

*The History of the
Chicago Area Chapter
Ninety-Nines, Inc.*



*In Commemoration
of the
70th Anniversary
1934 - 2004*

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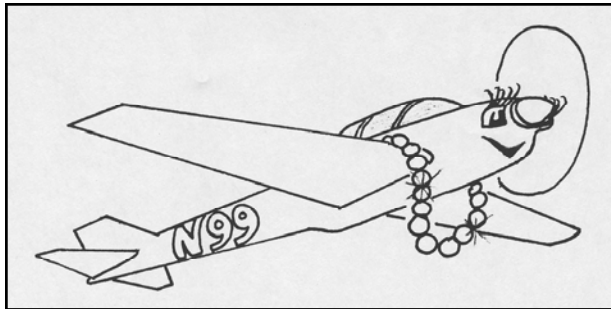
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*Welcome to the
Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines
70th Anniversary Celebration*

“Pilots, Rubies, & Pearls!”

(Rubies for a 40th + Pearls for a 30th = a 70th Anniversary!)

January 3, 2004

1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Doral Resort, Itasca, Illinois

Program

Welcome

Introductions

Hors d’oeuvres Buffet

Proclamation

99s~ Adding it All Up to “70”

49 ½ Recognition

Raffles & Prizes

Closing

Chapter Officers

Chairman..... Sheneda Woods-Hoskin
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501 (C) 3 Chairman Marjorie Sundmacher
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 Air Marking Chairman Karen Ness
 AE Memorial Scholarship Chairman Madeleine Monaco
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 Chapter Air Meet..... Rita Adams
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 Norma Freier
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 Safety Education..... Open
 Scrapbook..... Diane Cozzi
 Waypoint Reporter Diane Cozzi
 Ways and Means Chairman..... Rita Adams
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Past and Present Chairmen

1934 Ruth Kitchel Wakeman
 1938 Jane Ray
 1939 Mae Wilson
 1940 Alice DeWitt
 1947 Doris Langher
 1948-1949 Elizabeth "Betty" Morgan
 1950 Dora Dougherty Strother, Doris Langher
 1951 Doris Langher
 1952 Regina Devine
 1953-54 Marge Raglan Anderson
 1955-56 Sylvia Roth
 1957-58 Nell Brown
 1959-60 Lois Cassidy Seketa
 1961-62 Eva White
 1963-64 Irene Gabriel
 1965-66 Dr. Sue Roscoe
 1967-68 Louise Kokesh
 1969-70 Geraldine Krause
 1971-72 Juanita Fineman
 1973-74 Caroline Smith
 1975-76 Ellen Parker O'Hara
 1977-78 Joan Kerwin
 1979-80 Diane Cozzi
 1981-82 Gail Wenk
 1983-84 Mary Panczyszyn
 1985-86 Rita Adams
 1987-88 Ruth Rockcastle
 1989-90 Sharon Schorsch
 1991-92 Madeleine Monaco
 1993-94 Cynthia Madsen
 1995-96 Mary Hough
 1997 Deborah Kirschner/Rhonda Buss
 1998-99 Rhonda Buss
 2000-2001 Rita Adams
 2002 to Present- Sheneda Woods-Hoskin

A Letter from the Chairman



As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our chapter, I reflect on our past and our future. Back in 1929, when the Ninety-Nines gathered, what is it that they wanted to accomplish, and do we still have the same needs as they did? The mission then, of the International Organization of Women Pilots was to provide mutual support, networking opportunities, and ongoing aviation education.

Today the Chicago Area Chapter is the largest chapter within the Ninety-Nines organization. Our chapter's mission remains the same today as when the chapter was formed in 1934. We have benefited greatly from the support of our sisterhood and the opportunities for growth that this organization has provided. We must strive to continue to reach out to all women so that female pilots may continue to benefit from our knowledge and support.

It is a daunting task to hold a leadership role in an organization with such talented and dynamic women. I am proud to be a member of such a long-standing and prestigious organization. I have learned a great deal from the dedicated women in the Chicago Area Chapter.

Sincerely

*Sheneda Woods-Hoskin
Chairman
Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines*

The Chicago Area Chapter Today

Today, the Chicago Area Chapter is composed of over one hundred thirty members. It is a diverse chapter with pilots of virtually every skill-level. The Chapter has among its members, women pilots who have made significant contributions to aviation and history. Adding to the diverseness of the Chapter is the geographic distribution of its members. While most members live in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, other members have maintained their Chapter membership after relocating to Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, and Mississippi.

The Chapter continues to conduct monthly Chapter meetings at different airports in the Chicagoland area. Each meeting has a different venue featuring a special speaker, educational program, fundraiser, or other activity. The special venues usually precede the Chapter business meeting. In addition, the Chapter conducts planning meetings as needed, for the officers to smooth out the business at hand. They usually take place at Pilot Pete's Restaurant at Schaumburg Regional Airport, Schaumburg, IL. The "Lunch Bunch" fly-ins of the early '80s are no longer called by that name, but some members participate in monthly flying activities which usually include lunch or dinner. Several Chapter members make a habit of flying to chapter meetings, section meetings, and the International conferences, whether they are in Alaska, New York, Calgary, Alberta, or San Diego, California.

The Chapter sponsors several annual functions, including the Aviation Expo safety seminar, usually held in January, and the Chapter Air Meet, usually held in September. Members continue to represent the Chapter with the display board at many airport open houses, pancake breakfasts, and air shows. The ways and means chairman and her committee typically staff the display booth, and fund-raise by selling aviation merchandise to the public. They also use that opportunity to recruit new members.

Chicago Area Chapter members have participated in fly-bys, panel discussions, given radio and cable TV interviews, written articles for newspapers and magazines, and served as the subject of news articles. The women pilots of the Chicago Area Chapter form

a strong network of volunteers dedicated to the mission of the Ninety-Nines, to promote world fellowship through flight, provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community, and to preserve the unique history of women in aviation. This chronological history of the Chapter is a testimony to their success in accomplishing that mission.



The Chicago Area Chapter display board

The History of the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines 1934 - 2004

The Early Years

Ruth Kitchel Wakeman and a group of other women pilots founded the Illinois Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, the forerunner of the Chicago Area Chapter, January 11, 1934; Ruth served as the first chairman. Many of the original members also belonged to the Chicago Girl's Flying Club. It was noted in the minutes of one of the first Chapter meetings that the Chapter chairman, "was able to fly to the meeting without having to make even one emergency landing."

On September 19, 1937, the Illinois Chapter of the Ninety-Nines gave the 3rd Annual Air Carnival along with the Chicago Girl's Flying Club. The show included competitive stunting, spot landing, cross-country, comedy, and novelty. A November 1937 Chapter newsletter reads that, "Not a wing-tip was scratched in this all-woman show, and 15,000 spectators were on hand at the Curtis Airport to give the little girls a hand."

Ninety-Nines Deliver U.S. Mail

In May 1938, the Chapter participated in flying the U.S. Mail for Air Mail Week at Chicago Municipal Airport (now Midway). Some Chapter members saw an autogiro land and take-off in rain and hail from the roof of the Chicago Post Office. Chicago Municipal was a beehive of activity as aircraft that have never been on that field before, landed. The June 1938, Ninety-Nine Newsletter reported that although the flights were hindered by haze and scattered thundershowers, the Air Mail went through. Alice DeWitt carried the U.S. Mail, as did Dorothy Ring, who arrived in Moline, IL after having to alter course to Kewanee, IL while dodging thunderstorms. Nineteen Chapter members in all turned out for the event.

In May 1939, John Becker, an air radio cop in charge of the control tower at Chicago Municipal Airport educated Chapter members on

the newly installed blind landing beam that allowed planes to land regardless of zero-zero weather. There were plans to install this beam at all leading fields.

In 1939, the Chapter had at least nineteen members, two of which were transport pilots. In May 1939, in spite of an irregular meeting schedule, the Chapter contributed to the purchase of Christmas baskets for the needy. This practice stayed with the Chapter for many years.

In February 1940, the Chapter planned an air meet at Dixie Airport. Helen Budwash of Harvey, IL reported on the improvements at Dixie Airport where new hangars had facilities to accommodate overnight fliers, including a bunkhouse for women with a house-mother to see to their comfort. Betty Morgan, Chapter Chairman in 1948, and her husband contributed a loving cup to be a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Chapter Air Meet. Read more about the Chicago Area Chapter Annual Air Meet on page 42.

Ninety-Nines Jewelry

In 1948, Elizabeth “Betty” Morgan was chairman and the Chapter had forty-seven members. Betty’s husband, Gilbert “Doc” Morgan, designed the original Ninety-Nines costume jewelry pin, making the Morgan’s the official Ninety-Nines jewelers. Blanch Noyes, the Ninety-Nines International President, received the first one made. For many years, the sale of Ninety-Nines jewelry was the primary ways and means project for the Chapter, and in 1988, the Chapter introduced color brochures of newly designed pieces; however, after handling sales of the jewelry for many years, in about 2001, the Chicago Area Chapter finally handed this task over to the North Central Section. Sadly, Betty Morgan passed away December 21, 2000, and Doc Morgan on February 18, 2003.

