

AIR NEWS

Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines®, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots.

AUGUST 2017



August 20, 2017 10:00 am SOCIAL GATHERING

AUGUST IS FOR FLYING FOR BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES AND EGGS
AUGUST IS FOR TELLING MUSEUM GUESTS ABOUT THE 99S
AUGUST IS FOR VISITING TINA THOMAS TO CONGRATULATE HER (AND
HER HUSBAND) ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE IL AVIATION HALL OF FAME
AUGUST IS FOR CONGRATULATING CYNTHIA MADSEN ON INDUCTION
INTO THE ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME.
AUGUST IS FOR SEEING CHAIRMAN JILL'S NEW RIDE!!!

This is an official, formal invitation to celebrate summer at Poplar Grove Airport (C77)
with your 99 sisters and family and friends and fellow aviators.

Meet at 10am at the airport. Fly in, drive in, bike in, walk in.....just make it.

Airport Info

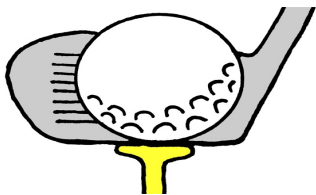
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Longitude: 088-50-10.7000W
Elevation: 858
Fuel: 100LL MOGAS
CTAF: 122.8
Unicom: 122.8

Driving info

11619 State Rte 76
Poplar Grove, IL
I-90 west toward Rockford
exit 25 north go 4.2 miles to SR 76
turn right on 76 go 3.3 miles

If you have an empty seat—share please. Invite someone to ride along. If you need a ride ask!

Need something else to do ????? How about these choices?



Lake Lawn Resort invites you to its very 1st Fly-in Golf Outing!

Hop in your plane, and fly out for a fun day of golf for a great cause!
Proceeds will benefit the University of Wisconsin's Med Flight program.
August 27 8:00 am breakfast then shotgun start at 10:00 am
Www.llrflyin.eventbrite.com or 262-725-9200

INTERNATIONAL SISTERS IN AVIATION CELEBRATING.....

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Be sure that you read the Chairmans letter "Flying and Friends" on page 2 to hear about plans for our future.

WHO'S WHO

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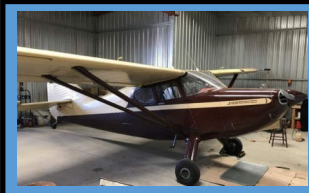
Madeleine Monaco

Deadline for submission the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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FLYING and FRIENDS

JILL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN

This month has had its share of ups and downs for the 99s and its members. On the upside, the Air Race Classic was a huge success with 50 teams, challenging conditions, and great articles and photos from the participants and spectators. Special congrats to 12 teams from the NCS that finished as high as 3rd place. <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2017/june/21/air-race-classic-all-female-contest-begins>; check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Chicago99s/>.

Also, great this last month was the International Meeting in San Antonio from July 11-16th. Although I couldn't attend, please see the article elsewhere in the Air News for specifics on the event.

On the down side, there was the recent crash (Sunday 7/16) of the P51 Mustang Baby Duck that killed the pilot Vlado Lench, and the 99s passenger Bethany Root. Beth was a 99 and airport manager of the Amelia Earhart Airport in Wichita Kansas, and has had her PPL for 3 years. Vlado was an engineering graduate of Purdue and MIT, had over 9000 PIC hours and had been flying since he was 17. He often flew airshows in Baby Duck. In September 2016, we held our Chicago Area chapter meeting at the Warbird Heritage Museum, where Baby Duck was hangered.

We are still waiting for the FAA report on the cause of the crash, but we need to remember that flying is a responsibility and has inherent risk. Even the most experienced pilots can encounter issues, and we always need to be thinking ahead of how we will respond when an issue occurs. Always remember and practice those mnemonics learned during pilot training, two which I have listed below:

IMSAFE (Illness; Medication; Stress; Alcohol; Fatigue; Eating)

SAFETY (Seats, Seat Belts; Air Vents; Fire Extinguisher; Exits, Emergency, Equipment; Talking, Traffic; Your questions)

Now on to chapter news!

