes of becoming a member. In early 1971 I fulfilled the three-meeting attendance requirement and was sponsored by 99 life-member Sue Matheis. My membership is dated April 27, 1971. At that time the international membership was approximately 3700.



The benefits of being a member have been many and have included personal development, networking and camaraderie with others in aviation organizations and companies, and giving back through scholarships, training, and serving. I was fortunate to serve the North Central Section in 1998-2000 as their Governor. During those years section meetings were held by Michigan, Scioto Valley, and Wisconsin chapters. A joint spring section meeting was held in 1999 with the South-Central section in Omaha, Nebraska.

Our NCS goals included reading books about women in aviation, holding joint chapter meetings, creating a NCS webpage, updating governing documents, encouraging scholarships, and recruiting/retaining/rewarding members. Two members from the Iowa chapter, Sarah Barber and Kirschen Seah, created the webpage. At the end of my two-year term, the NCS membership had grown from 931 to 1030. At the spring meeting in 2000, the gavel was passed to Donna Moore, the next NCS Governor for 2000-2002. Another opportunity to serve the 99s at the international level was as trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum from 2007-2010. Serving the organization has been life changing and I truly appreciate all the benefits I have gained throughout the years.



Racing in the Air Race Classic came my way twice (1979 & 1980) with PIC Val Johnson in her beautiful V-tail Bonanza. My duties were navigation and communication. I was a rookie at racing and flying with an experienced racer was an exceptional experience. In 1977, I earned a helicopter rating and became Whirly Girl #247 and served as the 1997-1999 International President. Aviation opened another opportunity in 1995 as a founding board member for Women in Aviation International. But the aviation and flying dream of all time came on April 29, 1980. I logged 1.5 hours in F-15 D50. MDC was selling a production F-15 aircraft to the Air Force, and F-15 D50 was used as a chase/target aircraft. The flight was filled with turns, g-loadings, pull ups, push downs, and more. I'm thankful that I did not get sick or black out and endured the g-loads and rolls and turns. My head hurt for several days. My big smile lived for weeks and months. And the memories will be with me forever.

I have now been a member of the 99s for 55 years. I no longer fly nor hold service positions because of health reasons. And my 45-year engineering career with MDC/Boeing was retired in 2014. The memories from these life-time aviation pleasures will live on forever. I suppose I owe them all to picking beans at the farm in Alabama.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

DEB HOWELL & SUSAN MUSACCHIO, CHAIRS

Cleared for Connection: 3 Ways to help Members Find Their Place

1. Welcome First. Retention Follows.

New members stay engaged when someone personally reaches out, answers questions, and helps them feel connected from day one. The most important 99 in your chapter may be the one who says, "We're glad you're here."

2. Give Members a Small Job — Build Big Commitment

Members stay involved when they feel needed. A simple invitation — helping with social media, events, outreach, or hospitality — can turn new-member enthusiasm into long-term engagement.

3. Recognition Matters More Than You Think

Celebrate everything: renewals, milestones, volunteer help, flight achievements, birthdays, new jobs, and even attendance. Appreciation builds community — and community builds retention.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PAT HANELINE, CHAIR

The election is over for 2026-2028, but with a new nominating committee in place the process will begin all over again. At their first meeting the members of the 2026-2028 Nominating Committee selected their Chair. Pat Haneline will serve in this position for the next two years.

Remember to let any of the members of this committee know if you would be interested in serving on Section level in the future.

TAX EXEMPT/501c3 COMMITTEE

MARTHA REITH, CHAIR

Reminder to Chapter Treasurers:

501c3 Chapter Filing Reports are required every year for every chapter.

A copy of the detailed instructions and Excel workbook is available on the NCS website.

