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Waypoint

Greetings from your Governor

Summer is flying by. I hope that everyone has been have a fun summer. Lots have happened since I last wrote. This summer has brought some interesting weather. Smoke, heat and rain are just some of it.

Air Race Classic came with some excitement. We had several stops in our section with lots of help. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate for some and mechanical problems for others.

We had over 20 members of our North Central Section at the International meeting in San Diego where we met our new President Terry Carbonell, Vice President Janet Patton Secretary Aileen Coverdell, and Treasurer Maria Lamia. One of your members flew herself to the meeting from Northern Wisconsin. I am sure she has many stories to tell.

From there it was off to AirVenture where the weather was nice.

Western Michigan University has started a new wing. They have gotten approval to use the WMU name in their wing by allowing Friends of the 99s to attend meetings.

Congratulations to the winners of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and First Wings winners. If you did not win this year try again. We also had 2 ladies complete the PPLI course.

We have a new Executive Director, Tabitha Narvaiz from Oklahoma City.

Blue Skies

Margaret Wint, NCS Governor



North Central Section 99s
on the hotel staircase
San Diego Conference 2026

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CALENDAR

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
11/4-7/26	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 2027	NCS SPRING MEETING, MICHIGAN CHAPTER
9/9-12 2027	99S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
10/14-17 2027	NCS FALL MEETING, CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER, ST. CHARLES, IL

Your International Headquarters has requested that all Chapters share their planned events on the 99s website Calendar. Please send your calendar items to HQ and/or find the form to fill out and submit!

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:
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SAVE THESE DATES



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION SPRING MEETING

APRIL 9-11 2027

SHORELINES TO SKYLINES

See preview on next few pages!



2027 AIR RACE CLASSIC

JUNE 21-25, 2027

The Air Race Classic is the epicenter of women's air racing. Pilots range in age from 17 to 90+ years old. They come from a wide variety of backgrounds including students, teachers, doctors, airline pilots, business owners, professionals and air traffic controllers.

Is this YOUR Year?



NCS SPRING MEETING ADVANCE INFORMATION



THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES
WELCOMES YOU TO THE

SPRING 2027 NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

— SKYLINE TO SHORELINE —
APRIL 9–11, 2027 • YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

Join Ninety-Nines from across the North Central Section for a weekend that connects our love of aviation with the beauty of Michigan—from the energy of our vibrant communities to the peace of our Great Lakes.





INBOUND FOR LANDING
Willow Run Airport (KYIP)

Willow Run Airport will serve as our host airport for the weekend—just minutes from Ypsilanti and our hotel.

Landing and tie-down fees will be waived for the event.



LANDING SPOT
Holiday Inn Ypsilanti

Our home base for the weekend! Comfortable rooms, warm hospitality, and easy access to all our activities.

Watch for details on the group rate and reservations coming soon!

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

 **TAKE FLIGHT TOGETHER**

Cameron Balloons

Go behind the scenes at one of the world's leading balloon manufacturers. See how hot air balloons are designed, built, and prepared for flight.

 **HOMES BREWING**

Raise a glass to friendship and adventure at HOMES Brewing. Enjoy great food, local craft beer, and good company to kick off our weekend!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

 **LEARN, CONNECT, INSPIRE**

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION BUSINESS MEETING

Gather with members for updates, fellowship, and the important business of the Ninety-Nines.

 **MICHIGAN FLIGHT MUSEUM**

Explore Michigan's rich aviation history at the historic Willow Run Airport. Inspiring exhibits, iconic aircraft, and stories that soar.

 **SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

An evening of delicious food, celebration, and camaraderie. Stay tuned for details on our guest speaker!

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

 **UNTIL NEXT TIME**

Enjoy breakfast together, share one last laugh, and soak in the friendships and memories made this weekend.

Safe travels as we head home—until we meet again in the friendly skies!



 **MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

To be announced!

We're excited to welcome an inspiring guest speaker to our Saturday night banquet. More details coming soon—stay tuned!

 **WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU!**

The Michigan Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is honored to host you in Ypsilanti, Michigan! From aviation adventure to city lights and lakeside views, we can't wait to share this special weekend with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, WATCH FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS, AND GET READY TO EXPERIENCE MICHIGAN—SKYLINE TO SHORELINE!



FRIENDSHIP | AVIATION | EMPOWERMENT



Spring 2027 North Central Section Meeting

Ypsilanti, Michigan | April 9–11, 2027

The Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is excited to host the Spring 2027 North Central Section Meeting in Ypsilanti, Michigan, from April 9–11, 2027. Featuring aviation, Michigan history, local flavor, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow Ninety-Nines, this spring's section meeting is shaping up to be a weekend you won't want to miss. With all that in mind, here's everything you need to know to get ready for takeoff!

Willow Run Airport (KYIP)

For those flying in, Willow Run Airport (KYIP) will serve as the host airport for the weekend. Located just minutes from Ypsilanti and the hotel, Willow Run offers convenient access for pilots flying their own aircraft into the area.