We had our first meeting of the new officers on July 9th at the Schaumburg airport and discussed the 2017-18 budget in detail so we understand what the numbers mean. We also reviewed the June treasurer's report and Minutes published in the June AirNews, and accepted those as provided, in place of reviewing at a July meeting. We will continue having monthly business meetings via teleconference, and they will be open to all members. Our next business meeting will be Sunday August 6th from 5-7pm. Please email me at jill@windline.net if you would like me to add you to the list of attendees. You will get an invitation with the conference call-in number and conference code before the meeting. Our goal is to have the business topics discussed in this setting, so that our monthly get-together can focus on flying, education and social related activities.

The main topics of discussion on July 9th were related to getting the current members involved, and attracting new members. You will see a survey coming out in mid-August that we would like everyone to return. We believe that understanding the reasons why our pilots joined the 99s and have continued paying they international and chapter dues is the key to our future success. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THE SURVEY. We want to continue being one of the largest chapters in the country, and we have centuries of experience across our membership, but we need to provide services back to members. We just need to know what services you desire. The next all chapter social gathering is a fly-in to Poplar Grove on August 20th. We again have been asked if we will have a table in the museum – please contact Mary Lou Erikson if you can help and at what time. The Poplar Grove event includes a Pancake Breakfast, Museum Open House, and lots of planes and friends. Please plan on attending, and bringing either non-flying 99s or friends/family that love aviation. Details will be coming out in early August.

On a personal note, I am continuing my PPL instruction. I have been flying in our 1947 Cessna 120 (Belle), but Dan and I are in the process of buying a 1949 Stinson 108-3 Flying Station Wagon! See picture above. This is a four-seater, so we will be able to take more people to meetings, fly-ins and those occasional "\$100 hamburgers". Please let me know if you know anyone interested in buying our C120, or going for a ride in the Stinson! We are also looking for ideas for her name!

Hope you are having a great summer and that aviation-related activities are part of the fun!

Jill

BRAINSTORMING SESSION NOTES

July 9, 2017

A special meeting to develop a cohesive plan for the new term was scheduled for July 9 at 5:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport. Invited by the new Chair, Jill Feldman, were Vice Chair, Natalie Berman, Secretary, Mary Lou Erikson and recycled Treasurer, Madeleine Monaco. In addition, the Membership Chair, Karen Ballard and our new Facebook Page Manager, Susan Kelsey, were included.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed Treasurers report was reviewed Monaco reviewed the budget that was approved at the June meeting in detail and noted an increased amount budgeted for hostess costs

Feldman received an email regarding International Conference delegate slips. She will call HQ to follow up.

Safety Seminar: Monaco has Holiday Inn contract and Feldman will begin staffing the needed positions.

Ballard won't be at August event. Erikson to make arrangements with museum for 99s to talk like last year

Contract for Holiday Party not to be executed. After discussion those present agreed that 2 social/meal

events should be scheduled A Winter Party and a Summer party for the Chapter

Monaco to look into PayPal for dues

Monaco will help with re writing committee descriptions from Chairmans manual

Ideas for committees appropriate for our Chapter to staff were suggested

Kelsey to put together an online survey for one month from now August 9

Charitable event proposed in November - may be Feed My Starving Children Monaco to inquire

Feldman to invite all Chapter members to join her at Air Venture Saturday night air show

Next business meeting by teleconference phone call on Aug 6 5:00—7:00pm All interested members may call in to participate. Officers and Committee Chairs are encouraged to participate.

