

AIR NEWS

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

JULY 2017



OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2017-2019

CHAIRMAN—JILL FELDMAN
VICE CHAIR—NATALIE BERMAN
SECRETARY—MARY LOU ERIKSON
TREASURER—MADELEINE MONACO
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
ELAINE TAO ELLEN O'HARA CYNTHIA MADSEN

WISHING THE BEST SUCCESS TO ALL IN THE COMING TERM

CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincere appreciation to Ellen O'Hara for her leadership over the past term



WHO'S WHO

CHAIR

Jill Feldman

VICE CHAIR

Natalie Berman

SECRETARY

Mary Lou Erikson

TREASURER

Madeleine Monaco

Deadline for submission
the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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KEEP 'EM FLYING



ELLEN O'HARA, OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

Dear Chicago Area Chapter Members,

As part of ending my chapter chairmanship at the June meeting and installing the new officers, I recapped a few of the items mentioned in the Chairman's Manual about what the chairman should attempt to accomplish and said that these items are not just for one person but for all members. Attending chapter and section meetings and trying to attend annual conferences when possible should be something we all want to do.



And it was proven when my question, "What do you like to do for fun in the chapter?" was answered on a pass-around sheet with a resounding and unified "we like to get together--to meet with each other and hear what others have done and where they have gone and what has happened and what's new since we last talked!" because 99s all speak the same language and it's special on all levels of membership in and out of the chapter and wherever we meet each other!

I became a 99 during the year of my wedding, and I remember saying that the third Sunday of the month is for my 99s meeting and it's pretty much been that way ever since.



As we have reduced our meetings this year in anticipation of more flying events, I do hope, as one of those who now move via highways, that those who fly will invite those groundhuggers of us to share the airways with them! We can still watch for traffic!



Our North Central Section meeting's main thrust was to begin the section chapters' involvement in the July 16-21, 2019 International 99s Conference in Dayton, and from now on you will hear more of that, so mark your future calendars now and get ready to TAKE OFF!



And now let's welcome the new set of chapter officers with Blue Skies and nice Tailwinds!



Keep em flying!

Ellen

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CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2017

Submitted by Jill Feldman, Secretary

Pre-meeting Event Video showing Tracy Curtis-Taylor's trip from Cape Town, South Africa to the UK in 2015 in her Stearman, The Spirt of Artemis. This trip is a repeat of Lady Mary Heath's a world-record setting open cockpit flight along a similar route in 1928.

Call to Order 12:35 pm by Chairman Ellen O'Hara. Present were Ellen O'Hara, Sharon Schorsch, Marie Spear, Elizabeth Motley, Jill Mann, Madeleine Monaco, Donna Klein, Joan Kerwin, Jill Feldman, Mary Lou Erikson, Diane Cozzi, Natalie Berman, Leslie Prellwitz, Karen Ballard, Preethi Thumira (new member). Also present were 49 1/2s Gregg Erikson, Wayne Klein, Roger Kelly and future member, Julie Richie. Six people flew to the event (Monaco, Eriksons, Cozzi/Kelly, and Thamina) even with the high temperature and gusty winds.

Welcome / Introductions – Welcomed new member Preethi Thamina. She received her PPL in January 2017 flying from Chicago Executive. Her favorite plane is the DA40 and 240 flight hours. Also welcomed future member Julie Richy. She has started her PPL twice – once ran out of money, second time ran out of time, but ready to try again. She is also a photographer and working on being an aero-photographer for the Civil Air Patrol.

Secretary's Report- May meeting minutes were accepted with the correction of 2019 (from 2018) International Conference as published in the Air News.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by M. Monaco. Reviewed proposed 2016-17 budget. Changes to Income from previous year's budgets include loss of several advertisers for Air News and gains due to better collection of membership dues. Expenses include 19 printed newsletters provided to members my mail, instead of email. Budget accepted as proposed and will be filed with the minutes. Additional discussion and refinement of the budget will be discussed at future board meetings.

Committee Business/Reports

Membership – Karen Ballard presented. Current 87 current members, with 0 on hold or stand by. CAC dues are \$20 and due 06/01/17. 39 members have paid their dues by the end of the June 11th meeting.

2019 International Conference Publicity Committee Dayton, Ohio Susan Kelsey has volunteered to be the Committee Chairman. Please contact her if you have interest or expertise in this committee.

Unfinished Business 2017 International 99s Amendments - Ellen O'Hara provided via email prior to meeting. Clarification of Bylaws - membership eligibility. Clarification of Bylaws - how membership anniversary date is determined. Update to Standing Rules – clarification of dues payment for life time membership All 3 amendments were reviewed and passed.

New Business

Ellen interviewed the 99s – “What's your No. 1 fun thing to do in our chapter?” Results were: Hearing flying stories, Socialize at flying events, Hanging out with fellow 99s at non-flying events, Hosting holiday parties, Volunteering at Air Race meetings.