In February of 1949, the Chapter began a raffle of articles at every meeting with the proceeds to go to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Achievement Award Program and winners

In June 1949, the Chapter welcomed new member Esther Noffke, a Women Air Force Service Pilot (WASP). Esther and

Irene Leverton started the forerunner of the Achievement Award Program, founded later, in 1952. The Achievement Award program recognized members for their participation in Chapter meetings and events, aviation education, and flying activities. It was a way of giving recognition to the members who have done the most for the Chapter, both in the air and on the ground. The winners received trophies, plaques, or certificates of recognition. Between 1952 and 1970 there was one category and first, second, and third place winners. In 1971, the Chapter added the category of ‘new member’. In 1973, the Chapter revised the program again to recognize first, second, and third place winners in five categories, including: highest total points, chapter activities, flying activities, ratings, and the new member award. An incomplete list of winners is as follows:

1952 Irene Leverton	1970 Marion Jayne
1953 Doris Langer	1971 Pat Friedman
1954 Florence Pickering	1972 Jeannine Tellekson
1955 Sylvia Roth	1973 Charlene Falkenberg
1956 Donna Belding	1974 Dorathea Lough
1957 Bea Siemon	1975 Barbara Silagi
1958 Eva White	1976 Barbara Silagi
1959 Eva White	1977 Barbara Silagi
1960 June Basile	1978 Barbara Silagi
1961 June Basile	1979 Madeleine Monaco
1962 Tracy Pilurs	1980 Nancy Haraldson/Dr. Joanne Baldwin
1963 Doris Mullen	1983 Joan Kerwin
1964 Doris Mullen	1987 Patricia Thomas
1965 Joan Schoger	1992 Flying Activities: 1 st Mary Lou Mueller; Chapter Activities: 1 st Ruth Rockcastle
1966 Mary Shumway	
1967 Mary Shumway	
1968 Katie Boyd	
1969 Marcella Klotter	

Ninety-Nines influence legislation

In October 1949, Bea Siemon became a member and suggested that a unanimous Chapter letter go to “Washington Headquarters,” opposing the airlines movement to have private pilots banned from airports with control towers. Well, Bea, I guess your efforts paid off!!

Repeated attempts to save Meigs Field

On June 30, 1950, the Chapter participated in the Meigs Field Dedication spraying the crowd with Jacqueline Cochran's "Pursuit" perfume. After seaplane and landplane fly-bys, Chapter members modeled the latest in women pilot's apparel and the final fly-by dropped 5,000 "flying saucers" on the crowd, some of which awarded free airplane rides donated by local airport operators.

In both 1981 and 1984, when Chicago's mayor proposed closing Meigs Field, the Chapter conducted a successful campaign to save the airport, with letters and television appearances. In the late 1990s, many Chapter members joined The Friends of Meigs Field, an organization formed to wage the battle to save the airport from an early demise at the hands of Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley, who planned to destroy the airport to build a park. Although Daley shook hands in agreement with Illinois Governor George Ryan to spare Meigs Field in exchange for the Governor's support of runway expansion at Chicago O'Hare Airport, Daley ordered the destruction of Meigs late at night on March 30, 2003, a move that shocked the public, pilots, and even the Federal Aviation Administration. Meigs was home to the DODO Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, who conducted monthly EAA Young Eagles rallies there, and many Chapter members volunteered their time on the ground and flying Young Eagles at Meigs. The Tuskegee Airmen's Young Eagles rallies were subsequently moved to the Gary/Chicago Airport in Gary, Indiana after the destruction of Meigs Field.

Member accomplishments

In 1953, Esther Noffke was the only woman in Illinois holding an Airline Transport Rating (ATR).

In 1953, member Doris Langher was the first woman to qualify as a Link-trainer instructor for a major airline. Ironically, although Doris had been a flight instructor for eleven years, and a pilot for nineteen, she did not have an automobile driver's license.

New technology

In October 1953, a distributor for Aero Commander presented to the Chapter on "the use of the Omni [VOR] and exhibited a set."

Chicago Area Chapter named

In October 1954, the Chapter voted to change the Chapter name from the Illinois Chapter to the Chicago Area Chapter.

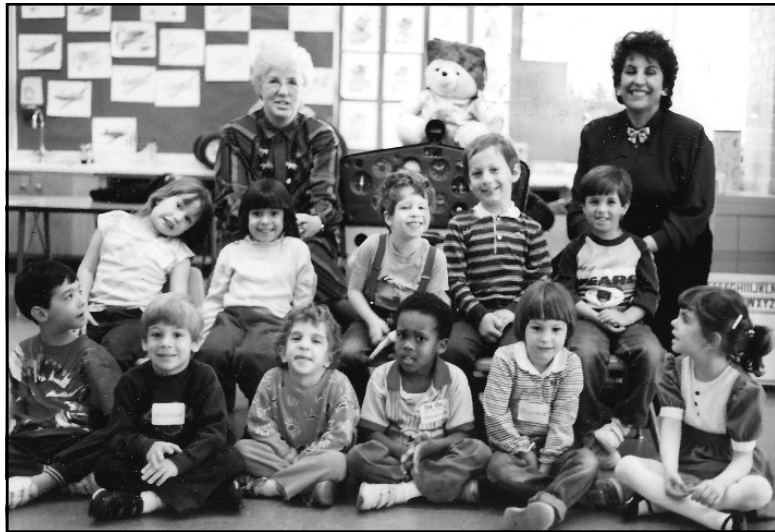
Starting in the mid-1950s the Chapter worked at air shows, mostly sponsored by the Antique Airplane Association. They sold hot dogs, collected tickets, and gave airplane rides - all in the hot sun - and once in ankle-deep mud - to help the chapter raise funds. Some members participated in the Miss Antique Airplane Beauty Pageant as a way to advertise the Ninety-Nines.

Air Education and Project Air Bear

In April 1956, Chapter member Regina Devine, reported on the National Air Age Education Convention, named for a program that involved taking aviation to the schools by passing curriculum from teacher to teacher. In 1975, the Chapter voted to support the FAA sponsored program, and did so by making presentations, introducing airplanes and airplane rides to students, and by bringing aviation to Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Part of Air Age Education developed into Project Air Bear, a national program cosponsored by the FAA, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and the Ninety-Nines. In 1986, the Chapter got involved further under the chairmanship of Ruth Rockcastle, who was instrumental in presenting Project Air Bear at several International Conventions. "Air Bear Goes to School" is designed for children in kindergarten through third grade. When Air bear visits a classroom, students travel on a make-believe airplane flight to Disneyland.

Presenting aviation education to children at an early age has proven advantages. The Air Bear program can: stimulate an early interest in math and science, introduce exciting career choices for boys and girls, eliminate the fears children often have about flying, and promote aviation safety.



Ruth Rockcastle (left), Air Bear (top center), and Beverlee Greenhill with children at Killdeer Elementary School.

Project Air Bear makes learning fun. According to the FAA, previous experience with "Air Bear Goes to School" shows that children remain excited about aviation and remember Air Bear long after the bear has left the classroom. Children receive Air Bear coloring books, balloons, and badges upon completion of the program.

Ruth and Connie Miller-Gruberman presented Air Bear Goes to the Classroom at the 21st Annual National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) in Los Angeles, CA on March 25, 1988. Through the effort of many Chapter members, Project Air Bear took aviation education to thousands of children in the Chicago area and across the nation. In addition, Chapter members gave Career Day presentations to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts. Other members helping in the local effort were Deanna Falduto, Polly Gilkison, Bev Greenhill, Marge Krupa, Connie Miller-Gruberman, Cynthia Madsen, Sharon Ann Schorsch, and Pat Thomas. Today, Nancy Haraldson, and several other Chapter members carry on the tradition in the Chicago area.

In 1960, Bee Siemon was Chairman of the Chapter Air Meet at Du Page County Airport. She added some innovative ideas to the meet, including solving simulated emergency problems, a bomb-

dropping contest, an obstacle course, and the ever-popular spot-landing contest. Read more about the air meet on page 42.

In June 1962, the Chapter chairman was Eva White, and the Chapter held a weekend event at the Holiday Inn, Aurora, IL, including a Saturday evening supper, Sunday breakfast, and tour of the new FAA-ATC Chicago Center in Aurora, IL. Eva's husband Harold E. White left a substantial sum to Lewis University, Romeoville, IL upon his death. As a result, university students study aviation in the Harold E. White Aviation Building and attend classes in the Eva White Library.



S. Selig (left) and former Chapter chairman Eva White in 1984.

Birth of the Illi-Nines Air Derby

In 1967, Chairman Sue Roscoe introduced an idea proposed by members of the State Department of Aeronautics Commission and the FAA to help coordinate a women's Illinois S.M.A.L.L. Race (the S.M.A.L.L. race is a test of a pilot's cross-country navigation and timing skills) to celebrate Illinois' 150th Anniversary. Representatives from several Illinois chapters served on the race board, and organized the first race, dubbed the Illi-Nines Air Derby, in May 1968. Read more about it on page 47.

Chapter uniforms

In 1971, the Chapter selected a uniform for its members consisting of a light blue jacket worn over white. In addition, other Chapters recognized the Chicago Area Chapter members by the Ninety-Nine aprons, poncho style, which they wore while working the air shows and while serving as delegates to the Convention.



Ruth Rockcastle and Connie Miller-Gruberman prepare for flight on race day.