Calendar of Events

August 20.....Pancake Breakfast, Poplar Grove Airport meet for breakfast at 10 am

August 23.....IMC Club and Safety Program featuring Jason Schappert of MzeroA PWK

August 27.....Lake Lawn Resort Fly In Golf Outing

September 8 to 10.....Ladies Love Taildraggers weekend event at Poplar Grove

September 9.....Waukegan Air Show

Sept 15..... Registration deadline for German Section 20th Anniversary. Dec. 1-3 Wiesbaden

Sept 22-24North Central Section Meeting, Wilderness Resort WI Dells www.NCS99s.org

Sept 23Girls in Aviation Day activity tbd

October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, Noon

NovemberFeed My Starving Children, Schaumburg, IL tbd

Winter 2017-2018.....Chapter Winter Party tbd

January 27, 2018.....CHICAGO AVIATION EXPO and SAFETY SEMINAR Holiday Inn Itasca, IL

May 12, 2018.....SCOUT AVIATION DAY, Chicago Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation

July 4-8, 2018.....99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 16-21, 2019.....99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio—North Central Section is host

July 2020.....99s International Conference, Long Beach, California on the Queen Mary!!!

2020 Fall.....North Central Meeting hosted by Chicago Area Chapter

2017 LadiesLoveTaildraggers Fly-in! C77, Poplar Grove Airport, Illinois Friday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 10 Early arrivals Thursday, Sept. 7

[Hangar Sphere Magazine](#) "Steve and Tina (Chicago 99) Thomas are the owners of this gem of an airport. Historically known as Belvidere Airport, today it is officially known as Poplar Grove Airport. Poplar Grove (the C77 identifier remains) is home to more than just an airport. It is home to a historic aviation campus complete with 1930s hangar and museum, one of the best GA maintenance facilities – Poplar Grove Airmotive, and Bel Air Estates residential airpark." Everyone is welcome to attend this event but pre-registration is required. Check back for updates or register to attend and receive automatic emails!



LINK <http://www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com/blog/2017-ladieslovetaildraggers-fly-in-c77-details-and-registration/>

ITINERARY

September 7th, Thursday, Early Arrivals -Dinner at Kelly Jeffries hangar

September 8th, Friday

-Coffee and donuts available at EAA Hangar 8AM

-Poplar Grove Airmotive Shop Tour at 2PM

-Morning flyout to [Brodhead Grassroots Fly-in](#) (MAAC) and [Kelch Aviation Museum](#). Attendees must be members of MAAC; deadline for joining [MAAC](#) each year is July 31. Lunch available.

-12 Noon, Flyout lunch to KRPJ, Flight Deck Restaurant, Rochelle, IL or lunch at C77

-6:30 Lady Pilots Picture

-6:45 Dinner at EAA Hangar hosted by [EAA Chapter 1414](#), Shish Kabobs, etc. w/ beer, wine \$10 pp. Guest speaker, AME & lady pilot Dr. Ruth Martens

After Dinner, Tour the Jenny replica project in the EAA hangar

September 9th, Saturday -Breakfast by John and Pupae Ricciotti in the EAA Hangar, \$6

-10:00 Pilot Briefing for Poker Run, mandatory for participants

-10:30 Poker Run departures begin. \$25 donation, all \$\$ to benefit [OSCAR MIKE Nation](#)

-Lunch, Dogs & Brats at picnic pavilion – \$6 donation to Wings & Wheels Museum

-Tour the [Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum](#)

-Late afternoon Plane Walk, show & tell about you and your plane. Girl Scouts attending.

-6:30 Lady Pilots Picture

-6:45 BBQ Dinner at the Hangars on Taxiway Golf, \$20 with beer & wine

-Dinner Program B-17 pilot Lorraine Morris. Special Guest Ann Pellegrino, 50/50 Raffles

-Campfire and stories!

September 10th, Sunday -Breakfast farewell. Young Eagles Day/Pancake Breakfast (\$7) Free for Young Eagle Pilots

-Departures. Air marshalling for departing airplanes.

There is no charge to attend our fly-in Sept. 7 – 10, 2017. Everyone is welcome but pre-registration is required.