Air Race Classic – Indianapolis stop Starts on the June 21st. Indianapolis (KQMJ) stop is on day 2/3, in Greenfield, IN More information at www.Airraceclassic.org. Call Ellen O'Hara if interested in attending. Normally don't have stops so close to Chicago.

Announcements (also see Calendar of Events in Air News)

July 13-16: San Antonio, TX 99s International Conference Attending: Ellen O'Hara, Madeleine Monaco, Joan Kerwin, Diane Cozzi, and Leslie Prellwitz. Leslie is up for re-election as International Director – wish her success!

August 20: 99s monthly get together at Poplar Grove airport - Hosted by Karen Ballard Meet at 10 am for breakfast 99s have also been asked to have members work at the Air Museum. Contact Karen with availability. CAC 99s wooden signboard with Rita. Madeleine/Jill will pick it up to get to Poplar Grove museum. May need to borrow back for 2019 International conference.

September 22: NCS meeting in the WI Dells Use this to print 99s posters at your next meeting or activity!
<https://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/Resources/Poster.pdf>

Every 99 gets Straight and Level monthly via your email; if you haven't been getting it, please check junk mail. Otherwise, the email on the 99s membership list may be incorrect.

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FLYING AND FRIENDS

NEW CHAIR, JILL FELDMAN



As my first letter as the new Chapter Chair of the Chicago Area 99s, I have to say I am equally excited and daunted. Although I have been an active member for the last 3+ years, I look at my time in the 99s as a mere drop in the bucket compared to many of our members. Being an engineer, let me give you some numbers:

As of June 14th, 2017, we have 87 members listed on the 99s membership page

<u>Joined</u>	<u>Members</u>
Since 2007	25
1997-2006	16
1987-1996	13
Prior to 1986	33 (over 30 years ago!)

My goal over the next year is to figure out how to get each of these groups of members involved in the chapter and the 99s in general. We have a lot more active members in the over 30-year pilot group than in the <10-year pilot group. What keeps the seasoned pilots coming back? What is needed to make the younger ones interested enough to become contributors and leaders?

As I dwell on this with the new leadership team, I would like the members to think about this as well. Becoming the chapter chair is daunting – but it is a bit like landing an airplane – daunting but exciting at the same time! Together we can provide our ideas, insights and experiences, and not only keep the chapter flying, but take it to new heights!



I look forward to the challenges and opportunities.

Jill

Will you take a flyer or membership brochure to your home airport? Or one you visit? Let us know, we will email one to you.

Will you agree to speak to a non-aviation group about aviation? Or an aviation group about the 99s? Let us know.

If you have a group that wants a speaker, let us know that. We will try to match you up.

Is there a flight school at your home airport? Tell us, we will get you some brochures and a poster .

Spread the word—NINETY NINES ARE WOMEN PILOTS

Tell everyone—I'M A 99!!!!

Pilot Talk

Jill Mann: Wednesday June 28th at 5 pm, Hamburger Social at Westosha, WI (5K6)

Madeleine Monaco: Attended IL Aviation Hall of Fame awards presentation for Cynthia Madsen and Tina/Steve Thomas. It was a uplifting evening and wonderfully done. It was great to see all of the Poplar Grove community there for Tina and Steve, but a much less impressive 99s turnout for Cynthia and Tina who also represent our part of the State of Illinois aviation community. Joan Kerwin attended as one of founding members of the IL Aviation Hall of Fame.

Joan Kerwin: Check out the article on Bobbie Roe, 99 News editor's retirement in the May/June 99 news. CAC member Susan Kelsey is Bobbie Roe's daughter.

Mary Lou Erikson: Attended Hall of Fame Banquet. Local Poplar Grove artist is selling hand painted shoes with high or low wings planes for \$25. Proceeds go to fund a missionary trip to Dominican Republic

Joan Kerwin: Flew (commercially) on first non-stop AA flight to Barcelona from Chicago in May with her kids. Then took a highspeed train and spent a 9 day whirlwind trip through Spain.

Ellen O'Hara: Attended NCS meeting in Indy and then went with the Friendship Forest group to Dayton. Toured Dayton sites prior to the International convention. Spent time at the air museum, the Wright Brothers Overlook, and the Wright family homestead. Much of what she visited will be included in the 2019 International Conference activities.

Thank-you to Hostesses Sharon Schorsch, Marie Spear and Elizabeth Motley for arranging the meeting location, video and food at the Kenosha terminal.

Installation of new officers presented by outgoing chairman Ellen O'Hara:

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| Chairman | Jill Feldman |
| Vice Chairman | Natalie Berman |
| Secretary | Mary Lou Erikson |
| Treasurer | Madeleine Monaco |
| Nominating Committee | Cynthia Madsen, Ellen O'Hara, Elaine Tao |

Jill presented Ellen with a gift from the chapter for her service as CAC chairman and Ellen provided 99s chairman's manual to Jill.

Adjournment by Incoming Chairman, 2 pm.

