

# AIR NEWS



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

MAY 2025

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Join us on Saturday, May 17, 2025

At Lake in the Hills Airport (3CK)

**Chicago Area 99s  
Aviation Day for Girls  
Saturday, May 17, 2025**

Girls Ages 10-18, \$20/person

**NINETY-NINES  
WOMEN PILOTS**

Register at:  
<https://chicagoarea99s.org/>

Lake in the Hills Airport \*3CK\*  
8397 Pyott Rd, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156  
8:30A—1:00P

Let's show the girls and young women what they can do and be!!!!

*Please plan on attending the June 28th Chapter Meeting*

Chicago Area Chapter 99s

Annual Meeting & Pool Party June 28, 2025

Meeting begins at 11:00 am Lunch to follow

Installation of New Officers for 2025-2027

See map and directions for flying and driving on page 4



**WHO'S WHO**  
**in the**  
**Chicago Area Chapter**

**CHAIR**

**Madeleine**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Larisa**

**SECRETARY**

**Vickie**

**TREASURER**

**Shelley**

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine M*



Dear Chicago 99s,

**THIS MONTH MAY 17TH**

Our great Aviation for Girls Day—this year at Lake in the Hills Airport. Please join us at Blues Skies at 8:00 am, and let the girls see what they can be. The possibilities that YOU represent to the next generation of aviators has such tremendous value. When you stand before a girl and say “I am a pilot” and teach (demystify) an aviation subject, you open doors to their future. Contact Megan M who is again chairing this event and volunteer to stand as an example of what’s available to them.

**NEXT MONTH JUNE 28TH**

Our Annual Business Meeting, Awards and installation of new officers will take place in a great location, Casa de Aero Park (681S) See map and directions for both flyins and drive ins. Thanks to Chris Coltrin of Holiday Air and our member Krista C for hosting a lunch and pool party. (history note—not our first pool party—but first in a very very long time) You will be asked to contribute to the lunch—list of choices/options to be published next month. Arrive 11:00 am for meeting, then installation, then food and fun!

**AND JULY FROM 9-13 THE BIG EVENT**

Our annual International Conference will take place in Burlington VT. On line registration is still available. It’s a beautiful part of the country; it will be attended by women from all over the world; it will include tours, events, seminars, forums, a fly market, an opportunity to meet with some aviation employers, great keynote speeches, and an Awards Banquet not to be missed.

**I’m going to the 99s Annual Conference.  
Are you?**



Our Nominating Committee has announced the election results, with the ballots received showing approval of the slate, with no write-ins, we will be turning over the reins of the Chicago Chapter to: Chair: Vickie S Vice Chair: Larisa K Treasurer: Susan K and Secretary: Lisa M Their term will begin on June 1, 2025 and extend to May 31, 2027.

Don't just belong.....

participate!

*Madeleine*

Susan K is currently working on refining her communication skills and flight procedures. She recently completed a cross-country flight to Iowa City.

Marly S has had several flight cancellations lately, but she's focused on improving her tower communication.

Sophia Y recently earned her Private Pilot Certificate.

*Congratulations!*

## AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!

Info gathered by Sarah D

**From Diane H** "I have not been flying in the last several years. I am living in Florida half a year and Downers Grove and Northern Wisconsin the other half. I look forward to attending the meetings, as able, and seeing old friends and new ones."

**From Shelley V** : "I'm back in the air after a long winter break. Husband Charlie and I each did some flying when the weather warmed up to get current and practice our IFR skills before making an Easter trip from the Chicago area to our second home in New Jersey. We have several trips planned between the two home bases over the next few months. While at our NJ home this summer, we plan to do some flights exploring New England and I plan a solo flight up to Vermont for the Ninety-Nines International Conference. "

**From Lisa M :**

What have you been up to in the air and on the ground? - Enjoying the skies flying cross countries. I have been actively involved with aviation community!

Anything you'd like to share with the chapter? - Looking forward to getting together with our 99s at upcoming meetings and events!

Have you achieved any new licenses or ratings? - Just completed my instrument rating! It has been a beautiful journey learning how to navigate and fly only by instruments. Highlights of my training were flying in actual IMC. I learned a lot from those actual IMC hours and so happy to be able to fly in those conditions throughout my training!

Did you take on any new role within the 99s, chapter-wise or beyond? - Volunteering with Aviation Day for Girls in May!