Wing Ding I

In October 20-22, 1972, the Chapter hosted its first North Central Section "Wing Ding" at the Palwaukee Motor Inn, Wheeling, IL. The Chapter chairman was Caroline Smith, and the hosting airport was Palwaukee. Two hundred Ninety-Nines and 49½s registered for Wing Ding I. The special speaker for the event was Joe Klaas, author of "Amelia Earhart Lives." Klaas' presentation included a slideshow on Amelia Earhart. The Friday night outing included comedian Schecky Greene, and the weekend offered a tour of United Airlines for everyone. The 49½s kept busy on a Mystery Tour, and the master of ceremonies at the banquet was Smokey Callahan, a captain with American Airlines.

Chapter incorporated in Illinois

On May 8, 1974, the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization.

First scholarship awarded

In 1974, the Chapter awarded its first of many scholarships.

Chapter introduces chairman pin

The Chapter tradition of presenting past Chapter Chairman with a special Ninety-Nine pin with a ruby in the prop, was adopted by the Ninety-Nines everywhere after the Chicago Area Chapter proposed the use of the ruby at the 1974 International Convention in Puerto Rico. The Chapter Chairman's pin "is traditional and has a special meaning because it is worn by past chairmen and is the chapter's gift of appreciation for faithful service".

In both 1975 and 1976, the Chapter sponsored a fifteen-week instrument ground school and aviation meteorology school for local pilots; one resulted in a \$500 profit for the Chapter.

In 1976, the Chapter started a scholarship program that awarded \$500 to a deserving member to help her obtain a new rating or to further her aviation career.

Indiana Dunes Chapter formed

On May 15, 1976, Chicago Area Chapter members from the Indiana/Illinois border area received the Charter to form the Indiana Dunes Chapter with twenty-two members.

In 1977, the Chicago Area Chapter conducted a one-day refresher seminar for pilots and nervous navigators.

Aux Plaines Chapter formed

In 1978, another group of Chapter members from north of Chicago formed the Aux Plaines Chapter. The Chapter received their Charter on April 29, 1979, and the original charter members were Joy Dannelly, Suzanne Dewulf, Beverlee Greenhill, Sharon Greth, Dourelle Griesheimer, Caroline Jacobson, Ginger Moore, Anna Osborn, Tracy Pilars, and Trudy Zorc.

Chapter celebrates the Ninety-Nines 50th anniversary

On November 2, 1979, the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines hosted a Ninety-Nines' Golden Jubilee, and a 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL, the site of the first International Ninety-Nines Convention of August 30, 1930. This event commemorated the first meeting of the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, on November 2, 1929. In honor of the occasion, the Chapter presented to the Chicago Public Library, a copy of the new beautifully bound "Ninety-Nines History Book" – a fitting tribute to the effort expended toward the growth of aviation and the role of women in it. The presentation committee was composed of the following: Diane Cozzi, chapter chairman; Pauline Gilkison, chairman of commemorative committee; Beverly Bleitz, FAA safety counselor; Rose Bonomo, owner of the flying club, Wing It, Inc.; Gail LaPook, flight instructor; Bonnie Mertz, flight examiner; Ruth Whan, flight nurse.

Chapter member founded air races

In 1980, Chicago Area Chapter member Marion P. Jayne of Barrington, IL, created the co-ed Grand Prix Air Race Ltd. In 1983, it covered over two thousand miles, and offered a purse totaling \$20,000 in cash, trophies, and prizes. Marion Jayne, now deceased, was one example of the remarkable women that make up the Chicago Area Chapter. At age forty-three, she was only the twelfth woman to achieve an Airline Transport Pilot certificate. She eventually moved out of the Chicago Area, but went on to co-found the Air Race Classic, launch the Marion Jayne U.S. Air Race, and start "Tailwinds," an aviation-oriented mail order gift catalog. In 2000, Marion Jayne was inducted in the Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame. Marion Jayne's daughter Patricia



Marion P. Jayne photograph from [Http://www.us-airrace.org/mj.htm](http://www.us-airrace.org/mj.htm)



Members of the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines, Inc. in 1978.

Jayne Keefer, learned to fly in 1972, and was a member of the Chicago Area Chapter. Today, Patricia is president of U.S. Air Race, Inc.

During the decade 1981 to 1991, the Chapter membership reached 180 members, and the Chapter had various fundraisers, including a pancake breakfast, Las Vegas Night with auction, Harvest Dinner Dance, a few White Elephant sales, an ice cream social, and in 1981, the Chapter awarded two scholarships of \$500 each.

The chapter membership in 1981, taken from the North Central Section 50th Anniversary booklet (1931-1981), reads as follows:

Acker, Karen	Fineman, Juanita	Jensen, Meri
Adams, Rita	Fisher, Margaret	Kaiser, Friedel
Ackerlund, Frances	Fleming, Pamela	Chisholm Karas, Deborah
Alexander, Genevieve	Francis, Carol	Keefer, Patricia
Anderson, Marjorie	Frantz, Ruth	Keime, Shirley
Anderson, Patricia	Freier, Norma	Kerwin, Joan
Baldwin, Dr. Joan	Friedman, Patricia	Kinney, Markie
Balto, Darlene	Foldthorpe, Gail	Klock, Sandra
Barth, Ida	Gilkison, Pauline	Kokesh, Jouisie
Basick, Karen	Greenhill, Beverlee	Konger, Julia
Basile, June	Greenhill, Stacey	Krause, Geraldine
Bassler, Mary Jane	Greisz, Madeleine	Krautkramer, Mary
Behm, Michelle	Grieco, Johannah	Kudrna, Alice
Blietz, Beverly	Guerine, Loretta	Langland, Laura
Bogoff, Louise	Haley, Carolyn	LaPook, Gail
Bonomo, Rose	Haller, Ann	Larkin, Kathryn
Brown, Deanne	Handschiegel, Marlene	Leum, Lois
Bruson, Cheryl	Haraldson, Nancy	Lough, Dorathea
Burson, Gean	Harmon, Scotty	Lower, Debra
Case, Lois	Harper, Sylvia	Maggio, Rosanne
Clark, Patricia	Henson, Arta	Marquardt, Marilyn
Coffeen, Virginia	Hickman, Carole	Maxim, Constance
Collins, Carolyn	Hromek, Diane	Maximoff, Margaret
Collins, Patricia	Huritz, Frances	Merz, Bonnie
Coughlin, Genevieve	Ingle, Lillian	Morgan, Elizabeth
Cozzi, Diane	Irwin, Joan	Murphy, Lisa
Davis, Frances	Janus, Priscilla	Murray, Susan
Davis, Mary Lou	Jayne, Marion	Newkirk, Joan
Devine, Regina		

Noffke, Esther	Scott, Ethel	Van-Zandt, Cheryl
O'Hara, Ellen	Servos, Marion	Wennell, Claudia
Panczyszyn, Mary	Shelson, Joan	Wahrer, Elsie
Peterson, Hazel	Siegler, Carol	Warren, Yvonne
Pruitt, Susann	Siemon, Beatrice	Weimer, Annette
Raske, Bobbie	Silagi, Barbara	Weimer, Dolores
Rezabek, Gail	Soehren, Audrey	Wenk, Gail
Ringuette, Myra	Stickling, C Joan	Wenk, Wendy
Roach, Dorothy	Story, Mary Louise	Whan, Ruth Ann
Roberts, Constance	Stempel, Salley	Whipple, Florence
Rubin, Melanie	Suit, Judith Ann	White, Dorothy
Rulik, Betty	Summers, Nancy	White, Eva
Sailer, Helen	Sundmacher, Marjorie	Winters, Marlene
Scholfield, Carol	Teiber, Antoinette	Wyant, Ruby
Schroeder, Merry	Thomas, Tina Jo	Zurcher, Susan
Schuman, Sue Ann	Uznys, Linda	

Chapteral

On October 30 & 31, 1982, the Chapter held a "Chapteral" at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL. Coined as, "a minimum cost, minimum effort, maximum party," the Chapteral was a spoof on a section meeting and was practice for the Chapter before hosting the North Central Section Wing Ding II in spring 1983. Diane Cozzi and Gail Rezabek co-chaired the hilarious event that drew sixty-five attendees. The official registration form touted the following activities: Business Meeting – monkey business & funny business only – held at the pool or at the bar; Flight Proficiency Training – video arcade game room; Educational Programs- get your seaplane rating and practice carrier landings...in the pool; Flying (sort of) Treasure Hunt – throughout the hotel; No Frills Banquet – appropriate attire will be your favorite T-shirt & tennis shoes outfit...or a costume.

Nervous Navigator course

On March 19, 1983, the Chapter and the FAA West Chicago General Aviation District Office (GADO) co-sponsored the annual Aviation Safety-Education Seminar at the DAVEA Center, Addison, IL. The Chapter taught the Nervous Navigator course. It included: Introduction to the Airplane, Aircraft Instruments, Radio

Communications, Radio Navigation, Basic Computer Problems, Chart Reading, and Plotting Course.



(Left to right): Gail Wenk, Joan Kerwin, and Jerri Nance at Wing Ding II.

Wing Ding II

April 29, 30 & May 1, 1983 the Chapter, under the direction of the Convention Chairman Gail Wenk, hosted Wing Ding II at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL. Du Page County Airport was the chosen airport for out-of-town arrivals. Wing Ding II included a softball game between the "Low Wings," and "High Wings," a paddle boat cruise and dinner, a tour of the Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) in Aurora, IL, a brunch with 250 gold balloons flying, and an Indian dance presentation by the KWO-NE-SHE Dancers from Elgin, IL. Numerous newspaper articles were published about the event and featured members Charlene Falkenberg, Arta Henson, Diane Cozzi, and Gail Wenk.