As you prepare your filings, please keep the following key details in mind:

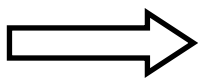
- Bank Statements: Download statements for all account types, including checking, savings, and CDs.
- Fiscal Year: Your report will reflect the 2025-2026 fiscal year (June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026).
- Balances: Your beginning bank balances must match last year's ending bank balances.
- Excel Form: Input your data into the yellow highlighted cells; the rest of the form will calculate automatically.
- Deadline: Send your completed forms to Treasurer@NCS99s.org by June 30.

WAYPOINT COMMITTEE

MADELEINE MONACO—CHAIR

Many wonderful reports were received this quarter BUT.....I need to remind our contributors that I need the articles in a document file (MS Word, or Google Docs, or the like) NOT in pdf format. And we need good quality photos that will reproduce in this electronic format. When you scrape a photo from Instagram or Facebook, its not really good enough to share.

This message box is on the front page of each issue. Please share the info with the writers/contributors from your Chapter

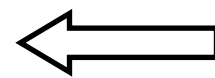


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Hello women pilots from the All-Ohio Chapter! It was a joy to see many of you at our Spring North Central Section Meeting in Batavia, Ohio.

Our May meeting was at Mansfield Lahm Airport (KMFD) on May 3 and we had a great turn out with several new members. Several members flew in to the airport on that bright sunny day. Jun Oikawa demonstrated an IFR approach to student pilot Yuan Zhao, and Deb Henrichs flew her Archer with a crosswind landing for passenger student pilot Jodie-Lee Hostetler. Jun, a CFI candidate, noted that she has learned a lot while observing others' landings as a passenger.

Our former Vice-Chairwoman Dalya Abu-Shaweesh was welcomed as our new Chapter Chairwoman at the meeting. Dalya started off her new position by thanking outgoing Chairwoman, Debra Henrichs, for her great job. The members presented Deb with flowers and a gift card as tokens of their appreciation of her years of outstanding dedication to the chapter, especially during our past Mansfield and recent Batavia North Section Meetings. Deb will soon be cruising the world and we wished her Bon Voyage!



Kudos for volunteering to our new officers: Natalie Moncaleano is the Vice-Chairwoman, Gabby Tan will take the job of Treasurer, and Brook Kochert has volunteered to be the new Webmaster (mistress?) and social media person. Many thanks to outgoing Treasurer Peg Ballou, and Webmaster Valerie Palazzolo!

It was exciting to hear from each member about their progress towards their aviation careers! Congratulations to our three members who received First Wings Scholarships: Jodie-Lee Hostetler, Brooklyn Kochert, and Yuan Zhao! A checkride scholarship was awarded to Natalie Moncaleano for her upcoming commercial checkride, and she received the Spinning Prop Award at the section meeting! Great jobs, ladies!

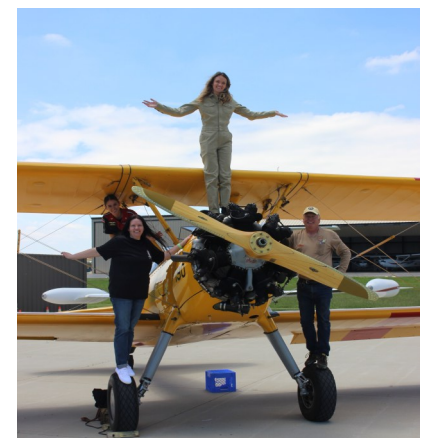
We hope to see you at the 2026 Columbus (Ohio) Airshow on June 19-21 at Rickenbacker International Airport. The Scioto Valley Chapter has generously offered to share their table with All-Ohio and we will be collaborating with them throughout the event. The USAF Thunderbirds will perform this year and it will be a great time!



Happy Summer Our Chapter very successfully completed a large Aviation for Girls Day event on May 23, at Lewis University. Approximately 200 guests and volunteers spent a good part of the day greeting, teaching, learning, exploring, working and listening. The girls who attend from Girl Scout Troops are now joined by girls from around our geographic area—all students in grades 5 to 12. Our management team thus year was Megan McArthur and Corie Wild, with tons of help from women from our Chapter who gave their time to educate their successors.