**Lisa M** after her Instrument checkride!!!

**Ana A** earned her Instrument Rating!



*Congratulations!*



**Take a picture of yourself and send it to Sarah with a note about you. The new ratings and licenses will be shared with the 99s Magazine editor and your photo will be seen around the world! Look at the most recent 99 Magazine with the India Trip photo on the cover. The milestones page has FIVE Chicago Area Chapter Members featured.**



# Chicago Area Chapter 99s Annual Meeting & Pool Party

June 28, 2025 - Beginning at 11:00 a.m. CASA DE AERO PARK – 68IS

## Fly-in Information

- 122.9 Multicom
- Traffic pattern altitude: 1000 AGL (1860 MSL) and is all south of the airport
  - Left traffic to runway 27/Right traffic to runway 09\*
- All runups in front of host's hangar or at west end of taxiway near the fuel pumps, parallel to the main taxiway so as not to direct the propeller blast in the direction of the residences in the area
  - No fuel/services available



EVERYONE BRING A DISH TO PASS TO SERVE 4

LAST NAME A - L SWEETS M - Z SAVORY APPS, SIDES, CHIPS ETC.

HOSTS WILL PROVIDE MAIN COURSE, AND ICED TEA, LEMONADE, AND WATER

BYO ANY OTHER BEVERAGE

SWIMMERS BRING TOWEL AND SUNSCREEN

## AIR MEET COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

There are several members who have expressed interest in competing in a proficiency race hosted by our Chapter. We have a long history of running annual one day air meets, but haven't done them recently. We have a coach (Cynthia) We would like 2 other solid volunteers to put the event together. The Air Meet Committee need not be current pilots, nor competitors. PLEASE contact Madeleine and volunteer. We hope to gather 10 women with air-planes and co-pilots available to make it worthwhile. If you have access to a plane for this one day event, but need a co-pilot we can help pair you up too.

*Contact Madeleine and tell her you are (or might be) interested. She can be reached by text at 847-431-1847*

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### FROM A RECENT NASA REPORT:

#### Juggling All the Balls

■ On a VFR flight from 7FL6 to ZZZ, I took off on Runway 24, turned to a heading of about 290, and was leveling off at 1000 ft. MSL to stay below the Class C airspace, which starts at 1200 ft. MSL. It was at this moment that the radios, intercom, and GPS all went unpowered, and I entered a cloud of smoke from a wildfire that was burning north of my position. Smelling the smoke and experiencing the avionics failures, I assumed I had an electrical fire. After a few moments, I regained all my avionics when I recycled the Avionics Master Switch. Because my attention was diverted to the problem paired with the reduced flight visibility due to the smoke layer at the same moment, I had begun leveling off, but I inadvertently climbed into the Class C airspace. I believe two or three minutes may have passed before I realized I was in Class C airspace. I then immediately descended below 1200 ft. and I called Daytona Approach and told the Controller what had happened and that the avionics problem seemed to be solved.

Lessons learned: I have been flying for many years and this is the first time I thought that my aircraft was on fire. All of my attention went to getting the perceived fire out instead of staying out of the Class C. You still have to know where you are and keep other aircraft safe, even though you may have a dire problem to handle.

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We are honored to invite you to the

### Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

**Alexander Steadman**

proud member of Troop 75

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 5pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
of DuPage  
180 N. Weber Road,  
Bolingbrook, Illinois

Reception immediately following

Please RSVP by April 30 to  
[Alex75@xs-ivc.com](mailto:Alex75@xs-ivc.com)



Proud Mom and 99  
Jessica R  
has shared Troop 75  
invitation to attend the  
Eagle Scout Court of  
Honor ceremony being  
held for her son  
Alex S.

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## CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025 CALENDAR

JUNE 28	ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS NEW OFFICERS	KRISTA & MADELEINE CASA DE AERO
JULY 10-13	99S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BURLINGTON, VT	99S International
JULY 21-27	EAA AIR VENTURE OSHKOSH WI	EAA 2 99S BOOTHS
AUG 17	CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY 11:30 am	SHARON ENW
SEPT 14	CHAPTER MEETING SAILPLANE MTG	VICKIE SKY SOARING
OCT 3-5	NORTH CENTRAL SECTION WEEKEND MTG	WISCONSIN 99S OSHKOSH OCT 3-5
OCT 18	CHAPTER MEETING SATURDAY 11:30 am	CYNTHIA & RACHEL LANSING IGQ
NOV 13	THURSDAY NIGHT	JILL FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
DEC ?	HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK WEEK END AFTERNOON	LISA LAKE VILLA