Chapter celebrates 50th anniversary

On January 15, 1984, the Chapter celebrated their 50th Anniversary in the Cotillion Room of the Westin Hotel, 900 N.

Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL, located on the "Magnificent Mile." The cost per person was \$17.00, and the invitation was open to all Ninety-Nines, 66's, 49 1/2 s, guests, friends, and well-wishers. Meigs Field was the airport serving the event. Eighty people attended the event, including International President Marilyn Copeland and Vice-President Charlene Falkenberg. Marilyn Copeland presented several plaques, one to the Chapter and several recognizing individual members' achievements. Six past chairman attended: Marge Anderson, Diane Cozzi, Juanita Fineman, Joan Kerwin, Ellen O'Hara, and Gail Wenk. The Chapter presented a slide show compiled by the Anniversary Committee and narrated by Diane Cozzi, titled, "Chicago Area Ninety-Nines – The First 50 Years." Of the 160 Chapter members, 12 lived in the City of Chicago; the remainder lived in 73 different suburbs, and 13 lived out-of-state. The majority of the members had between 100 and 500 logged flight hours. Thirty-nine percent were instrument



Seven past Chapter chairwomen posed for this photo at the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1984. (Left to right): Diane Cozzi, Ellen O'Hara, Marjorie Anderson, Gail Wenk, Joan Kerwin, Juanita Fineman, and Mary Panczyszn.

rated, 18% had a commercial certificate, 10% had a CFI and II, 6% had an airline transport certificate, 17% had a multi-engine rating, 10% had a seaplane rating, 8% were ground instructors, and 6% were glider/glider-towing pilots.

In February 1984, the Chapter voted to award a Civil Air Patrol Flight Scholarship of \$200.00 to a Civil Air Patrol cadet to attend the Illinois Wing Flight Encampment. The winner was Cadet Suzanne Schei, a 17-year-old junior at Willowbrook High School. Suzanne was a member of the Du Page Squadron, and had received a nomination to the Air Force Academy. Diane Cozzi and Gail Rezabek presented the scholarship to Schei at the Illinois Wing Statewide Conference.

Poker Run

One of the most successful Chapter endeavors was the annual Poker Run, started in 1986. The object of the Poker Run is another fun way to build proficiency by getting people out flying. Entrants pay a fee per 'hand' to participate, and then fly to five different airports and pick up a card from each (all sealed in envelopes). Participants take the sealed envelopes to the event chairman/committee, who opens them. The best hand(s) win prizes or money. The 1991 Poker Run was so successful that Marjorie Sundmacher gave out \$300 in prize money. In 1992, the Chapter sponsored the "1992 Tri-state Poker Run," hosted again by Marjorie Sundmacher. The winners were: 1st Jim Loerzel; 2nd Sharon Ann Schorsch; 3rd Madeleine Monaco; 4th Karen Ballard.

Air Marking

Between 1986 and 1988, the Chapter air marked a compass rose at Rockford Airport, Illinois, and runway markings at Lake-In-The-Hills Airport. On June 20, 1987, the Chapter marked two runways (18/36 and 13/31), and the airport's Unicom frequency of 123.0 in the middle of 13/31 at Howell Airport in Crestwood, IL. Mr. Howell was so pleased with the results that he asked the Ninety-Nines to consider marking his second airport in New Lenox, which they did, on October 24, 1987. They painted seven numbers, and a displaced threshold. The volunteers installed reflective beads onto the paint before it dried, provided by Mr. Howell.



Chapter members paint runway numbers at Howell Airport, Crestwood, IL on June 20, 1987.

Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame awards Chapter Spirit of Flight Award

On October 17, 1987, at the Oakbrook Marriott, the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame honored all Illinois Ninety-Nines with the Spirit of Flight Award. It was the first time the award went to an organization. Chapter member Rita Adams accepted the award on behalf of all Illinois Ninety-Nines.

On April 26, 1987, thirteen Chapter Ninety-Nines, 66s, and family members participated in the March of Dimes Team Walk and raised several thousand dollars to help fight birth defects.

FAA honors Chapter with Administrator Award for Excellence in Aviation Education

In May 1987, the Federal Aviation Administration selected the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines as the regional winner of the Administrator Award for Excellence in Aviation Education. The award reads:

This award is in recognition of your efforts to help our young people learn through the excitement of aviation about science and the economic and career values it represents. In so doing, you have performed a noble act for your country by preparing its youth for the challenge of tomorrow. For supporting excellence in aviation education, the FAA thanks and salutes you.



Lee Carlson from the FAA presents the Administrator Award For Excellence in Aviation Education to the Chicago Area Chapter. Connie Miller-Gruberman (left) and Ruth Rockcastle accept on behalf of the Chapter.

On May 16, 1987, the Chapter conducted one day of BFR-Pilot Proficiency Classes for Chapter members only. It included a day of ground school and flying at Waukegan Aero. The subjects covered included regulations, Terminal Control Area (TCA), weight and balance, instruments and chart reading, and an hour of flying in each of three categories: air work, take-offs, and landings.

Ninety-Nines honor Amelia Earhart's memory in flying event

On July 2, 1987, the Chapter participated in a flying event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the loss of Amelia Earhart after her departure from Lea, New Guinea. To honor her memory, International Headquarters arranged with the FAA for the exclusive use of the frequency 123.1 for two hours. The goal was for the women pilots to make radio contact all across the USA. Past President Hazel Jones asked American Airlines, TWA, Piedmont, Flying Tigers, and United Airlines to help during that period to symbolically make the call around the world. At 11:00 a.m. EST (10:00 a.m. CST) Ninety-Nines took to the skies, monitoring frequency 123.1. When the frequency was clear, they were to state their name, the city they live in, and say, "Let the search for Amelia continue." Participating Chapter members gathered at Lake Lawn Lodge, WI for lunch, after the event. They include: Rita Adams, Bev Greenhill, Nancy Haraldson, Ruth Rockcastle, Sharon Schorsch, and several guests.

Illiana Cardinals Chapter formed

On December 1, 1989, the Illiana Cardinals Chapter, formed from the Chicago Area Chapter. It received its Charter with seven members, including Charlene Falkenberg, Juanita Hamblin, Kathy Magon, Pat Magon, Joy Rickel, Katherine Rubin, and Shirley Spry.

In 1990, the Chicago Area Chapter collected aviation related toys for the US Marine "Toys for Tots" program.

Wing Ding III

In September 1991, the Chapter hosted Wing Ding III at the Holiday Inn, downtown Chicago, IL, and Meigs Field served as the host airport. Wing Ding started with a Friday night welcome party featuring a Chicago style barbecue on the hotel's fifth level outdoor pool deck, and an airport ID contest to match a city with an airport name. The Saturday Wing Ding brunch had golden airplane and balloon centerpieces that "soared" twenty feet high, and official group photographs were taken of each chapter. The Saturday night banquet, with a roaring twenties theme was held at



Chicago Area Chapter members in 1991. Photo courtesy Cynthia Madsen.

Tommy Gun's Garage, a dinner theater that spoofed Chicago's infamous Al Capone and his mobsters. Sunday morning was a "Homecoming Breakfast" for members who moved away or to other chapters that had not been seen in a while. They were all crowned "Homecoming Queens." Sunday, everyone took a double-decker bus city tour, including the Sears Tower, and that night they had a gourmet picnic at Ravinia. Some of the Wing Ding favors included "I flew in" Meigs Field patches, automobile sun shades with the Wing Ding logo, and Marshall Fields' Frango mints.

Fiftieth anniversary of Battle of Midway

On June 6, 1992, the City of Chicago celebrated the 50th Anniversary victory of the World War II Battle of Midway, at Chicago's Midway Airport. Verne Jobst asked the Chapter to participate in a fly-by over the airport. Sharon Schorsch and Madeleine Monaco Monaco flew in Sharon's 206-without the floats, Rosemary LoGiudice and Kathy Tyler flew in "Herbie," a Commanche 250, Cynthia Madsen and 49 ½ Ralph flew in their Cherokee 140, and Sue Nealy and Faith Hillman flew in Sue's taildragger. They participated in two fly-bys and were part of the static display where they greeted visitors. In addition, Sue Murray, Yvonne Warren, and Rose Bonomo staffed the Chapter booth and talked to the crowds.

Chicago Area Chapter members opened the 1992 Heartland Air Show at Du Page Airport with a fly-by on August 8 and 9. All pilots participating included: Kristin Glick-Nuckolls, Cindy Kuzanek, Rosemary LaGiudice, Cynthia Madsen and Ralph Madsen, Madeleine Monaco, Cindy Nixon, Bev O'Hair, and Marjorie Sundmacher.

Chapter member named Flight Instructor of the Year

In the spring of 1993, the Chicago Flight Instructor Association named Chapter member Madeleine Monaco Flight Instructor of the Year.

Former Chapter member, Kristin Glick-Nuckolls honored with scholarship fund

The Chapter administered the Kristin Glick-Nuckolls Scholarship Fund in summer 1994, in the amount of \$1,400; the funds helped the recipient pursue her goals in the field of aviation. The scholarship went to Elizabeth Sharp, a student at the American Airlines Maintenance Academy. The Kristin Glick-Nuckolls Scholarship honored a former Chapter member who passed away suddenly May 1, 1993. The scholarship ended in the late 1990's.

