

AIR NEWS

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

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Our November Chapter event is for charity. We have the opportunity to have a fun evening and provide food for many in great need

November Chicago 99s Meeting

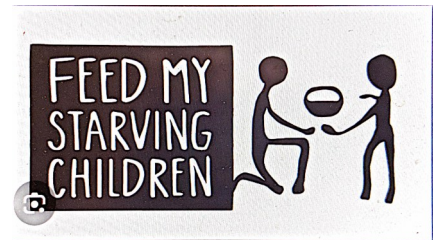
Thursday, November 13. 7:00 pm arrival, 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

Feed My Starving Children – Libertyville, IL
742 East Park Ave, Libertyville

20 spots are reserved at FMSC for the
“Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women’s Pilots”.

We need to arrive at 7 pm for orientation.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME



We will need a final count (including names) **by Monday November 3**

Please email or text our host Jill if you are coming.

She can then email you the link with directions, FAQs and registration information.

Optional dinner before event

O'Tooles of Libertyville, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
412 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL

******URGENT ******

NEED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

If you haven't done one of these events in the past—you are in for a fun night!



CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Date: Sunday December 14th

Place: Lake Barrington Shores

Time: 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Fireplace Room in the Clubhouse

[64 Old Barn Rd, Lake Barrington, IL 60010](#)

Please enter off Barrington Road, other entrances are for residents only.

Potluck Dinner—Bring a dish to pass!

Last name starting with letters A - M: Side dish.

Last name starting with letters N - Z: Dessert or a treat!

Hosts: Chef Pete and Sous Chef Lisa M will provide a Maple Brown Sugar Ham and Turkey, along with cupcakes, meatballs and other festive foods.



WHO'S WHO
in the
Chicago Area Chapter

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Deadline for submission the
20th of the month :

Madeleine M, Editor

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Skywriting

Chicago Area Chair, Vickie S

One of the great things about being a 99 is the places you go and the people you meet! Going to Oshkosh for the North Central Section meeting was a fabulous adventure which started even before I left.

The plan was for me to drive up on Friday morning from Lansing to Campbell and meet Shelley & Madeleine to fly up to OSH in Shelley's plane. We were all set and then a mechanical issue sidelined Shelley's plane. So, the text went out, "Vickie can you fly us up?" Now my plane is a bit smaller than Shelley's so I answered back, "Let me do the weight and balance." My passengers gave weights to use and Shelley added that her bag would be less than 15 pounds! The numbers worked and I agreed to fly us up!

I took off on a great VFR day and made my way around the Class B to Campbell to get Madeleine & Shelley. Shelley was a great copilot, changing the frequencies on the radio. Madeleine was a great air hostess in charge of handing me my water



bottle. We had a smooth flight and landed on 18 at OSH. And then I learned that even when Airventure is not happening, OSH is a complicated place with 4 paved and 2 grass runways. Anyway, we taxied the plane right to the hotel ramp! After securing Bessie Mae, we checked in and stowed our bags. Shelley and I went on a tour of

the tower at OSH. That was really neat as I had never been up in a working tower. Next was dinner at a nearby local restaurant. There was also a lot of meeting and greeting of new friends and old ones.

Saturday was a busy day! Breakfast, the business meeting, a safety seminar presented one of our own 99s on Off Field emergency landings (very enlightening), a trip to the EAA Museum (where I saw Carl Unger's original Breezy and could have stayed longer), and the banquet where I sat next to the speaker and didn't realize it until she got up to talk! Oh, did I mention, a couple of trips to the Fly Market, going out to see some of the other planes that were flown in, and hanging out in the hospitality room.

While it would have been nice to hang around on Sunday, we made a good choice to leave early and avoid some heavy head winds. The flight from OSH to C81 was uneventful and only a little bumpy. I said "Goodbye!" to Madeleine and Shelley. I slowly made my way back to Lansing and a safe return.

I would be sad that the adventure was at an end, but the Ohio Chapter gave a presentation of what we have to look forward to at the Spring meeting!

Let the adventures continue!

see more pictures on page 5

Vickie



If any members reach a new level, accomplish a goal, overcome an obstacle, or just discover a new joy in flight-please email Joy R and tell her a bit about it. We want to hear how ALL of you are doing. Remember, every one of us started just like you.

Maya M: Congratulations to Maya on receiving your PPL in April!

For me, Flight Training changed my perspective on myself more than the world. After I received my PPL, I was so happy, and not because my check ride was finally over, it was because I felt like I had accomplished something. It was the first time in my life that I felt like I had something to show for myself. You can't cheat a check ride. There's no way to down-play or fake the hard work, effort or knowledge that goes into something like that. It gave me a new perspective on myself as a person, and what I'm capable of. I definitely find book knowledge more challenging than actually flying. If anything, flying helped me UNDERSTAND the book knowledge. I would run through a concept in the air and then review it on the ground. Only then was I able to conceptualize it.

I think the most unexpected part of flight training has been the people. Going into it I didn't think I'd really fit in with other pilots, but I quickly found I was wrong. I've met so many amazing people through aviation. I work at my airport and became really close with all the people there really fast, especially my flight instructor who, through the last couple of years, has become one of my closest friends. Not to mention all the people I've been able to meet through organizations like the 99's! I hope there are more pleasant surprises like this one to come.

Since I've gotten my license, I haven't been many places, joy rides are a little more out of my price range at the moment....However, my friend and I just took her plane to Wisconsin for the weekend, and it was awesome! It was so cool to be able to just pack up and go and get to our destination in a faster and more fun way. Don't know what I would name a personal aircraft. That would have to come to me after flying it for awhile.