Lady taildragger pilots and their guests are invited to stay with host C77 families

Camping is free on the field – shower and bathrooms available

Or reserve your room at Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, 7552 Park Place, Loves Park IL (815.654.4100). Rate

\$91.95 night, ask for LadiesLoveTaildraggers special rate. Or visit www.hiexpress.com/rockfordil using code name

LLT. 48 Hour cancellation policy. Must reserve by August 7, 2017. Limited transportation to and from the Holiday Inn

Express provided.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017 RECAP

One of the best things about being a 99 is the opportunity to be a part of the larger world of aviation.

Each year we celebrate our membership, fellowship, achievements, generosity and cohesiveness at the Annual Business Meeting—a morning meeting to do the business of the organization—surrounded by 3-5 days of social networking, touring, education, volunteerism, charitable outreach, scholarships and awards and a taste of each and every facet of the aviation world. The 99s are astronauts and student pilots, military pilots and banner tow pilots, helicopter pilots and flight school managers, Airline Captains and First Officers from Nepal, India, China, Brazil and many other countries as well as the US and Canada. Corporate pilots and test pilots, pilots who design college curriculum studies and air racers, volunteers with medical transport, dog rescue, cancer patients, Scout badges and many other interests and professions or those who just fly like Amelia—For the Fun of it! Since we all start from hour one, we all have the beginnings in common and where we go from there is up to each of us.

Women from all over the world who love to fly and love to share their enthusiasm assembled in San Antonio TX at the Westin Riverwalk and enjoyed!



Program from our Scholarship and Awards Banquet



Past India Section Gov. Nivedita Bhasin, International Secretary Lisa Cotham, Past Australian Section Gov. Cathy Hobson, and Australia 99 Marion Edwards. Three continents of women pilots bonded by their memberships in The Ninety-Nines

Shannon Miller showed us what it was like to live on the International Space Station
 Beverly Bass told us about her time in Gander on 9-11 and the days following
 Two companies planning to hire women set up in El Mercado (fly market) GoJet and Homeland Security
 Hospitality had an ever changing cast of characters—and some of us are indeed worthy of the title character, as well as food and drink.
 A Fiesta Reception with an all woman mariachi band opened the festivities. Everyone got traditional flower headdresses to wear
 Raffles were held and winners received tickets on SWA to anywhere, among other prizes.
 Pictures were taken of attendees in a frame showing the 99s travel (and wow do we travel)
 Attendees participated in the Pre Conference Board meeting, the Com session and the post conference board meeting.
 We sat in on a panel discussion by some of our own professional pilots and another on mommy pilots
 Oh—and we shopped. Shirts and jackets with aircraft. Earrings and necklaces with aircraft. Scarves and hats and note cards and
ALL with aircraft

99s International Conference
 July 3-7, 2018 | Philadelphia, PA



We have local meetings

We have regional meetings twice a year
 (next one Sept 22 –24 in the Dells)

But when we have an ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

—IT REALLY TAKES OFF!



GET IN SHAPE

If you do not have a chapter name badge in the shape of your state, now is the time to order one. Send a check in the amount of \$16 made payable to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s and mail to Rita Adams, or contact Rita by email at:



Badge above is in the shape of Illinois. Please indicate your state and whether you want a pin or magnet backing.

NOW ALSO AVAILABLE WITH MAGNETIC BACKING! Allow three weeks for delivery.

Our Chapter Members on the move!!!

Any news you want to share? Training, travel, or family updates? Just email your editor and I will print as space permits. 99mjm@sbcglobal.net

Any items for sale, or events to promote? Let me know that too.

Know a new pilot, or a long time pilot you want to receive one of our newsletters? I will send one, or you can forward the one I send you.

Do you have a favorite maintenance shop, avionics shop, paint or upholstery shop? Lets help them to be more successful—share the name and contact info.

Have a suggestion for an event to fly to?

Have a restaurant you want to try for a fly in meal?

Know of a new flight school? Airplane for rent? Ground school? Hangar space?

Tell us! Share! We are all in this together!