Holiday Inn Ypsilanti

Our home base for the weekend will be the Holiday Inn Ypsilanti, conveniently located near Willow Run Airport and the surrounding attractions. The hotel will provide a comfortable and convenient place to relax, reconnect with friends, and recharge between activities. Watch for additional information regarding the group room rate and reservation details as the event gets closer.

Friday, April 9: Aviation, Adventure, and Local Flavor

We'll kick off the weekend with a visit to Cameron Balloons, where guests will get an inside look at the world of hot-air ballooning. Cameron Balloons has a long history of designing and manufacturing balloons, making this a unique opportunity to explore another fascinating corner of aviation.

After getting our feet back on the ground, we'll head out for an evening of good food, great drinks, and even better company at HOMES Brewery. It will be the perfect opportunity to relax, catch up with old friends, and meet fellow Ninety-Nines from across the North Central Section.

Saturday, April 10: Aviation History and Inspiration

Saturday morning will begin with our North Central Section business meeting, bringing members together for updates, fellowship, and the important business of our organization.

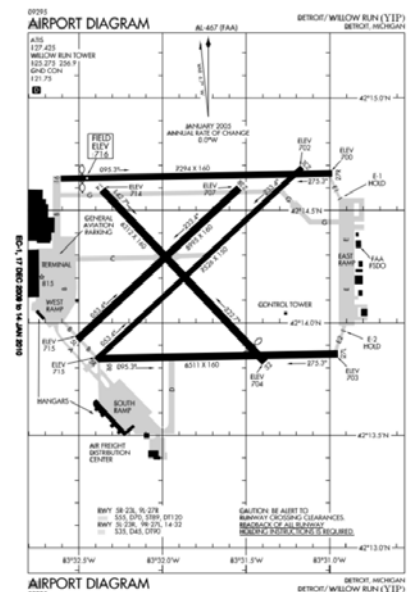
After the meeting, we'll head to the Michigan Flight Museum, where aviation history comes to life. Located at the historic Willow Run Airport, the museum offers a fascinating look at Michigan's rich aviation heritage and the people, aircraft, and innovations that helped shape the industry. Saturday evening will bring everyone together for our section banquet, featuring a special guest speaker and an evening celebrating our shared passion for aviation and the friendships that make The Ninety-Nines such a special organization.

We're Excited to See You in Ypsilanti!

The Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is looking forward to welcoming members and guests from throughout the North Central Section to Ypsilanti, Michigan, April 9–11, 2027!

From aviation history and ballooning to Michigan craft beer, great food, and plenty of time to reconnect with friends, we're planning a weekend that celebrates everything we love about aviation and The Ninety-Nines.

Mark your calendars, watch for registration details, and get ready to fly into Michigan!





WOMEN ANSWER THE CALL

Women Answer the Call exhibit tells the dynamic history of how ordinary American women joined the war effort to help the US win the war. Millions of women rolled up their sleeves and got to work. This exhibit features hands-on riveting stations and several other interactive displays.



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MANDATORY CHAPTER OFFICER CHANGE REPORT



Ninety-Nines

Inspiring Women Pilots
Since 1929

CHAPTER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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Membership Chairman: _____

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Name of newsletter: _____

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Does your Chapter have a website?

Yes _____ No _____

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To help us update your Chapter file, please enclose a
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previously provided.

Just a reminder:

**Chapter Officers and Committee
Chairmen must be current members of
The International 99s Organization**

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Any North Central Section 99s interested in learning more about the Wisconsin Chapter Scholarships? Please contact Kathy at inspiration4@outlook.com for details.

STATE SHAPE NAME BADGES AVAILABLE AGAIN

The Chicago Area Chapter is once again able to provide state/province shape name badges. For many years we have provided these badges for our sister 99s as a way to support our charitable and educational mission. It took us a while to find a new supplier, but we have now made it possible once again for you to identify yourselves as a 99 on a badge in the shape of your state. Canadian Province shapes are also available.

Please go to this link to order State Shape Name Badges from our shop on line

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/chicago-area-chapter-of-the-ninety-nines-shop>



Any questions or feedback please let badge program manager Madeleine Monaco (mjmonaco150@gmail.com) know.

When Zeffy suggests a donation, you are allowed to change the amount as you wish.

SHOW US YOUR AIRPLANE

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

This is Katie Binns. She is the new Treasurer of the Chicago Area Chapter, training with ATP at Chicago Executive Airport. Katie is preparing for her CFI Checkride.

Note: The manager of ATP at KPWK is also a Chicago 99.

Why? 'cause we love flying



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Hello women pilots from the All-Ohio Chapter!

Rich Wagner (49 1/2 of Jun Oikawa) was honored for his many years in the USAF at his recent retirement ceremony in Newark-Heath. We thank him for his dedicated service to our country! Rich reported that he is now free to enjoy the summer with their sons, Jesse, and Lucas.