**2026 Aviation Day
For Girls**
Open to Girls grade 4-12
May 23, 2026
8:30am-1:30pm
Lewis University
Romeoville, IL
Cost is \$20 per person, lunch included
Visit: www.chicagoarea99s.org



Chicago Area Chapter 99s **Proficiency Air Meet** October 17, 2026

Lansing Municipal Airport (KIGQ) Lansing, Illinois



The Chicago Area Chapter is planning an air meet open to any 99 from any chapter. A proficiency air meet is not a speed contest. The winner is the team that most closely predicts their speed and fuel burn. The triangular course will be approximately 150 miles and is flown as a regular cross-country flight in VFR conditions and FAA regulations. No complex airspace. Depart KIGQ and return, no stops.



We need a minimum number of planes to proceed with the race. If you have an interest in participating or have questions, please contact Vickie S. or Cynthia M.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

KATE SLINKARD, VICE CHAIR



Linda Newland and Kate Slinkard flying for fun!



Linda Newland Kate Slinkard and Billie Lenz at Billie's annual pig roast



Annual 99s holiday gathering



Alaina Lewis Kate Slinkard Linda Newland and Sarah Deaton at Culver Props tour



Kate Slinkard Linda Newland and Jeanne Willerth at WAI Conference

GREATER ST LOUIS CHAPTER

MARTHA NORMAN, REPORTER

The Greater St. Louis Chapter congratulates Amy Wilder! She brought her new (to her) Cessna 152 home to Boonville, Missouri, from Phoenix, Arizona, in March. It's a beautiful plane, Amy. Let's go flying ... it can't just sit on the ground!

Our May meeting was our annual "spring" get together. The lunch and tour meeting was on May 9 in Creve Coeur Airport's Event hangar. The hostesses were Stephanie Maughan and Libby Yunger.

Enjoying lunch and tour were: Libby Yunger, Anne Mongiovi, Jenny LaForest, Nelda Lee, Sue Ackley, Katherine Carr and Carol Kerner. Unfortunately Stephanie Maughan, Maria Hawkins, Elizabeth Dumont and Zoe Kohrs had to leave before the Museum tour that followed lunch.

Representing Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum, Albert Stix, Jr., showed us the museum's vintage aircraft. The Museum's four hangars contain aircraft primarily from the 1930s and 1940s. Most of them have been beautifully restored to flying condition and have a St. Louis connection.



The Iowa 99s have been busy flying this spring. In March, we filled 4 planes and flew to Sportys for the NCS Spring Meeting. In April we hosted a Let's Fly Now event, making the front page of the Spencer Daily Reporter. As we all know spring weather can be unpredictable and we made a last minute date change of the event. Sunday proved to be a better flying day and attendance was still high. In May, we met to discuss the Air Race Classic stop in Prairie du Chien that we will be supporting in June and had a fun meeting in Dubuque at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. This is a must see museum that continues to expand, now 2 buildings with many outside exhibits as well. Our June meeting will be at Ledges State Park for a family friendly hike. We're hoping for great weather and a good turnout for our kickoff to summer.



Elaine the turtle whisperer



Flying Home from Sporty's



Welcome to Lets Fly Now

Let's Fly Now Event Takes Spencer Group to the Skies

SPENCER, Iowa — On April 19, the Spencer Municipal Airport hosted a Let's Fly Now aviation event, giving 18 participants the opportunity to experience flight with the help of four volunteer pilots. The group, ranging in age from approximately 7 to 60, took part in introductory flights that included a scenic trip north to the Lake Okoboji area. For many, it was their first time in a small aircraft.

Participants were not just passengers—they were able to take part in the flying experience. Many reported enjoying hands-on elements such as steering the aircraft, taking off, and performing turns. In addition to the excitement, the event provided an educational introduction to aviation. Attendees learned about safety checks, weather impacts, and basic flight principles, with several noting how important safety procedures are in aviation.

Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, with participants describing the experience as “amazing” and expressing interest in seeing it return annually. The event also sparked inspiration for future careers. At least one student expressed interest in pursuing aviation, while others said they are now considering flying as a hobby. Organizers say events like these are designed to make aviation more accessible and to inspire the next generation of pilots—goals that were clearly met during Spencer's day in the air.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER NEWS & MILESTONES

Our March meeting was held at the Aero Club, Louisville, KY, where we planned for upcoming 2026 events, including our Girls Aviation Day, hosting the 2026 Air Race Classic stop at Capital City Airport, Frankfort, KY, the International Forest of Friendship’s 50th Anniversary in Atchison, KS, and the NCS Spring Meeting in Batavia, OH. Skye Newsome won the drawing paying for her registration fee for the NCS meeting.

Several of our members attended the NCS Spring Meeting and enjoyed the hospitality of the All Ohio Chapter and the activities they had planned for us. Sue Glisson completed her term as NCS Governor and Skye was the recipient of the NCS Richard J. Santori Scholarship for her initial training.

On April 11 we presented another successful Girls Aviation Day at Flight Club 502, Louisville, KY, (KLOU). Thanks to organizer Terri Donner, Girl Scout contact Terri Sanders, all of our presenters and our KY99s volunteers. Thanks, also, to Flight Club 502 for the use of their excellent facility.

May found us at Capital City Airport, Frankfort, KY, (KFFT) where we will host the racers as they arrive at the first stop for the 2026 Air Race Classic on June 23. We met with Airport Manager, Drew Underwood, ARC Route Director, Joelene Smith, Head Timers, Mary (a Memphis 99) and Jonathan Woody, and our KY99s volunteers for stop chairs, timers, and hospitality. We are excited to welcome the ARC racers to Kentucky!

Recently Kaye Combs Moore and Terri Donner attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Aviation Museum of Kentucky’s new “Kentucky Women in Aviation” exhibit. Kaye was interviewed by Spectrum News 1 at the event. Her interview is posted on The 99s FB page. We also want to acknowledge KY99, Rachel Stiver-Bender’s contributing her research skills to the exhibit.

Congratulations to Evie Sapp and Chloe Park, both 2026 aviation graduates of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY. Our girls are really racking up the milestones this year including: Jessica Salyers (CFII), Maddie Breitenstein (PPL), Rachel Stivers-Bender (First Solo), Timber Dawson (CFII), Ellie Anderson (Instrument), Emily Davila (CFI), Lindsey Adams (MEI), Lydia Munro (PPL Written), and Karen Ranzau (FO for Republic Airways). Congrats to all!

Welcome new members this year: Lindsey Adams, Eden Moseley, Ellie Anderson, and Holly Jones. Welcome back Doreen Yost and Shelby Wuest. So far in 2026 we are going great guns!



EMILY DAVILA



CHLOE PARK



JESSICA SALYERS



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EVIE SAPP



ELLIE ANDERSON



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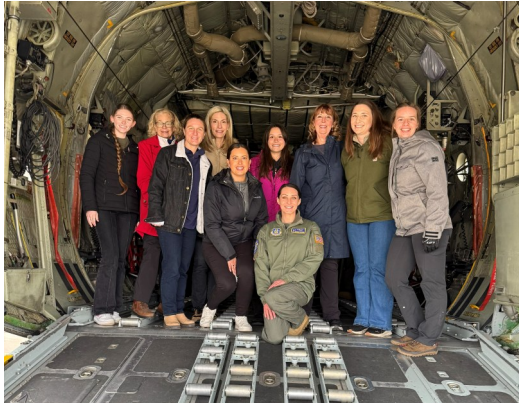


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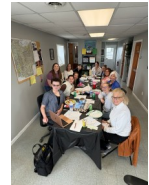
MADDIE BREITENSTEIN

The Lake Erie 99's have had a really busy spring! In March we took a tour of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. Maryland 99, Shannon O'Brien, is a pilot on the C130 there and set up the tour for us. The squadron gave us a tour of the C130, and presented the history and accomplishments of YARS. We had a great time! The Pittsburgh 99's also joined us for this event!