Donna Beering earns Mrs. Illinois 2002 title

Chicago Area Chapter member Donna Beering was named Mrs. Illinois 2002. Donna is a certified as a captain on United Airline's 737 aircraft. She uses her experience flying and her pageantry in combination to mentor youth. Donna presented at both the February and April 2003 Chapter meetings, where she talked about women in traditionally male roles, and how she balances her career and family. Donna is truly a role model for all women pilots.



Mrs. Illinois 2002-Donna Beering- Photo from www.mrsillinois.com-Feb. 2003

Joan Kerwin inducted into Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

On April 24, 2002, The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame honored Chicago Area Chapter member Joan Kerwin with her induction. A pilot since 1969, and a lifetime resident of Illinois, Joan is a founding member of the Du Page Pilots Association, and a co-creator of the Flying Companion seminar with the Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Aeronautics. She is a member of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame for over 25 years, and an Aviation Badge counselor for the Du Page Council of the Boy Scouts of America. She worked with students in Chicago area schools, and created a "Women in Aviation" exhibit for the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Golden Jubilee. In addition, Joan flew in two Powder



Joan Kerwin and son Walter Kerwin with Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame plaque, April 24, 2002.

Puff Derbies, ten Illi-Nines Air Derbies, and has been a long time member of the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines where she served as vice chairman. Joan's previous awards include Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year- GADO #3 - 1985, Jane's Who's Who in Aerospace and Aviation - 1983, and North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines Public Relations Award - 1974.

Wing Ding IV

In April 2002, the Chapter hosted another North Central Section meeting, Wing Ding IV, at the Double Tree Inn, Glenview, IL. Gail Wenk and Mary Hough co-chaired the event that drew about 110 attendees. It featured a Flying Safari Party conducted by Diane Cozzi with special speaker Denise Morchand-Erwin, a tour of Oliver's Helicopters for the 49 ½ s (thirteen attended), and the comic theater performance of Tony and Tina's Wedding in Chicago. Cindy Wenk created the wedding cake centerpieces displayed at the brunch. Each layer (box) of the cake contained a plastic aviation mug for each attendee. At the Section meeting, the Chapter won Honorable Mention for their scrapbook and for public relations. It took the hard work of many Chapter members to make Wing Ding IV a success.

Chicago Area Chapter at Oshkosh

Nineteen eighty-two was the first year that Chicago Area Chapter hosted the “Ninety-Nine Friendship Tent” at the EAA convention and airshow at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, an annual summer event, now called EAA AirVenture. Chicago Area Chapter members Norma Freier and Mary Panczyszn were the Friendship Tent Co-chairmen. The tent featured a poster display designed by Joan Kerwin, a sign-in book for visiting Ninety-Nines, prospective Ninety-Nines, and student pilots. In addition, the Ninety-Nine News magazine was distributed along with membership applications and information on the Ninety-Nines organization. The Ninety-Nines named the Friendship Tent after the airplane in which Amelia Earhart flew when she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. The tent was in the Women’s Activities area at Oshkosh, and the Ninety-Nines did not become true exhibitors with their very own tent until about 1994.



(L to R) International Director Mardell Haskins, Linda Neumann (Wisconsin Chapter), and EAA AirVenture Coordinator Rita Adams at the International 99s Tent, Oshkosh, 2000.



Aviation Expo 2001 hosted members of the Tuskegee Airmen DODO Chapter. Back row (L to R): Sharon Ann Schorsch; Mr. Milton Williams Jr.; Mr. Beverley Dunjill; Beverlee Greenhill; Capt. Charles C. Nichols; Michael Streit, Chairman Aviation Depart., Lewis University; Sheneda Woods-Hoskin. Front row (L to R): Gary Stevens and Dale Rust, both from IDOT-Division of Aeronautics.

The Wisconsin Chapter of the Ninety-Nines provided a great deal of help at the tent over the years. Today, Chicago Area Chapter member Rita Adams is the Ninety-Nines EAA AirVenture Coordinator in charge of managing volunteers, and conducting all of the affairs of the tent. The tent is now known as the “International Ninety-Nines Tent,” and Ninety-Nines from all over the world volunteer their time there.

Aviation Expo

The Chicago Area Chapter has worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a very successful annual safety seminar with attendance often reaching over five hundred. It includes the widely acclaimed Flying Companion course for non-pilots, and both VFR and IFR seminars. Chapter members Beverlee Greenhill and Sharon Schorsch have hosted this event for many years, while more than a dozen other Chapter members help with registration, fundraising, and recruiting. In addition, sev-

eral Chapter members have served as instructors at the seminar, including Carol Para, Barbara Muehlhausen, Rhonda Buss, and Sheneda Woods-Hoskin. The Chapter conducted the seminar at various locations in the Chicagoland area over the years, including the Ramada Inn, Northbrook, and more recently at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Chapter member flies in National Air Tour

Kimberly Sailor was one of only two women pilots flying on the National Air Tour from September 8—24, 2003. The Tour celebrated the 100th anniversary of powered flight by recreating the early air tours sponsored by Henry Ford in the 1920's and 1930's. This year's tour organizer Gregory Herrick, president of the Aviation Foundation of America invited Kimberly to participate as a rotating pilot, after she recommended Lansing Municipal Airport as the tour's first overnight stop on its 4,000-mile journey around the mid-west, considering the airport was built by Henry Ford, and lays claim to an historic Ford hangar. Needless to say, Herrick took her up on her offer to land at Lansing, and the rest is history. Several Chapter members were among the hundreds of people at Lansing that greeted the Tour on September 8, including: Rita Adams, Ellen O'Hara, Cynthia Madsen, and Julie Murray. Also present was Charlene Falkenberg of the Illiana Cardinals Chapter.



Kimberly Sailor and the Bushmaster 2000 Tri-motor that she piloted— Lansing Municipal Airport, Lansing, IL, Sept. 8, 2003.

North Central Section Governor's Service Award winners

At least seven Chapter members have been the recipients of the North Central Section Governor's Service Award including Ruth Rockcastle; Mary Panczyszyn-1986; Polly Gilkison-1987; Gail Wenk-1988; Loretta Sincora-1997; Ellen Herring-1998; and Rita Adams-1999.

Forest of Friendship

The International Forest of Friendship was established in 1976, the 200th Anniversary of our country, and was a gift to America from the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots. The Forest overlooks Lake Warnock in Atchison, Kansas. It is comprised of trees from the fifty-states, territories, and the thirty-three countries around the world where there are Ninety-Nines. The Forest of Friendship honors those who have or who still are contributing to all facets of the advancement of aviation. Winding through the Forest is a concrete pathway called Memory Lane. The names of the honorees appear on granite plaques embedded in Memory Lane. Memory Lane honorees are nominated by sponsors who contribute \$350 to the International Forest of Friendship to help defray the cost and the installation of the 12" x 16" x 4 ½" granite plaque. Following is a list (that may not be complete) of the Chicago Area Chapter members and their 49½s inducted into the Forest of Friendship:

1983 Dr. Joanne Baldwin	1997 June Basile Bartelt
1984 Michele Burgen	2001 Arta Mae Henson
1985 Ethel Dierrson Scott	
1986 Pauline Gilkison	49½s
1986 Marlene Beurgi Winters	1987 Sidney Fineman
1987 Marjorie Raglin Anderson	1987 John S. Gilkison, Jr.
1987 Juanita Rae Fineman	1988 Erwin P. "Erv" Stempel
1987 Esther E. Noffke	1993 Harold Edgar White, Jr.
1989 Beatrice Currier Siemon	1995 Walter X. Kerwin
1990 Eva Anderson White	1995 Russell P. "Russ" Sincora
1993 Gail Wisch Wenk	1997 Herb C. Sundmacher
1994 Ilene Helfand	2001 Richard Lee Henson, Sr.
1994 Kristin Glick-Nuckolls	
1995 Loretta B. Sincora	

Chapter members who have served as Governor of the North Central Section include:

- 1939-1940 - Mabel Wilson
- 1960-1962 - Lois Seketa
- 1982-1984 - Diane Cozzi
- 1984-1986 - Joan Kerwin
- 1986-1988 - Juanita Fineman
- 1989 forward—unknown

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winners

Twelve Chapter members won the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award, including:

- 1987 Madeleine Monaco—multi-engine instructor rating
- 1989 Patricia Thomas
- 1989 Ann Marie Schorsch
- 1990 Gail LaPook
- 1992 Tina Thomas—multi-engine rating
- 1993 Marie Miller
- 1994 Gail Allinson
- 1998 Michelle Turner—737 type rating
- 1998 Maggie Dodson—CFII
- 1999 & 2002 Cynthia Madsen—commercial certificate, CFII
- 2000 Julie Murray—B. S. degree in Aviation Administration
- 2002 Karen Ness—commercial certificate

*Chicago Area Chapter
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Winners*



1987
Madeleine Monaco



1989
Patricia Thomas



1989
Ann Marie Schorsch

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Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Winners*



1990
Gail LaPook



1992
Tina Thomas



1993
Marie Miller



1994
Gail Allinson



1998
Michelle Turner



1998
Maggie Dodson



1999 & 2002
Cynthia Madsen



2000
Julie Murray



2002
Karen Ness

The newsletter—Air News

Air News is the current name of the Chapter newsletter, published January through November each year. Air News keeps members and others in the aviation community informed on Chapter activities, and is available to members who pay chapter dues, or to anyone wishing to subscribe. Many members feel that the newsletter is the life-blood of the Chapter, because it contains a message from the chairman, a welcome to new members, the minutes from the planning and Chapter business meetings, a calendar of events, and New Horizons, a column that acknowledges the passing of Chapter members. Air News also provides a way for members to report on their aviation, flying, and academic accomplishments.