Our chapter members have been on the go and racking up ratings:

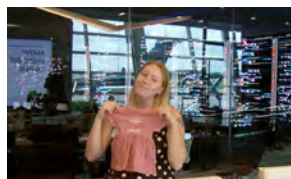
Valerie Palazzolo, a 48-year 99 in the Michigan Chapter then All-Ohio, was featured on the Trailblazer's Career Panel at the 99s International Convention in San Diego in July. Val opened many doors for woman, first as an airline pilot, the first woman ATR 42/72 Captain at American Eagle Airlines. Then, she was the first woman, out of 110 men, hired by the FAA as an Air Carrier Safety Inspector at the Detroit FSDO. After 33 years at the FAA, she retired from her job as the FAASteam National Manager.

Jun Oikawa attended the 99s International Convention in San Diego in July, and Yuan Zhao flew in from North Carolina to join her. Yuan transferred from our chapter recently and we are sad to see her go but wish her tailwinds in her aviation studies. Yuan was recognized for winning the First Wings Scholarship.

We were hosted in August at the beautiful Flexjet Headquarters at the Cuyahoga County Airport. Two of our members are employed there and gave us a tour.



Jun, Janet Patton, Val and Yuan



After a pizza lunch, there was a surprise baby shower for Brook Kochert, who is expecting baby Frances in October, and Frances will be eligible for the 99s in about eighteen years. It was great to see Sarah Smith at Flexjet! She has been busy at the American Airlines Cadet Academy earning her Commercial and Multi-Engine Ratings. She suggested numerous scholarships that are readily available to aviation students.



MARGARET HAZLETT, SECRETARY

Dalya Abu-Shaweesh passed her Private Pilot checkride after navigating converting her Jordanian Commercial Rating to USA regulations. She reported, "I had a fun time at my checkride!"

Brook promoted the 99s with a table at the Bryan (Williams County) Fly-in, and Candy Bombing. This was a re-creation of the "Candy Bomber" during the Berlin Airlift (after WWII 1948-1949). The Russians had control of East Germany and Berlin was in the middle of Russian territory. As part of the agreement, Berlin was divided in half, with East Berlin a Russian territory, and West Berlin a USA territory. The communists vied for control of West Berlin by closing off the land access, so our USAF airlifted in needed supplies until the situation was resolved. During the airlift, German children gathered near the Templehof Airport to watch the planes, and our pilots dropped candy to them on their landing approach, thus, the Candy Bomber.



CFII Peg Ballou was happy to announce that one of her female students has been accepted to Annapolis, the U.S. Naval Academy. Peg and her family flew Young Eagles at Mansfield Airport Day in July in three of their planes.

Congratulations to Natalie Moncaleano, who is now an Advanced Ground Instructor, and will be teaching ground school soon! She has scheduled her Commercial check ride. Natalie is in the PSA Cadet Program, and has received Debbie Franceus and check ride scholarships.

Deb Henrichs helped staff the 99s area at the Columbus Air Show at Rickenbacker Airport, along with Mary Biller and other members of the Scioto Valley Chapter. Deb also helped at "Motors and Rotors Fly/Drive In."

Erin Walling reported that she earned her PPL at Red Stewart Airport and was working on an IFR rating there. She had to find a CFII at a different airport when her CFII at Red Stewart broke both legs in a fall. She is working on her A&P and took a welding class at Oshkosh.



The Chicago Area Chapter 99s have been adjusting as all pilots do! We adjusted to the medical leave our Secretary Lisa had to take from her Chapter position, and have restructured with Susan Musacchio as Secretary and Katie Binns as our new Treasurer. Get well soon Lisa, and thanks so much to Susan and Katie for moving with the needs of the Chapter.

In July we had a good group at San Diego for the Conference. Vickie brought her family, Madeleine attended as International Director, Leslie is on the International Finance Committee and the new Chair of the Museum of Women Pilots Trust, Ellen O'Hara,

WE PLUGGED IN AT TRACON AUGUST 22

Those who were able to attend this special private TRACON tour provided by Eddie Trujillo of NATCA at C90 were very pleased at the tremendous opportunity. We each had the opportunity to plug in at 2 different stations with the controllers actually working traffic—real time. If you think you could do this? Maybe think again. What talented professionals!



We shot holes in the sky! At our **August Meeting**. Ana Adona, our hostess, arranged for meeting space and a special event at Northbrook Sports Club (NSC) in Hainesville for the August meeting. NSC is a private, member-



owned clay target shooting club. The 700-acre club is one of the top sporting clays ranges in the US and they have hosted major regional and national shotgun competitions including World FITASC and the US Open. The day started in the club house where officers and members discussed the meeting agenda. Lively conversations were had over coffee, donuts and bagels. Corrie Wild was announced winner of the raffle for 2 hours of flight time on an instrument rated Cessna 177.

CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP

In Atchison KS, we cheered and celebrated by enjoying the all of the festivities as our own Shelley Ventura was honored with a paver in the Illinois area of the Forest.





Congratulations to the newly energized Greater Kansas City Chapter.

Fall Kickoff Potluck and Meeting was held at Jeanné Willerth's home in Lee's Summit, MO.

Attending were Julie R, Megan D, BJ V, Mercedes L, Shauna H, Paige M, Debbie W

The meeting was preceded by lots of great food and conversations (airplane stories). Jeanné W and Julia R were honored for placing 4th in the 2026 Air Race! Congrats!! Megan Dukes was in town and raced against Jeanne & Julia.