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HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

ELLEN O'HARA

After attending three previous meetings, I was "voted in" and became a 99 at the January 1966 chapter meeting. I had been flying since 1963 off a 1700 foot gravel runway at little York Township Airport in Lombard, IL soloing at eight hours in an Aeronca Chief. Then our club (with six guys) bought a 1954 Cessna 170B four-place taildragger which gave me the chance to come in hotter and higher over the large tree and hanger at the approach intersection of Roosevelt and Finley Roads. There's still a building and parking lot over the area today. Got my license in 1964 at 57 hours, married with 150 hours and then didn't fly for nine years. A chapter CFI 99 suggested I take some aerobatic time to get the skeletons out of the closet, and while visiting in laws in Florida I was able to complete the Sportsman Sequence in ten hours in a Pitts for \$65 an hour! What fun and what a price!

Did all chapter officerships, a lot of committee chairing and worked on the other committees; started the Plan Meetings at my house and laid out the idea of changing from just a monthly meeting notice to a newsy notice (now Air News); became chapter chair the first time in 1974 (and just completed the second time) and attended my first 99s Conference in Puerto Rico in 1976. Was happy to see two new sister chapters branch off from our chapter: Indiana Dunes and Aux Plaines and even had a short revival of the Rockford Chapter. Flew in a few of the Indiana Fair Ladies Races, IlliNines Air Derbies, and Chicago Chapter Air Races (actually won one against some great chapter pilots!) and served 15 years on the Derby board when we had three, then two and one, Illinois chapters. Worked at EAA Oshkosh for 30 years in the 99 tent and recently in the building.

Started teaching high school business subjects in 1975 at York HS and then Glenbard East HS where I had an aviation club and aviation ground school class for credit (some are still in flying!), and got my commercial and Instrument certificates. Chaired two overnight airmarkings (with tents and campfires and great food!). Took six hours in helicopter (I'd go back in a heartbeat!) and ran out of money but have always kept aviation Number One with ground activities like Aviation Expo and Girl Scout Day, cochairing the 2009 99s Conference in Chicago, and international/section/chapter meetings and events! Some of our past dinner dances and awards banquets were big affairs. Have attended more of this millennium's international conferences and am now North Central Section Vice Governor. Not a lot of pages in the logbook but some exciting parts—even did my first skydive this year--does that suggest a second? And it's all tied together with lots of good people memories, and you're in them!

Thanks for those memories,

Ellen



PILOT TALK

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Schaumburg Airport annual Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast An EAA Chapter 153 event saw supportive 99s Diane Cozzi and Mary Lou Erikson working and maybe eating? Anybody else eat any pancakes this June or July? Anyone?



Greenhill Hangar at ENW annual Hangar Party on July 23rd Good food good friends lots of airplanes. 99s photo taken of these ladies by Bill Meznarsic in front of Marie's Stearman. Left to right Deb Mez, Sharon Schorsch, Marie Spear, Madeleine Monaco, Elizabeth Motley (Wisconsin 99) and Gail LaPook. Jill Mann showed up just after we took this picture.

Good day, good host, good time!

It was 8:30 am on July 15 and the prop was spinning on our Grumman. We flew along in smooth cool air at 3500 feet with a little tailwind, and after about 1.4 hours, the Door peninsula began sliding by under our wings. Just past Sturgeon Bay, we tuned the Washington Island CTAF and it was BUSY! Within 10 miles of the island, we had 13 other planes on the traffic page all heading to the same spot that we were, but things worked out fine and we entered a left downwind for Rwy 20. The island has 2 grass runways, but one was closed for parking planes. The runway was in excellent condition. Some friends from C77 landed right behind us, and we all headed over to see the activity. Five large kettles filled with fish, potatoes and onions were boiling over the fires - several large tables were piled with desserts. We were among the first in a line that later stretched far across the field. The food was delicious, the crowd was large, there were lots of planes and the weather was perfect. I later learned that 99s Deb Meznarsic and Marie Spear were there, but I didn't see them. This is an annual event - plan on it next July.

Mary Lou Erikson



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Some great gathering and networking events coming up.



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99s needed to support 99s info table in the Museum



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