A new effort is underway to provide the newsletter to members via the Internet as a way for the Chapter to save on printing and postage costs, and to provide the newsletter to members in a timelier manner.

Serving as newsletter editor can be both exciting and rewarding. Some of the past newsletter editors include: Mary Panczyszyn, Susan Murray, Stephanie Cruz, Ellen Herring, Beth Rehm, Madeleine Monaco, and Julie Murray. Cynthia Madsen is the current newsletter editor.

Chicago Area Chapter web site

One of the newest developments for the Chapter is the web site. Former member Beth Rehm created and maintained the first web site for several years. After Beth left the Ninety-Nines, Julie Murray created a new web site and launched it in February 2002. The web site has become an important communication tool and information source for the Chapter as it moves through the 21st century. It features short biographies of all current Chapter officers and lists their email addresses. It also features histories on the Chapter and the air meet. The web site also provides links to



The home page of the Chicago Area Chapter web site.

additional aviation resources that provide: weather information, FAA Notams, and FAA pilot requirements. It links to local flight schools, universities, the International Ninety-Nines web site, the North Central Section web site, and membership and scholarship applications. Don't miss the photo journal that showcases members participating in recent Chapter activities, and the Calendar of Events for details on upcoming meetings and events. Another benefit of the web site is the Chapter's ability to post registration forms and flyers on-line, so if you need a registration form for an upcoming chapter event, just visit the Chapter web site at:

[Http://www.chicagoareachapter99s.org](http://www.chicagoareachapter99s.org)

Chicago Area Chapter Members

(October 13, 2003 International Roster)

Academic Members

Monaghan, Heather M.

Espeland, Laurette B.
Franklin, Krystal Latoya
Wilson, Barbara Sue
Ziebell, Darlene M.

Life Members

Akerlund, Frances J.
Alexander, Genevieve
Mahre

Anderson, Marjorie R.
Bascomb, Elsie Wahrer
Coffeen, Virginia M.
Fineman, Juanita Rae
Kokesh, Louise Rogene
Noffke, Esther E.
O'Hara, Ellen L.
Sailer, Helen R.
Silagi, Barbara W.

Sincora, Loretta B.
 Story, Mary Louise
 Teiber, Antoinette Marie
 White, Dorothy E.

Ninety-Nines

Adams, Rita V.
 Adler, Susan
 Alborell, Susan J.
 Allinson, Gail Lynne
 Arquilla, Erika
 Ballard, Karen Jean
 Beering, Donna Janine
 Blietz, Beverly Bolles
 Bonomo, Rose
 Brackett, Andrea Inman
 Brooke, Kristy Lynn
 Browning, Denise Dean
 Cameron, Amy Beth
 Case, Lois H.
 Close, Deanna Elias
 Colon, Linda Gail
 Cozzi, Diane Marie
 Dacy, Michele S.
 Deeter, Wendy Wenk
 Dejorna, Camille Marie
 Desio, Phyllis Anne
 Dettmer, Barbara Jean
 Diversey, Lori Louise
 Dodson, Margaret Alice
 Duckworth, Ladda Tammy
 Estelle, Yvette M.
 Frantz, Ruth Ellen
 Freier, Norma J.
 Fridell, Abbie Joanne
 Greenhill, Beverlee K.
 Haller, Ann C.
 Haraldson, Nancy L.
 Hardy, Marie C.
 Harrison, Emily A.
 Heine, Erin Joy
 Henson, Arta Mae
 Herring, Ellen
 Hess, Kathleen Lynne
 Hetherington, Kathryn Jane
 Hickman, Carole J.
 Hough, Mary
 Hromek-Sawyer, Diane

Huritz, Frances
 Ingle, Lillian Jean
 Janus, Priscilla Wallace
 Johnson, Sharon Elizabeth
 Johnston, Patricia J.
 Karas, Deborah
 Chisholm
 Kerwin, Joan
 Ketchum, Nancy June
 Kirschner, Deborah Ann
 Klein, Donna G.
 Kollross, Catherine Benoit
 Konger, Julia A.
 Lechner, Mary Ellen
 Logiudice, Rosemary Jo Anne
 Lukowitz, Ruth
 Madsen, Cynthia S.
 Mansfield, Karen L.
 Martens, M.D., Ruth Carol
 Meyer, Judith Wilk
 Meznarsic, Debra L.
 Monaco, Madeleine Joyce
 Muehlhausen, Barbara J.
 Mueller, Mary Lou
 Murray, Julie Ann
 Nealey, Susan
 Ness, Karen G.
 Nolan, Jamie Skoff
 O'Brien, Amy Louise
 Owens, Patricia Marie
 Panczyszyn, Mary
 Panek, Mary Lynn
 Pankalla, Bonnie C.
 Para, Carol
 Patel, Himani N.
 Penstone, Ann E.
 Pintor, Mary Ann
 Rapchak, Barbara Ann
 Reinschmidt, Jessica Ann
 Rios, Cynthia Elizabeth
 Rodriguez, Maritza
 Rohlwing, Jodi L.
 Rose, Myrt Anne
 Santori, Gina

Scheuerman, Carrie L.
 Schorsch, Sharon Ann
 Servos, Marion Louise
 Shelson, Joan Therese
 Simek, Jamie Robin
 Smith, Anne H.
 Spaniol, Pamela Cecilia
 Sundmacher, Marjorie Anne
 Syran-Fox, Sidsel "Syd"
 Thibodaux, Valerie S.
 Thomas, Kristina Jo "Tina"
 Uznys, Linda Joyce
 Van Reeth, Joan D.
 Victor, Susan J.
 Warren, Yvonne Morris
 Weber, Joyce A.
 Welpton, Mary Anne
 Wenk, Cindy Craig
 Wenk, Gail W.
 Williams, Gail W.
 Williams, Scotty Harmon
 Winters, Marlene Kay
 Woods-Hoskin, Sheneda Renee
 Zurcher, Susan Rapp

The Chicago Area Chapter Air Meet



The Chicago Area Chapter Air Meet has been an annual tradition since 1949. Usually held in September, it is a proficiency competition where competitors estimate their time to complete a triangular course approximately 150 nautical miles in length. The hostess of the competition keeps the route secret until the pre-race briefing. Pilots must also estimate the amount of fuel they think their aircraft will consume during the flight; therefore, the better a pilot knows the performance capabilities of their aircraft, the more likely they are to win. At the end of the flight, pilots have the option of competing in a spot-landing competition, where the pilot who lands the closest to a target on the runway wins in that category.

Pilots compete for first, second, and third place trophies, and the categories of spot landing contest and rookie pilot. The chapter member that places first in the competition receives the *Joan and Walter Kerwin Perpetual Trophy*. Long time chapter member Joan Kerwin donated this trophy that honors her late husband and pilot Walter Kerwin. The chapter rookie pilot who places first, receives the *Mary B. Shumway Perpetual Trophy*; the rookie pilot category recognizes the highest scoring pilot-in-command that flies in the air meet for the first time. This trophy is named for the winner of the 1966 Chicago Area Chapter Air Meet.

The winner's names are engraved on the perpetual trophies, and those trophies remain with the winners until the air meet the following year, when they are handed over to the new winner in that category. The recipients of the perpetual trophies also receive a trophy that they can keep. The chapter recently retired a perpetual trophy, full of winner's names, to the Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In September 2001, the Chapter Air Meet was cancelled due to the ban on flights by the Federal Aviation Administration after the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the downing of an airliner in Pennsylvania. It was a solemn day for Chapter members as they gathered the day of the intended air meet at Howell-New Lenox Airport, and instead of flying, discussed the new FAA regulations covering how civilian aircraft should respond to an interception by military fighter aircraft. It seemed, at that time, that our freedom to fly might forever be threatened.

The events of September 11, 2001 took their toll on the aviation industry and economy overall, and the resulting decline in air meet entries is in-part responsible for a change in the entry requirements for the air meet. For fifty-two years, entrance to the air meet was restricted to members of the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines; that is until 2002, when the competition was opened to accept Ninety-Nines from other chapters, and non-Ninety-Nines, including male pilots. The rules and insurance limitations, however, require that one Ninety-Nine occupy each aircraft, either as pilot-in-command or as co-pilot.

Pilots interested in entering the air meet must request a race packet from the event chairman or Chapter chairman prior to each meet, pay entry fees, and complete the registration and insurance forms to participate.