Meeting Minutes:

Jeanné led the meeting welcoming our new members and explaining various parts of our Greater Kansas City Ninety-Nines chapter. Billie Lenz (Treasurer) presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is enough for us to be able to issue 2 scholarships this year. Report was approved. She discussed the possibility of doing another Wright Day Dinner as a fund raiser. Election of officers was held, and the following people were elected. Chairman: Megan Sass Vice-Chairman: Kathryn (Kate) Slinkard Treasurer: Billie Lenz Secretary: Julia Rew Ideas were discussed as ways to get together for educational and fun activities.

Calendar:

Sept 12th 10:00 AM Forest of Friendship Honoree Shannon Jipsen

Sept 26th 4:00 PM 46th Annual Pig Roast at Billie Lenz's Airpark home.

Oct Mercedes Lor will host. More info to be announced

Nov Julia Rew will host More info to be announced

Dec 2nd 6:00 Annual Christmas dinner / Gift Exchange at Cinzetti's Italian Market

Meeting was adjourned. We had a wonderful time. Minutes submitted by Billie Lenz 09-09-2026

NSC Treasurer Martha Reith shared a photo of a retirement party for Greater Kansas City Chapter Member Shannon Jipsen held recently.



Congratulations for milestones and accomplishments are in order!

Congratulations on finishing the Air Race Classic. The Real Housewives of KCPS: (l to r) Co-pilot Becca Treis, Pilot Sarah Jelliss (Greater St. Louis) and Teammate Natalie Bianchino completed their first air race. They finished. In spite of the enroute weather! From my report, finishing the race was a challenge.



Katherine Carr is now a new Private Pilot! Good work Katherine! Now our Webmaster is a newly minted, full Ninety-Nine. We are super excited.

HURRAH! HURRAH! Maria Harkins made two very important milestones! She graduated from high school and soloed in June. Congratulations Maria on 2 notable achievements and both in the same month. Now I hear that a third HURRAH is in order: You now have your Private Pilot's License too - congratulations.



June 13 (no that's not a Friday) found our Chapter involved in an airport day. St. Louis Metro Airport (IL48)- known to us as Shafer Field - is the home to a new flying club and it was now "pitch-in" time. It was a

wonderfully fun day even with all the work that was done. That's Beth Dumont by the nose wheel of the C-150 that she and Libby Yunger (under the wing) are bathing. It was a busy day: Washed two airplanes, washed and painted the gasoline service tank and its surrounding protective bollards then celebrated with dinner. Good work friends of the airport.



The Air Race Classic began at St. Louis Regional Airport (KALN) and we were there! We got to meet and talk with the racers and help with other events. Anne Mongiovi and Cathy Babis helped with tee-shirts, Jenny LaForest helped serve lunch and was one of the starter timers, Libby Yunger was also among the starter timers and was busy with EAA864's Youth STEM Program. Jennifer Vorhees caught the racing bug. Maria Harkins, did it catch you too? On the final end at Mount Vernon Outland Airport (KMVN), our Diane Earhart was Head Timer and was joined by Timer Cathy Babis.

We traveled to AirVenture in Oshkosh, participated and visited the exhibits. Jennifer Vorhees could be found at the Soaring Society display and Jackie Huebbe and Pennie Pavlisin worked with the Trams. All enjoyed all of the airplanes including Libby Yunger, Katherine Carr (her first AirVenture) and Maria Harkins (a graduation present). AirVenture is oh so fun.

Then some of us actually got to enjoy the Ninety-Nines International Conference. That's always a fun and informative adventure. We've been busy!



The Iowa 99s made the most of the outdoors this summer, starting off in June with a family-friendly outing at Ledges State Park. Ten 99s and 8 guests gathered for a picnic lunch and explored some of the trails. We look forward to including more outdoor adventures in 2027!



Later in June, several members volunteered alongside MN and WI chapters for the Air Race Classic stop in Prairie du Chien, WI. There were several long days at the timing line, led by Head Timer Deb McGee, but the weather was beautiful (mostly) and the airport staff was great to work with. Chapter members Minnetta Gardinier and first-year racer Susan Tallieu formed team #3 Hawkeye Skyhoppers for this year's race, but unfortunately had mechanical issues that forced them to withdraw after the sixth leg.



In July, several members attended the 2026 Annual Conference in San Diego and EAA AirVenture. Newly-elected officers also began their terms in July: Brenda Frye and Madison Doepke remain Chapter Chair and Secretary, respectively, with Jenny Myren as Vice Chair and Deb McGee taking over as Treasurer. Thanks to Jeneanne Visser and Sam Claypool for their service in these roles!

With many flights deterred by weather, two members attended a tower tour at SUX in August, hosted by chapter Scholarship Chair and recent PPLI graduate(!) Chloe Krohn.

As always, many members have also been busy this summer gaining new ratings, completing first solos, securing scholarships, and generally getting to the sky any chance they can.



For our June meeting we enjoyed breakfast at the Bardstown Breakfast Fly-In and met to wrap up our planning for the June 23 Air Race Classic Stop at Capital City Airport in Frankfort, KY.