Calendar of Events

July 11-16.....99s International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

go to WWW.Ninety-nines.org to register

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

September 9.....Waukegan Air Show

Sept 22-24North Central Section Meeting, Wilderness Resort Wisconsin Dells

..... Register at NCS99s.org

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

NovemberCommunity Service Activity TBD

December/January..Holiday Party, TBD

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

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

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

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

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

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,



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

CYNTHIA MADSEN

Cynthia Madsen was recently honored for her outstanding contributions to the many organizations who have been blessed with her efforts. She is now a member of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

Active in the 99s since 1985, she has held many offices, up to and including serving as our Chicago Area Chapter Chair, before going on to Section and International positions. Cynthia brought her husband, Ralph, to a Pinch Hitter course and he became a private pilot and followed her into the world of Aviation.

Cynthia taught Aviation 101 classes at South Suburban College and served on the Advisory Board for Project Higher Ed there. She has flown more than 100 Young Eagles, taught Flying Companions and assisted in Girl Scout Aviation Day.

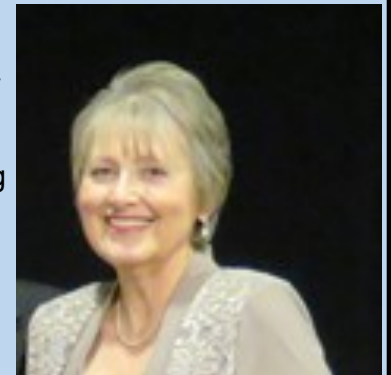
She has earned her Commercial, Instrument, Certified Flight Instructor and Instrument Instructor ratings. She has been the recipient of 2 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships.

Prior to selling her Piper "Tango", Cynthia and her 49 1/2 Ralph flew to many Section Meetings and International Conferences. She is an Air Race and Chapter Air Meet winner, tireless giver of time and talent, and Chicago Area Chapter newly elected member of the Nominating Committee.

Cynthia is a Charter Board Member and Secretary to the Historic Ford Hangar Foundation in Lansing Illinois, formed to oversee the restoration of the landmark hangar.

She has been our dedicated Air News editor for so many years and just this year has turned that duty over. She does, however, still continue to serve the chapter by managing our web page www.chicagoarea99s.org

Congratulations Cynthia. We are so very proud of you.



PILOT TALK

Our Chapter Members attended and enjoyed the June 11th meeting at Kenosha. Here are some of the news items shared at that event.

Diane Cozzi spoke to a local woman's club of 80 about General Aviation.

If anyone wants notes or assistance in giving a talk like this, please ask.



MaryLou and Gregg Erikson have flown to pancake breakfasts at Lewis, Timmerman, DeKalb, Beloit, Racine, Lockport and Lake Lawn. They flew for lunch to Schaumburg, Kewaunee, Lansing and Rochelle. They flew a day trip to Door County WI to take a ride in a brand new boat. Mary Lou got another lesson and Gregg soloed in the Cub.

Perhaps this couple should write a "zagat" or "5 Star rating" type book on regional pancakes?

Mary Lou again—has a source for hand painted canvas shoes with your choice of high wing or low wing, in your choice of colors. Profits from this venture go to funding a mission trip by the artist, to Central America. Like this only no flowers, just airplane Contact Lou, flylou@aol.com



Leslie Prellwitz flew commercial to way too many destinations lately, including Philadelphia, Sedona, AZ and Toronto, Ontario. She is looking forward to more GA flying now that she has found a new job and can afford to pay for fuel and rental fees. The Cherokee that she and Grant have been shepherding will go back to its owner at the end of the month. :-)

Congratulations on the new job, Leslie.

Julie Richey is a prospective member who joined us at Kenosha. She is multi talented (as are many of our members) with some hours, time spent in the Marines, photography skills, and time in the Civil Air Patrol.

Welcome Julie!



Madeleine Monaco has explored the world of Basic Med (successfully) and would be happy to pass along her new knowledge. After that success, she gave a Flight Review to a Wilmette resident who is a snow bird, and missed getting it done in Florida this year. And then, she flew her lovely little 150 to Kenosha for the June 11th 99s meeting.

Love a 150!

Joan Kerwin flew commercial to Europe and took a wonderful vacation trip with her 3 children.

Pictures please Joan!



Deanna Elias Close supported an Honor Flight last month. Departing early and returning late may make for a long day, but its a wonderful day for the Veterans who get to see both the Memorial in Washington DC on the Mall and the reverence with which they are greeted upon arrival, departure and return. If you have the chance, participate. Check out Honor Flight Chicago and give some time to honor a WWII or Korean War Veteran.

Thank you for YOUR service Deanna

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Madeleine Monaco



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Some great gathering and networking events coming up.

International Conference in San Antonio, Texas

August 20 Poplar Grove Airport Open House

Fly in for breakfast and meet with Chapter members at 10am

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

Fall Section Meeting in Wisconsin Dells

September 22 to 24 at Wilderness Waterpark Resort