Susan M: Flight training has provided me with a new learning challenge. It is technical, complex and a new language. I enjoy everything about it. I find actual flying more challenging than ground school. It is more dimensional and requires active thinking at all times. I find how much I truly enjoy flying truly surprising. Once I receive my license, I would love to fly over to Michigan from Illinois, around the lake. I have already purchased my tail number: N1961S for a personal aircraft.

AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!

Info gathered by Kadijah H

Megan M: Passed her Certified Flight Instructor Checkride and has interviewed for a teaching position.

Congratulations!

Cynthia and Ralph M and Madeleine M attended the 2025 Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame induction dinner. Cynthia is our representative to this body from our Chapter

Mona K: I received my tailwheel endorsement at Poplar Grove. I am working towards my CFII. We had a good flying summer with holiday weekend XC flights to Georgia, Denver, and the DC area.

Shelley V performed with her husband, Charlie at Apple Fest at Long Grove, IL She can sing! As well as fly!

Ellen H reports in from Louisville Colorado that she has worked with a fellow resident of her retirement community on a book about his mother, Elinor Smith. Ellen is far away in miles, but close in spirit to her Chicago Chapter 99s.

Vickie S, Shelley V, Corie W, Ellen O, Leslie P, and Madeleine M attended the North Central Section Fall 2025 meeting at Oshkosh Wisconsin. The Wisconsin 99s rolled out the red carpet and did a terrific job. Read all about it in the Chair's column and see pics on page 5.

**Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2025, Lansing Municipal Airport
11:30 pm**



Date: October 18, 2025

Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:33 p.m.

Attendees: Chicago 99s Vickie S, Cynthia M, Larisa K, Madeleine M, Susan R M, Megan M, Penny L Guests: Indiana Dunes 99: Marcia N Guests: Rylie M and Angela M 49 1/2 Ralph M, Yosh K

NCS Recap Vickie and Madeleine attended Oshkosh. Spring NCS: March 27, 2026 in Ohio. Fall 2027 NCS Proposed DKB, but other locations considered (Corie) International Meeting Sydney, Australia – September 2027

Proposed Calendar for 99s Meetings and Events Aviation for Girls Day in May, date and place TBD (Megan, Corie) September and October meetings might be switched, depending on NCS dates.

Fundraising: No fundraiser badges. Explore other sources for fundraising

Minutes Sept minute approval tabled Minutes are to be sent to the Chair for approval before distribution.

Treasurer's Report Upcoming expenses noted. We remain in good financial standing. Review of scholarship ongoing

New Business Reaching out to new/old members—limited response. Discuss options on meeting place/host

PR Need someone to manage publicity and revenue efforts.

Social Media Corie and Rylie M on updating online content. Dedicated chapter webpage for member use and chapter documents proposed.

Newsletter Monthly updates are needed for new pilots and student pilots. Encourage early article submissions. Possible feature: "Electrical AC" discussion.

Expo Briefing Topics: Hotels, dinner, social, speaker eligibility (Madeleine) Need greeters for welcome table.(Megan) Speakers introduction: Vickie (IFR), Larisa (VFR).

History / Documentation Ellen and Susan recording chapter history and key members history.

First Wings Scholarship App Submitted for Susan; results expected March 2026.

Announcements Susan on Aviation Film Project Vickie on Air Race Classic

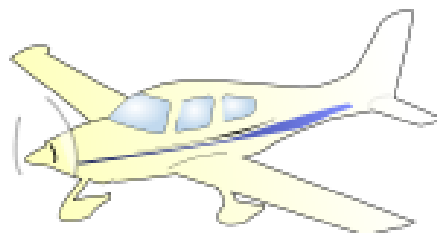
Social Gathering "Feed My Starving Children" event in Libertyville, Thursday, November 13th. (Coordinated by Jill F.)

Adjourned: 1:33 p.m.

Secretary Pro-Tem: *Larisa K* Chapter Vice Chair



**FUEL
BURN
TIME
ENROUTE**



PROGRAM FOLLOWED THE BUSINESS MEETING:

After the chapter meeting at Lansing Municipal Airport, Cynthia and Ralph Madsen presented an "air race clinic," going into detail on what to expect during a proficiency air race. In a proficiency air race, as opposed to speed, you fly against your own prediction of speed and fuel consumed. The winner is the one who gets closest to their prediction. The chapter hopes there is enough interest to hold a chapter air meet next year.



CRM at its best



99s on the hotel ramp at Oshkosh



EAA Museum Tour



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Carl Unger's Breezy



NCS Board Meeting



Vicki, Shelley, Madeleine, Ellen, Corie and Leslie at the NCS Fall 2025 Banquet

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Madeleine M



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CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025/2026 CALENDAR

NOV 13	THURSDAY 7:00pm Feed My Starving Children	JILL LIBERTYVILLE
DEC 14	HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK SUNDAY 12-4	LISA LAKE BARRINGTON SHORES
JAN 31	AVIATION EXPO HILTON CHICAGO NORTHBROOK	MADELEINE & CHAPTER TEAM
FEB	CHAPTER MEETING DEKALB	CORIE
MAR	NCS MEETING OHIO SPORTY'S	ALL OHIO HOSTS
APR	CHAPTER MEETING NORTH SHORE LOCATION	ELIZABETH
MAY	AVIATION FOR GIRLS DAY LOCATION TBD	CORIE
JUNE	ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING CAMPBELL AIRPORT	KATY
JULY	INTERNATIONAL—SAN DIEGO	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AUG	CHAPTER MEETING HAINESVILLE	ANA
SEPT	NCS MEETING—INDIANA	INDIANA CHAPTER
OCT	CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER AIR MEET LANSING	CYNTHIA
NOV	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN	LISA
DEC	HOLIDAY PARTY	SUSAN