June 23 turned out to be a beautiful day and we hosted 40 plus Air Race teams as they stopped for fuel and food. From Stop Chairs, to Timers, to Ramp Escorts, to the Hospitality Crew - Thanks to all our KY Bluegrass volunteers!



Several of us were off to the International 99s Conference in San Diego in July. We enjoyed the hospitality of the San Diego Chapter and the Southwest Section in a beautiful location with so many enjoyable side trips, informative seminars, and speakers. We were proud to recognize KY 99, Skye Newsome, as a Spring First Wings Scholarship recipient.



In August we celebrated 60 years as a 99s chapter! Kaye Combs Moore presented a PowerPoint on our history, statistics, and our organization today. A pizza lunch and birthday cake was enjoyed by all.



Congratulations to Anah Campbell on her first solo, Timber Dawson on her commercial multi, Chloe Park on her commercial and Chasity Jackson on her PPL.



Welcome new members Tami Conti, Smoky Folsom, Lacy Perry, and Peyton Slyvester!

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

JESSICA MASLACH, CHAIR

The Lake Erie 99's have been doing a lot of flying this summer, and attending quite a few of the local aviation events. In June, Kate Heinselman hosted our meeting at the Ernie Hall Aviation museum. The museum is located on a grass strip (800H). It was a perfect day for the meeting, and we also were given a tour of the museum.

In July, Lori, Abby, Patience, Kristine, and Jessica volunteered at Discover Aviation Day at Lorain County (KLPR). The 99's and WAI were assigned to help with the kids' activities, which included making airplanes out of candy, making bracelets with airplane charms, folding paper airplanes, and teaching kids about wake turbulence and aerodynamics.



Some of our members were able to attend Oshkosh this year. A few of us signed up to work the 99's booth. It was fun to meet more 99's, and sign up new members.

In August, Grace Dempsey hosted our meeting at KFKL, and after the meeting our members attended the Wings and Wheels event. Also in August we had a booth at the

Medina (1G5) Wings and Wheels event. We made candy airplanes, gave out information about our chapter, and people even got photos with Amelia Earhart.

We were invited to set up a booth at Airplanes and Automobiles at KUCP. We shared information about 99's and had a booth to promote our organization. The event raised money to buy teddy bears for the local children's hospital.

Our members have had many accomplishments this summer. Here is a list of our members and their new ratings!

Dorean Demar-
Private

Taylor Lorence- Private
with CFI Grace Stoller

Ava Vidovich- Commercial
Single Engine, MEI, CFI, CFII

Rachel Engels-
Instrument Rating

Kate Heinselman-
Commercial SE

Anita Kazarian
- First Solo



A couple of our members were also awarded scholarships. Patience Stoller, and Taylor Lorence received scholarships from the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation. Patience Stoller also received a scholarship from Inspire Aviation.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER

SARAH HASKETT, CHAIR

The Michigan Chapter report in our July 2026 Waypoint included three mislabeled photographs. To correct the editor's error they appear here with their correct captions.



N C S IN OHIO



W A C S



HARRIET QUIMBY FLY IN

NORTHWOODS CHAPTER

PAT HANELINE, CHAIR

Our chapter has eighteen members, four of whom are Student Pilots. Our Treasurer is Lesley Williams, and Secretary Dee Dreger.

Milestones:

Earlier this year our elected chair, Abby Schierholz, had to resign from chapter leadership after her career as a First Officer at NetJets took off. According to her it's an "incredible" experience. She will continue as a 99s member and "is passionate about women in aviation, especially getting more young girls interested and involved."

Heidi Stoeppler got her CE-500 Type Rating and flies out of Iron Mountain.

Claire Collins reports she is currently working toward her CFI. Since March, she earned her ASES (Airplane Single-Engine Sea) rating with WaterWings Seaplanes, along with her tailwheel endorsement. Then, this spring, she dove into instrument training and earned an Instrument Rating in early June. Looking ahead, she has both Commercial and CFI checkrides scheduled for fall 2026. She is thankful for the encouraging and supportive communities she has been a part of, and says she wouldn't be where she is today without the people who have invested their time, knowledge, and encouragement in her. She received a gift from a 99 towards her instrument training and completed it in half the expected time.

Paige DeKiep is working on new ratings after returning from a flight school in Florida.

Other flying activities:

Dee Dreger flew to the San Diego meeting and back as planned in her article in the July Waypoint; Pat Haneline now has 120 hours in her new Cirrus SR20; and Lesley Williams' plane is back in service after an engine overhaul.

Events:

On May 16 th we sponsored a Girls in Aviation Day in Tomahawk, WI. Activities included putting the girls in the Redbird full motion simulator so they can experience flying, under the guidance of 49 ½ Bill Dreger. Other stations were: pre-flight and flying instruments, looking at other aircraft; sectionals and basic flying information; paper airplanes.

In June we met at the Upper Hand Brewery, a short walk from the Escanaba airport, and had an informal talk with Kylie Kalishek from Gladstone, MI after our business meeting. Kylie just published a book, All of Them but Fear, a story about her great aunts from the Northwoods who were famous aviators and performers in the early days of flying. She geared the book towards young adults and described the process of writing and illustrating it to us.