We have welcomed 4 new members to our chapter so far this year. We have seen an increase in attendance at our meetings, and it has allowed us to make more progress in planning events for our members. Our March meeting was held at Wadsworth (3G3), and we had a couple of members fly in. Many of our members work on their flight training at Wadsworth, so it was great to see their airport and flight school.

In April our meeting was at Columbia Station (4G8), and we discussed t-shirts for our chapter, planning more events, fundraising, and airmarking. In April we awarded our chapter Bernice Barris Scholarship to Dorean Demar! Our chapter FLAP Award for the 2nd quarter was awarded to Kate Heinselman.



Finally the weather has improved in May, and many of our members are working to finish up their ratings! Nadia Lee passed her commercial check-ride. Abby Zaremka completed her first solo.



On May 30th, we hosted an event at Cleveland Skydiving Center. We learned about skydiving, the caravan, and packing parachutes. Six of our members, and a 491/2 went skydiving, and five went up for an airplane ride along to sit in the right seat next to the jump pilot. After the adrenaline rush, we grilled out, and watched all of the licensed skydivers jump. We are thankful for our 49 1/2s, Adam and Jason, who always show up to support our group and help out at events.



The Northeast Ohio Pilot's Association (NEOPA) hosted their 63rd Annual dinner on May 30th at the MAPs Museum, and twelve of our members were able to attend. One of our members, Abby Zaremka, was awarded a scholarship at the dinner also. We listened to guest speaker Kim Dell, Executive Director of the Cleveland National Air Show, discuss the history, and planning of the air show. Student pilot, Beth McDaniel, was awarded the Spring First Wings Scholarship!



The June meeting we are hosting at 800H- a grass strip near Warren, OH. The Ernie Hall Aviation Museum is located on the airport property, and we will take a tour before the meeting.

We are looking forward to a lot of flying this summer, and attending all of our local aviation events!

The Michigan Chapter continued a busy spring quarter with monthly Zoom meetings, aviation outreach, member recognition, and preparations for the Chapter Annual Meeting and installation of officers. Six Michigan Chapter members attended Spring Section Meeting at Batavia OH in March and had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Thank you to the All-Ohio Chapter 99s for their hospitality.

April 7: Members shared stories during a discussion led by Cherry Kan on Recognizing people Who Have Supported My Aviation Goals. The chapter also received reports from attendees of the North Central Section Spring Meeting in Batavia, Ohio.

May 5: Members discussed chapter elections, future activities, plans for the June Annual Meeting at Oscoda/Wurtsmith Airport, formation of instrument study groups, and support for first-time attendees at the Fall North Central Section Meeting in Indianapolis.

AVIATION OUTREACH & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Michigan 99s participated in the inaugural Harriet Quimby Women of Aviation Fly-In at Southwest Michigan Regional Airport (KBEH) in Benton Harbor on April 25. Chapter volunteers Linda Langrill, Sarah Haskett, Frances Rose, and Berfin Kayikcioglu staffed the Michigan 99s booth, answered questions about the organization, recruited prospective members, and conducted fundraising activities.