We would like to recognize the following Chapter members who placed first in the air meet more than once:

Elsie Wahrer (Bascomb)-1979, 1981
Ruth Ellen Frantz-1975, 1977, 1988, 1991, 1993
Norma Jean Freier-1963, 1980, 1983, 1985
Nancy Haraldson-1987, 2003
Ellen Herring-1989, 1992, 2002
Gail LaPook-1974, 1986
Cynthia Madsen-1995, 1998, 2000
Marjorie Sundmacher-1982, 1996, 1999

**Winners of The Chicago Area Chapter Air Meet
1949 to Present:**

1949 Mary Jane Dwyer
1950 Anne Noggle

1951 Esther Noffke
1952 Helen L. O'Hara and Esther Noffke
1953 Evelyn A. Martin
1954 Irene Leverton
1955 Sylvia Roth
1956 Donna Giles
1957 Kathleen McHugh
1958 No Information Available
1959 Joan Campbell
1960 September – Du Page County Airport - Corrine Hallgren
1961 Alice A. DeWitt and Corrine Hallgren
1962 Louise Kokesh
1963 Norma Freier
1964 Antoinette "Toni" Teiber
1965 Gerry Krause
1966 Mary Shumway
1967 Nona Gustafson
1968 Caroline Smith
1969 Gerry Krause
1970 Arlene Odegaard Edgcumbe
1971 Charlene Falkenberg
1972 Gail Ellen Lewin
1973 Mary Stroh (Story)
1974 Gail LaPook
1975 Ruth Ellen Frantz
1976 Deborah C. Karas
1977 Ruth Ellen Frantz
1978 Julia Konger
1979 Elsie Wahrer (Bascomb)
1980 Norma Jean Freier
1981 Elsie Wahrer (Bascomb)
1982 Aurora Airport, Sugar Grove, IL
1st Marjorie Sundmacher/Herb Sundmacher
2nd Bobbie Raske/Ed Gunderson
3rd Susan Zurcher/Julia Konger
4th Norma Freier/Horst Massier
5th Ruth Frantz/Bob Frantz
6th Ellen O'Hara/Yvonne Warren/Arta Henson
Rookie Pilot: Gail Rezabek
Spot Landing: Marion Servos
1983 34th Annual September 10, Lake in the Hills

1st Norma Freier/Cassy Freier
2nd Ruth Frantz/Bob Frantz
3rd Yvonne Warren/Horace Noble
4th Robin Davis/Iris Davis
Rookie Pilot: Robin Davis
Spot Landing: Mary Panczyszyn

1984 Ellen L. O'Hara
1985 Norma Freier
1986 Gail LaPook
1987 September 12 Landings Airport
1st Nancy L. Haraldson
1988 Ruth Ellen Frantz
1989 Ellen Herring
1990 Mary Krautkramer (Hough)
1991
1st Ruth Ellen Frantz/Marlene Winters
2nd Kristin Glick-Nuckolls/Lance Nuckolls
3rd Ellen Herring/Chuck Herring
4th Sharon Schorsch/Frank Schorsch
Spot Landing: Madeleine Monaco

1992 September 20 – Landings Condominium Airport, Huntley, IL
– Radio Ranch Airport, Polo, IL – Earlville Airport, Earlville, IL -
Landings
1st Ellen Herring/Chuck Herring
2nd Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen
3rd Kristin Glick-Nuckolls/Lance Nuckolls
Spot Landing: Mary Lou Mueller
Rookie Pilot: Cynthia Nixon

1993 September 26 Belvidere Airport, IL – Juneau, WI – Monroe,
WI - Belvidere
1st Ruth Ellen Frantz
2nd Marjorie Sundmacher/Herb Sundmacher
3rd Nancy Haraldson/Gail LaPook
Rookie Pilot: Susan Sommers
Spot Landing: Lance Nuckolls
Flour Bombing: Rosemary LoGuidice

1994 September 18- Landings Condominium Airport, Huntley, IL
1st Rosemary LoGiudice
1995 Cynthia Madsen
1996 Marjorie Sundmacher
1997 Mary Lou Mueller
1998 September 20 - Lake in the Hills Airport

1st place: Cynthia Madsen
1999 September 19 - New Lenox –Howell Airport (1C2)
1st Marjorie Sundmacher/Madeleine Monaco
2nd Deb Kirschner/John Kirschner
3rd Cynthia Rios/Julie Murray
Rookie Pilot: No entrant in this category

2000 September 17 - Poplar Grove Airport (C77)
1st Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen
2nd Nancy Haraldson/Mary Panczyszyn
3rd Norma Freier/John Reinert
Rookie Pilot: Julie Murray/ with co-pilot Cynthia Rios

2001 No Race Held Due To 09-11-01 Attacks On U.S.A.
2002 September 15 Palwaukee Airport (PWK). Course: Palwau-
kee-Rochelle-Lake Lawn-Palwaukee
1st Ellen Herring/Chuck Herring
2nd Peter Kerwin/Joan Kerwin
3rd Norma Freier/John Reinert
Rookie Pilot: Janet Lee/ Robert McCormick
Spot landing: unknown

2003 September 28 Poplar Grove Airport (C77). Course:
1st Nancy Haraldson/Mary Panczyszyn
2nd Maggie Dodson/Jenny Byrne
3rd Donna Klein/Wayne Klein
Rookie Pilot: None

The History of the Illi-Nines Air Derby

In 1967, Chairman Sue Roscoe introduced an idea proposed by members of the State Department of Aeronautics Commission and the FAA to help coordinate a women's Illinois S.M.A.L.L. Race (the S.M.A.L.L. race is a test of a pilot's cross-country navigation and timing skills) to celebrate Illinois' 150th Anniversary. Representatives from several Illinois chapters served on the race board and organized the first race, dubbed the Illi-Nines Air Derby, in May 1968. The derby took its name from the state of Illinois and the Ninety-Nines names combined. Several local chapters of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. sponsored the event each year: the Chicago Area, Central Illinois, Aux Plaines, and Quad-City chapters.

The competition included proficiency, speed, rookie pilot, and spot landing categories. The Illi-Nines Air Derby board awarded winners trophies and cash prizes for first, second, third place, and sometimes fourth. It also presented a trophy to the best rookie



Some members of the Illi-Nines Air Derby Race Board—1987-1988. (Left to right): Libby Kaiser, Nancy Haraldson, Rita Adams, Mary Panczynszyn, Ruth Frantz, and Beverlee Greenhill.

pilot, and the first place winner of the spot landing competition. All entry fees were given out as cash prizes, and outside sponsors often helped pay for the costs associated with conducting the event.

Over the years, several well-known celebrities flew in the Illi-Nines, including Phil Boyer, current president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Mort Crimm, anchorman for Chicago Channel 5 -NBC News in Chicago, and Joel Daly, anchorman for Chicago Channel 7-ABC News. In addition, well known air racer and former W.A.S.P. Margaret Ringenberg was a regular in the race.

The Illi-Nines Air Derby tradition fostered back-to-basics flying for fun, competition, and promoted safety and proficiency in cross-country flying. It started out as an all-women's derby, but later accepted both men and women. At its peak, the derby boasted sixty-four entrants at one derby, and over the years, attracted flyers from fourteen different state, including California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin. In 2001, the derby board made a decision to cease the annual race, due to the low number of entries in that year and preceding years; however, the Illi-Nines Air Derby had already made a name for itself as one of the longest running air derbies in the country.

Dates, locations, and winners of derbies, when known:

1968 Coles County – Mattoon

1969 No race

1970 Rockford

1971 May 21-23, Quad City Airport-Moline, IL

Proficiency Category:

1st Pauline Mallery/Pete Mallery

2nd Loretta Jones/Toni Ciarlelli

3rd Jane Wright/Robert Wright

4th Garnett Jones/Charles Qualkinbush

Rookie Pilot: Robert Scherer

Speed Category:

1st Jan Gammell/Marilyn Pollock

2nd Arlene Edgcumbe/George Edgcumbe

3rd Jean Wood/Gary Wood

4th Earl Palmer

5th Virginia McKinniw

Rookie Pilot: Earl Palmer

Spot Landing: Lois Hawley

1972 May 20, Quad City Airport-Moline, IL

Proficiency Category:

1st Jean Lennertson/Rich Lennertson

2nd Loretta Jones/Toni Ciarlelli

3rd Norma Freier/Mary Stroh

4th Barbara Jennings/Patricia Nolan

Rookie Pilot: Art Zak

Speed Category:

1st Virginia McKinnis /J. Foster

2nd Samuel Bellafore/Mary Ann Bellafore

3rd Stanley Allen/Carol Allen

4th Barbara Silagi/Jeanne Icenogle

Rookie Pilot: Dennis Hill/Co-pilot: Norma Jean Hill

Good Sportsman Award: Jean Ingle

1973 May 25-27, Du Page County Airport, West Chicago, IL

Proficiency Category:

1st Marge Ashton/Charles Ashton

2nd John Shumway, Sr./Helen Shumway

3rd Gail Goldthorpe/Thomas Goldthorpe

4th Douglas Price/Ray Chamberlain

5th Annette Fedor/Rosemarie Mintz

Rookie Pilot: Douglas Price

Speed Category:

1st Marlyn Donagan/Field Morey

2nd Sophie Payton/Pat Fairbanks

3rd Marlyn Jones/Clarissa Holcomb

4th Marion Jayne/George Jayne

5th Maisie Stears/Esther Bennett

Rookie Pilot: Marlyn Donagan

1974 No race—Energy crisis

1975 May 23-25, Willard-University of IL-Champaign, IL

Awards given to sixth place for sixth race

Proficiency Category:

1st Richard Rush/Scotty Harmon

2nd Edie Allen/Bruce Allen

3rd Joyce Odom/Mickey Odom

4th Bob Frantz/Ruth Frantz

5th Gail Vail/Geraldine Rodengen

6th Von Alter/Barney Young

Rookie Pilot: Richard Rush

Speed Category:

1st Margaret Ringenberg/Larry Thrush

2nd Dolores Adamson/Douglas Combs

3rd Judy Suit/Ellen O'Hara

4th Mike Donagan/Field Morey

5th Jan Gannel/Joyce Baker

6th Don Hughes/Marge Hughes

Rookie Pilot: Mike Donagan

1976 May 28-30, Quad City Airport, Moline, IL- No derby due to weather

1977 Quad City Airport, Moline, IL

1978 May 26-28, Du Page Airport- Sixty-four entrants

Proficiency Category:

1st Barbara Brusseau/Mary Walters

2nd Mary Stroh/Mort Crim

3rd George Estep/Lisa Taranucha

4th Donald Henderson/Seymour Brandman

5th Helen Davison/Ellison Davison

Speed Category:

1st Marion Jayne/Kenneth Keefer

2nd Bruce Normington/Lillie Danek

3rd Gail LaPook/Diane Cozzi

4th Dorothy Eatough/Marilyn Shannon

5th Field Morey/Caroline Morey

1979 Mattoon, IL

1980 Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, IL

1982 May 28-30 Mt. Vernon-Outland Airport, Mt. Vernon, IL

1983 Mount Vernon-Outland Airport, Rockford, IL

1984 May 25-27 Quad City Airport, Moline, IL

Proficiency Category:

1st Susan Murray/Gail LaPook

2nd Margaret Ringenberg/Linda Gouloff

3rd Robert Riley/Jane Pratt

4th Marjorie Sundmacher/Herb Sundmacher

Speed Category:

1st Dottie Anderson/Jean Sloan

2nd Gerald Junker/Stacy Porch

3rd Jerry Conners/Pat Keefer

4th June Beers/Ted Berz

1985 May 25, Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 2nd Sharron Mitchell/Doreen Lange
- 3rd Vi Blowers Stamm/Pat Fairbanks
- 4th Beverlee Greenhill/Chuck Greenhill
- 5th George Meade/Deb Schroeder

Speed Category:

- 1st Jerry Conners/Pat Keefer
- 2nd Dottie Anderson/Harold Carey
- 3rd Gerald Junker/Stacy Porch
- 4th Field Morey/Karen Morey
- 5th Margaret Golledge/Tom Harper

1986 May 31, Willard-University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Barabar Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 2nd Gail LaPook/Susan Murray
- 3rd Ruth Frantz/Bob Frantz
- 4th David Broadfoot/Debbie Schroeder
- 5th Joseph Jackson/Lucy Browne

Speed Category:

- 1st Charles Perry/Jan Perry
- 2nd Field Morey/Karen Morey
- 3rd Gerald Junker/John Foote
- 4th Jerry Conners/Giny Sayles
- 5th Virgil Sloan/Jean Sloan

1987 May 29, 30, & 31 Du Page—Savanna—Dwight—Du Page

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Bob and Ruth Frantz
- 2nd Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 3rd Nancy Haraldson/Susan Murray
- 4th Charles and Jan Perry

Rookie Pilot: Laverle Grinden

Speed Category:

- 1st Field and Karen Morey
- 2nd Jerry Junker/Don Hughes
- 3rd Dottie Anderson/Harold Carey
- 4th Gary Jelinek/Emma Jelinek

Rookie Pilot: Thomas Parsons

1988 June 4, Vermillion County Airport-Danville, IL

1989 June 4, Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, IL

1990 June 2 Bloomington-Normal Airport

1991 Whiteside County-Rock Falls,IL

1992 May 29-31 Bloomington-Normal Airport, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen

1993 June 4-6 Sterling/Rock Falls - Whiteside County Airport

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Margaret Ringenberg/Margaret's grandson
- 2nd Ruth Frantz/Bob Frantz
- 3rd Ellen Herring/Chuck Herring
- 4th George Mead/Tom Hampshire

Rookie Pilot: Rosemary LoGuidice

Speed Category:

- 1st Bill and Jim McKnight
- 2nd Gerald Yunker
- 3rd Frank and Anita Baker
- 4th Rosemary Hawk/Linda Schumm

1994 June 10-12- Coles County Airport, Mattoon, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen
- 2nd Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 3rd Norma Freier/Arthur Freier
- 4th Herbert Sundmacher/Marjorie Sundmacher
- 5th Ellen O'Hara/Mary Panczyszyn

Speed Category:

- 1st Chad Pobanz/Kathryn Bauer
- 2nd Jerry Junker/Cindi Lionberger
- 3rd Bill McKnight/Jeff McKnight
- 4th James Keller/Rich Frutig
- 5th Linda Schumm/Rosemary Emhoff

1995 June 2-4, Aurora Municipal-Aurora, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Nancy Haraldson/Rose Bonomo
- 2nd Ellen Herring/Chuck Herring
- 3rd Jim Nickel/Nate Nickel
- 4th Ruth Frantz/Robert Frantz
- 5th Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen

Speed Category:

- 1st John Musgrave/Linda Harner
- 2nd Bill McKnight/Jeff McKnight
- 3rd Gerald Junker/Cindi Lionberger
- 4th Bob Jesse/Ken Rickey
- 5th Franklin Baker/Anita Baker

1996 May 31-June 1 Galesburg Mun. Airport, Galesburg, IL

1997 May 30-June 1, Vermillion County Airport-Danville, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Margaret Ringenberg/Jon Wright
- 2nd Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 3rd Vi Blowers/Brown Dillard
- 4th Ruth Frantz/Robert Frantz
- 5th Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen

Speed Category:

- 1st Jerry Junker/Kent Flanigan
- 2nd Bill McKnight/Jeff McKnight
- 3rd Phillip Hecksel/no co-pilot listed
- 4th Linda Schumm/Bob Gagnon
- 5th No pilot listed/Pam Steenland

1998 June 6-Waukegan Regional Airport (29th).

1999 May 21-23 Whiteside County-Bittorf Airport, Sterling-Rock Falls, IL

Proficiency category:

- 1st Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 2nd Marjorie Sundmacher/ Mary Panczyszyn
- 3rd Hutchings/Harper
- 4th Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen

Speed category:

- 1st Horton/Dougherty
- 2nd Margaret Ringenberg/Wright
- 3rd Hecksel/White
- 4th McKnights

Spot landings:

- 1st Sundeen
- 2nd Margaret Ringenberg
- 3rd Barry Schiff
- 1st Place Rally Winner: Candice St. Lawrence/Deanna Close

2000 May 6 Whiteside County-Bittorf Airport, Sterling-Rock Falls, IL

Proficiency category:

- 1st Gary Heide/Jim Marks
- 2nd Marjorie Sundmacher/Madeleine Monaco
- 3rd Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters

Speed category:

- 1st Margaret Ringenberg/Jaala Wright
- 2nd Mark Gingerich/Linda Schumm
- 3rd Barry Logan/Karen Logan

Spot landing:

- 1st Bill McKnight
- 2nd Jerry Junker
- 3rd Gary Heide

2001 (32nd) May 5 Whiteside County-Bittorf Airport, Sterling-Rock Falls, IL

Proficiency Category:

- 1st Barbara Brusseau/Mary Waters
- 2nd Cynthia Madsen/Ralph Madsen
- 3rd Margaret Ringenberg/Jairus Wright

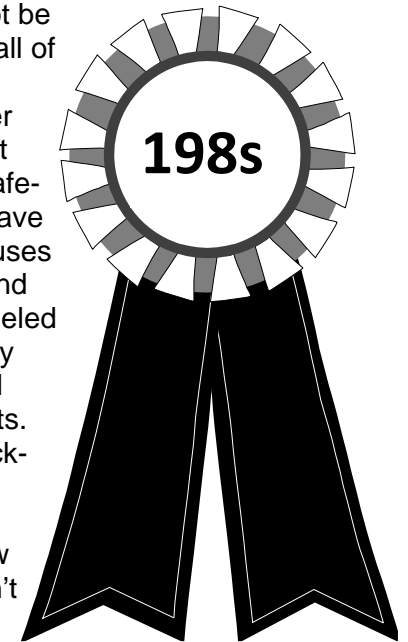
Spot Landing:

- 1st Dr. Peter Kerwin
- 2nd Marjorie Sundmacher
- 3rd Deanna Close

Rookie Pilot: Dr. Peter Kerwin

Let's Hear It For the Guys!

A celebration like this would not be complete without a tribute to all of those 49½ers who have been so supportive of the Ninety-Nines over the years. They have been present and helped out at our meetings, safety seminars, and air races. They have stood by us and supported our causes like NIFA, aerospace education, and Forest of Friendship. They have fueled and maintained our airplanes. They cheered us on at competitions and were proud of our accomplishments. Sometimes they worked in the background and sometimes they were wonderfully evident. Sometimes they were understanding and knew to just stay out of our way. We can't name names here lest we accidentally miss someone. But we want you to know how greatly we appreciate you.



Once upon a time in jest some of these affable wise guys “revolted” and declared themselves “198s”; therefore, on this occasion of our 70th anniversary, we would like to declare all Chicago Area 49½ers as officially “198s for a Day”!

“Men of Quality are not threatened by women of Equality!”

Thanks, Guys, for all you've done!

The Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines

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