Finding opportunities to meet is a continuing challenge due to the large geographic area covered by our chapter and small populations spread out in all directions.

Our first Fly Now event on May 30th went very well. We had perfect weather and gave 19 rides! St. Paul Flight Center was very accommodating, providing a discount on fuel, ramp and hangar space, refreshments, and staff to help with parking. Four pilots gave the rides, supported by 4 safety escorts and numerous other 99s volunteers. We had stations for the passengers to learn about flying, and a Cub was brought over by a CFI from SGS to help learn about preflighting! We want to thank St. Paul Flight Center, and of course all the Chapter volunteers!

In June we had our quarterly meeting at ANE, complete with ice cream and toppings. Besides the business meeting, our own Brenda Hanson gave us a preview of the presentation she gave at Oshkosh on Metacognition to get students through the last phase of training.

Several of us attended the musical "Come From Away" at the Guthrie Theater on July 10. It was a fantastic play about the airplanes that were diverted to Gander, Newfoundland on 9/11. We thoroughly enjoyed it and recommend it to anyone who has the chance to see it.

Several of us Oshkosh attendees met on Wednesday of Oshkosh for the WomenVenture picture and lunch. Throughout the week several gathered together to watch the airshows. As usual, Oshkosh was fantastic. Brenda Hanson gave her talk in the NAFI tent, and Heather McNevin, retired air traffic controller spoke in the FAA building on tips for talking to ATC. Both of them did a great job!

A small group met on August 10 at the MSP viewing area for a little picnic and watching the big jets come and go. Nice evening!

Congratulations to several of our members:
PingPing He earned her Private Pilot license June 22nd.



Karen Myers became a Bonanza Pilot and got her high performance and complex endorsements!



We look forward to several upcoming events this fall.



Guthrie
July 10



EAA AIRVENTURE 2026



Brenda Jean Hanson (1969-2026)

Brenda was a rising star in The Ninety-Nines – Minnesota Chapter Vice Chair, North Central Section Co-Chair for Fundraising, and so much more. She was bitten by the ‘aviation bug’ later in life. She rose from Student Pilot in 2018 to Certified Flight Instructor in 2024.

While Brenda was a cancer survivor, unfortunately we lost her way too early to cardiac arrest on September 20, 2026. She had just shared her love of aviation with pilots, young girls, and their families for Girls in Aviation Day. She also helped out with the MN Chapter’s annual Tree of Hope effort collecting and bringing gifts to children in hospitals around the State of Minnesota. Brenda was an enthusiastic participant in all things aviation – her own flying adventures, bringing others along on intro flights to share the thrill of flying, traveling to Chapter and Section meetings around the Midwest, celebrating at AirVenture every summer, giving educational seminars, and mentoring her students.

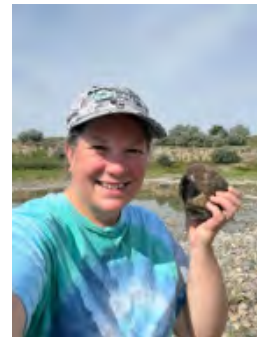
And then there was her life beyond aviation – her children and grandchildren, the love of her life Scott, her little Boston terrier Java, her profession as a technology project manager, travel adventures, rock hunting, gardening, and crafting. She found time for all of it, but most importantly, she was a ‘people person’ – a listener, a helper, encouraging everyone she touched.

We will miss her immensely.

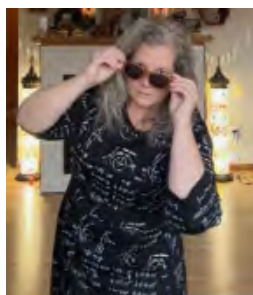
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Laura and Brenda at Let's Fly Now



MN 99s and Brenda at Girls in Aviation Day 2026



Brenda with her MN 99s at AirVenture 2026

2027 North Central Section Ninety-Nines Calendar Available for Purchase!

From student pilots to seasoned captains, the 2027 North Central Section Ninety-Nines Calendar brings together the extraordinary women who share the skies across our heartland chapters. Featuring monthly photos of our members and their aircraft, this calendar celebrates aviation's power, mutual support, and lifelong friendship. Hang it on your wall, track your own flying adventures, and let inspiring pilots fuel your passion for flight all year long! Your purchase supports the North Central Section 99s fundraising. Questions? Contact Brenda Hanson or Brenda Frye.

- Purchase online at Lulu.com for \$25 + shipping

o <https://www.lulu.com/shop/brenda-hanson/99s-north-central-sections-2027-calendar/paperback/product-2mnzprw.html?page=1&pageSize=4>

- Fill out this form to get a PDF download to print at home for a \$10 donation

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AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE LAURIE PROBST—CHAIR

AE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES—be aware!