Members also supported the Women’s Aviation Career Symposium (WACS) in Battle Creek and participated in statewide efforts to honor Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) by decorating gravesites across Michigan during Memorial Day weekend.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Amie Stiltner – Battle Creek
Gina Anzicek – Davisburg
Anya Hassen – Southfield
Brooke Green – East China Township

Brielle Coventry – Auburn Hills
Lily McNaughton – Crosswell
Marci Krzciuk – Belleville

Johanna Walker – Tecumseh
Lynzi Evans – Southfield
Mallory Walker – Plymouth

MICHIGAN 99s DENTON TRAVELING TROPHY AWARDEES

April 26: Megan Gorak – Private Pilot Certificate

May 26: Kim Fanelli – High Performance Endorsement

June 26: Linda Langrill – Recognition of four years of service as Michigan Chapter Chair

MEMBER NEW RATINGS & AVIATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Megan Gorak – Private Pilot Certificate (2-24-26)

Kim Fanelli – High Performance Endorsement (5-26)

The Michigan Chapter looks forward to the International Conference in San Diego, EAA AirVenture in July, the Forest of Friendship Celebration in September, and the Fall North Central Section Meeting in Indianapolis in October.



MEGAN GORAK



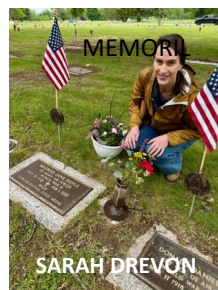
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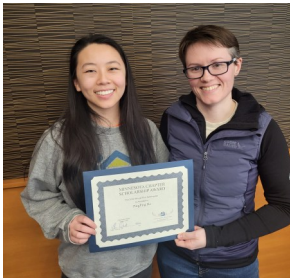
MEMORIAL

SARAH DREVON



WACS

For the last few months, The Minnesota 99s have been planning our first Let’s Fly Now event. Saturday, May 30 is the big day, at the Downtown St. Paul Airport. We are hoping for good weather. We have four pilots and about 12 volunteer ground crew members. We plan to have some education activities, as well as a couple of static airplanes for demonstrating preflight and parts of the airplane. We are hoping to give about 20 women their first airplane ride.



We had our quarterly meeting in March where we awarded two scholarships. PingPing He was awarded the Private Pilot scholarship. She is hoping to complete training for this in June. Kimberly Marcell was awarded the scholarship for Advanced Rating, which she used for her Commercial Multi Engine.

PING PING HE



KIM MARCELL

In April, we toured Malibu Aerospace, a maintenance facility at the Anoka County Airport for Piper Malibus and Meridians. Malibu Aerospace is a well-known, greatly respected company which services customers from all over the world. We ended the evening with a nice dinner at a local restaurant.



May 15 and 16 was the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG), where we had our booth, met many people and spread the “99s word.” GMAG is an annual rite of spring here in Minnesota. There’s lots of seminars and vendors and socializing, which brings the aviation community back together again.

Our summer events will include our quarterly meeting, complete with ice cream, staffing a booth at the EAA pancake breakfast in June, attending the musical “Come From Away” at the Guthrie Theater, as well as some other events.



Congratulations to:

- Sophie Bowman: Commercial Multi Engine
- Kim Marcell : Commercial Multi Engine
- Vanessa Sampson: MEI and Citation SIC type rating

The Scioto Valley Ninety-Nine Chapter is proud to report the recent awarding of three (3) training scholarships. Jalpa Patel for PPL, Elizabeth White for CFI Initial, and Natalie Lapeus for either CFI-I or MEI. Pictured below are Natalie's Mother (Natalie was in MN for a regional cadet program interview), Elizabeth and Jalpa, along with the Scholarship Committee. The committee consists of three chapter members (all CFIs) and John Sollinger, a newly retired Delta pilot and non-member aviation professional.



The Wisconsin 99s have been busy this spring with a series of outreach and aviation events across the state.

Eight members attend the North Central Section meeting, where Darcy proudly brought home the custom-made clock, adding a fun victory to a wonderful weekend.



Members jumped in to support EAA's Girls on the Fly, energized young minds at Pistons and Props STEAM Day, and helped Girl Scouts earn their aviation badges at our hands-on clinic.



Our May meeting featured a guided tour of the Kelch Aviation Museum, led by curator and fellow 99 Hannah, who offered chapter members an inside look at Wisconsin's rich aviation history.



Summer promises plenty of opportunities to take to the skies and connect with fellow aviators.

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