The North Central Section has been very active when it comes to Amelia Earhart Scholarship applications. Let's keep the momentum going! Here are some notable points to consider during this round:

Per the Trustees, the AE Scholarship application process is being updated. One big change with the AE scholarships is the removal of the updates for March 5th. The Trustees analyzed how many members were using the later date to continue in the running while they were working on another certificate or rating and found that it did not affect many. But the number of disqualifications that were occurring from other applicants not sending in updates was far more than the ones that were using the updates to their advantage. Once the Section AE chair signs off on the applicants to the International Trustees, no further updates will be required or accepted after February 5th.

Please make sure applicants read the Instructions *before, during, and after* completing their application. First time—for an overview of what's expected (including documents and due dates!), second time—while filling out the application, and third time—to make sure something wasn't omitted/misinterpreted. Also, AE Chairs/Chapter Chairs—make sure you are familiar with the updated instructions/requirements so that you are able to advise your applicant(s). It is also your responsibility to make sure all parts are completed, all attachments are there, etc., before sending it on to the section level. The section committee will not and may not change any application. It must come to the section committee as one PDF.

If you are interested in helping out on the section AE Scholarship Committee, we'd love to have you join us! Please feel free to reach out with any questions and/or to sign up to volunteer. It is a short commitment.



AVIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MADELEINE MONACO—CHAIR

QUESTIONS THAT NEED AN ANSWER

CUT AND PASTE THE INFO IN THE BOX BELOW.

ADD YOUR ANSWER AND EMAIL TO WAYPOINT@NCS99S.ORG OR TEXT 847-431-1847

DOES YOUR CHAPTER HAVE AN AVIATION EDUCATION CHAIR?

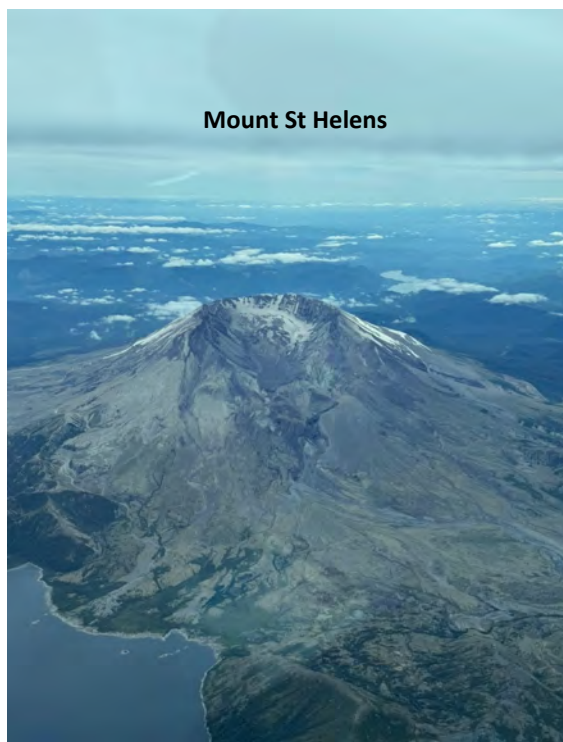
IF YES—WHO IS IT? _____

WHAT CHAPTER ARE YOU REPLYING FOR _____

WE MADE IT!!! If you remember my report from the last Waypoint, my husband and I were planning a flight from Northern Wisconsin to Oregon, over the mountains, and then we planned to fly down through California all the way to Brown Field, south of San Diego, so we could attend the International Conference of the 99s.



Mount Rainier



Mount St Helens

After the Conference we planned to fly the southern route through New Mexico, on to Kansas to refuel, and then on to Home. YES! WE DID IT!!! I flew a total of 33.5 hours in our Cessna T210. IT WAS WONDERFUL!!!

I'm so glad we challenged ourselves to make this flight as I had challenged YOU to try something new. Our flight was exhilarating, interesting, and we both learned soooo much! That's what flying offers us every time we get in our planes, even if we're just going to the airport nearest us. We might hear a new phrase or see an aircraft you've never seen before, or see something below that is of great interest – a cool design in a farmer's field, deer running, with winter coming up – a snowmobile trail. No two days are the same and no two flights are the same. Sometimes they are just exhilarating!

When we were flying across North Dakota we heard ATC talking with Marine One! You don't hear that every day, at least not here in the Midwest. When we were on our way home, we had been transferred to Albuquerque ATC. I signed in and got a response from the controller. I didn't understand what he had said to me and asked for him to repeat what he had said. His reply, "I said, 'HOWDY'!" We laughed so hard and I made sure to send a "HOWDY" back to him! Fun in the sky! As I said, exhilarating, interesting, and we learned sooo much! I could go on and on, but you will understand when you fly your own challenge.

The weather is still good. Fall flying is the best! There's time to get out and challenge yourself with new experiences. Where are you going to go? May I suggest you fly to Fishers, Indiana for the NCS Fall Section Meeting? That would be a great start!



A fun-filled weekend at one of my happiest places, Atchison, KS, hometown of Amelia Earhart. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the International Forest of Friendship, a living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. The theme on this special year was "World Friendship Through Flight". 50 people were inducted this year.

Friday featured a hike around downtown Atchison and over to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, where Amelia was born on the second floor in 1897. In the evening the attendees gathered at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum for an opening celebration and remembrance of 9/11, on the somber 25th anniversary. A color guard and magnificent sunset turned our thoughts to where we were that day.

On Saturday a record crowd watched the Parade of Flags and saluted the induction of 50 new honorees at the Fay Gillis Wells Gazebo on the Forest grounds. Afterwards, a picnic was served while the Atchison Jazz band played. Everyone roamed about visiting their home state area and the Memory Lane of pioneer pilots. A new mosaic compass rose with charter 99s members was revealed. Thousands of photos were taken. The rain showers stayed away. Old friendships were renewed and new friends were made.

Saturday evening was a lovely gala with two awesome speakers. After many more photos and hugs, we said our good-byes. Many will return someday to welcome new inductees.

From Terri Donner. KBG 99, UPS CA RET



Shelley Ventura



Cynthia Madsen



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Shannon Billie Hazel & Bri—Kansas



AMELIA



Cheryl Deb & Margaret



A beautiful and heartfelt sunset ceremony on 9/11, at Amelia Earhart Airport, in front of the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, in Atchison Kansas. with taps, a color guard, and a very moving prayer for peace and for remembrance.

The concluding event of the weekend that celebrating the Anniversary of the Forest of Friendship. Honorees for 2026 pictured here after the banquet at the Cultural Center



HISTORY/PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ELLEN O'HARA/SUSAN MUSACCHIO

Oral History Project | Preserving Our History: The Oral History Project

The North Central Section has launched a new ****Oral History Project**** to preserve the stories, memories, and experiences of our longtime members. Three recordings have been completed to date and the process is surprisingly easy using Zoom. Every chapter has members whose aviation stories are part of our history. Now is the time to record them. Choose one of your oldest or longest-serving members, schedule a Zoom conversation, and simply ask her to tell her story—how she began flying, joined The Ninety-Nines, and what aviation has meant to her. By recording these stories now, we are creating a living archive that future generations of Ninety-Nines can hear, learn from, and treasure.

One Member. One Connection.

At our last North Central Section meeting, we focused on a simple membership challenge:

invite someone who recently joined The Ninety-Nines to attend a meeting.

This time, let's take the next step.

Our new membership focus is **One Member. One Connection.**

Each chapter is encouraged to reach out personally to one newer member and learn a little more about her. Why did she join The Ninety-Nines? What is she hoping to find through membership? Is she looking for flying friends, mentorship, scholarships, professional connections, educational opportunities, or simply a stronger connection with other women who love aviation? Then ask one more important question

How can we help make that connection happen?

Maybe it means introducing her to another pilot with similar interests. Perhaps it is inviting her to a fly-out, safety seminar, chapter project, or social event. Sometimes one personal introduction is all it takes for a new member to begin feeling that she truly belongs.

At our next North Central Section meeting, we'll ask chapters to share what they learned. Membership growth is important—but membership connection is what helps people stay.

Invite her. Get to know her. Connect her. Give her a reason to stay.

The Ninety-Nines
is knocking on the door of
8,000 MEMBERS!

If just **2%** of our members would reach out to a chapter member who's on hold or standby we would make that number before the end of the year!

It only takes one conversation to get a 99 back in the air!

WAYS TO REACH OUT

- MAKE A CALL**
A friendly voice goes a long way!
- SEND AN EMAIL**
Share what's new in your chapter.
- TEXT A HELLO**
A quick note can spark a big smile.
- INVITE FOR COFFEE**
In person or virtual — catch up!
- INCLUDE THEM**
Invite them to a chapter event, Zoom, or fly-out.
- SHARE OPPORTUNITIES**
Tell them about events, scholarships, projects, or service activities.

Welcome Back!

More Members Brighter Horizons!

WOMEN PILOTS • LIFELONG LEARNING • SERVICE • FRIENDSHIP • A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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Putnam Award Winner
Mike Franceus
(4th from left) →
table at the
Awards Banquet



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Mike Franceus
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99s Nominating Committee Request Intent to Seek Election Information

Sister 99s ~

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Nominating Committee is looking forward to your help in identifying the 99s leaders of tomorrow – those who are willing to serve our organization with terms beginning in July, 2027.

This election cycle is seeking members willing to serve as International Directors and on the Nominating Committee. Our four Trusts also have open positions: AE Scholarship Fund, AE Birthplace Museum, 99s Endowment Fund and Museum of Women Pilots. The 2027 Intent to Seek Election Packet has been designed as an online reference and application, unlike methods used in past years. Information and forms are available via this link:

<https://ninety-nines.org/intent-to-seek-election-information/>

The deadline for all submissions is December 31, 2026.

Candidates are encouraged to review related Bylaws, Standing Rules and SOPs as part of their due diligence when considering applying for any 99s International position. NB: Those currently serving who are interested in serving another term, and who are eligible, must complete the required documents to be considered.

Our organization is only as strong as our members and leaders. Your willingness to serve – or help us find sister 99s who are – is crucial to be able to add to the many successes we have achieved over the past nearly 100 years.

Please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee or the Trustees if you have any questions, comments or know a candidate who may wish to serve The 99s in a leadership position.

Respectfully,

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
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FALL 29

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FALL 30

MINNESOTA

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