

AIR NEWS

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

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THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$ 20.00

AUGUST MEETING AT KENOSHA AIRPORT

Hosted by Sharon S

Sunday, August 17th, 11:00 am



Meeting is at Main Terminal



KENOSHA AIRPORT

ATIS: 127.175

GROUND: 121.875

TOWER: 118.6

A Safety Program will be presented with Wings Credit available.

WHO'S WHO
in the
Chicago Area Chapter

CHAIR

Victoria S

VICE CHAIR

Larisa K

SECRETARY

Lisa M

TREASURER

Susan M

Deadline for submission the
20th of the month :

Madeleine M, Editor

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Skywriting

Chair, Vickie S

Dear Chicago 99s,

Wow, is July over? Was it a whirlwind of flying activities and outings? I hope so!

Let me tell you about my first trip to the International Convention in Burlington, VT. First it was everything I expected and so much more. It started with my meeting two sets of 99s at the gate to my flight to Burlington. Later at dinner, I made a new friend, a 99 from Wisconsin. It was so fun to talk and learn about each other.

After that the next three days were filled with seminars, meetings and outings. I learned what to expect if you get ramp checked, tips to fly safely, other cool types of flying (seaplanes, glider and balloons, oh my!), and how to stay safe when volunteering to fly for charities.

We conducted business and learned to lead while picking up some new ideas. Oh, did I mention outings, Ellen O saw the VT National Guard Base. Madeleine and I went to Beta Technologies to see electric airplanes being built. We also learned of their plans for certification. (BTW, if you went to AirVenture, you might have seen two of the planes.)

Did you know that 99s like to eat? There were breakfasts and dinners with receptions and a hospitality room in case you needed a snack or more. The New England Section did an amazing job letting us taste all kinds of New England foods.

But don't think I was bored. No, there was time to go for a walk or two along the shore of Lake Champlain or up to the shops. A couple of shirts and a delightful pair of shoes came home with me. There was also the Fly Market where you could fly a Beta Technologies plane on the simulator or pick up a book written by a 99 or find a treasure from one of the other sections.

As my smile muscles are still recovering, I urge you to think about going to next year's International Conference in San Diego. If you're not sure, go to a section meeting. This Fall it's in Oshkosh and in Spring the meeting is in Ohio. Both are fairly close and drivable.

Hope you are having a fabulous summer!

Vickie

STUDENT PILOT UPDATE REPORTS

Info gathered by Joy R

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.

Ellie D: I'm so excited and nervous to have my private pilot check ride scheduled for the end of this month (July). I hope that next month's newsletter I'll be a private pilot. Wish me lots of luck!

Susan M: I'm most excited about getting close to solo. Recently I lost my comms and had to learn how to communicate with the tower via light. I'm excited to finish up this summer.

Madeline S: Madeline is currently working toward her PPL and her next big milestone which is her first solo. She has her phase soon, and if all goes well, she'll be soloing shortly after--a chance to finally see all the hard work from the past month pay off. She recently did her first night flight, and it felt like learning to fly all over again. Operating in a completely new environment reminded her that aviation is full of firsts, and that staying prepared means trusting her training, experience, and all the studying she's completed so far.

Madeline's long-term goal is to pursue a career in aviation, either at the airlines or private. As of right now, she is focused on earning her PPL and Instrument rating by the end of this year. "I know that I've been fully leaning into the process, time commitment, and discipline it takes, so I'm proud of the progress I've made so far."

Eriel S: Eriel is not flying at the moment. She is in Taiwan for two months studying and teaching. She'll be returning to the United States next month and will resume her pre-check ride training for my private rating.

Blue Skies to you all!

AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!

Info gathered by Kadijah H

Nina B: New member. I'm a RN, but I've always dreamed of becoming a pilot. My Grandfather was a Naval Aviator and my father has his PPL and IFR ratings. I spent a lot of time flying with him in his Cessna 310 as a kid. I have 4 kids, so life is busy! I earned my PPL in May 2025 and in June, my husband and I became 50% owners of a Piper Cherokee PA-28-180. I flew all of my flight training in C172's, mostly with



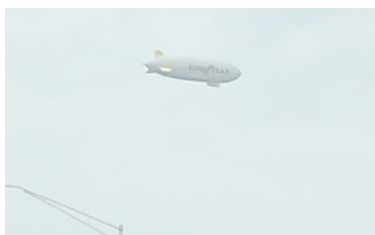
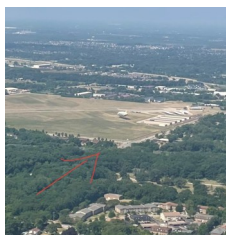
The day I got my PPL



My husband & I with the Cherokee

Stick and Rudder in Waukegan, IL. The transition to the Piper has been pretty smooth. I've flown 25 hours in the Piper in the last few weeks and I've stated to work on my IFR certification. Fun Fact: Gail L was my DPE. Congratulations to Gail for being awarded our Chapter Pilot of the Year! She's the one who told me about the 99s. I was sad to miss the Chapter Meeting in June; family plans changed last minute that prevented my attendance. I'm looking forward to EAA and I hope to have filled slots volunteering at the 99s booth by the time this comes out.

Victoria S: I've been learning my new instrument panel and ForeFlight. Changing from a portable GPS and old steam gauge instru-



ments to 2 G5 attitude and HSI plus a new radio/ nav-com/GPS. has been a great experience. Also I have been slightly obsessed with the Goodyear blimp (airship). It was based in Joliet over the weekend for the NASCAR race. I got to see it take off while in the pattern at KJOT. The first photo was on approach. The second was the day prior when riding in the car on the Tri-State. I also bought an Airship Crew t-shirt from the Goodyear website. I'll be wearing it to Airventure. Two of the Goodyear fleet will be there.

Lisa M: Lisa and Megan went flying the week of 4th of July and had a blast sharing a booster seat cushion together, they practiced commercial maneuvers, and each got to shoot an approach. They look forward to flying together more often!

Kadijah H: I am learning how to fly gliders at the Chicago Glider Club. I love it. It's a lot of fun and I am really enjoying flying!

Take a picture of yourself and send it to me with a note about you. Your new ratings and licenses will be shared with the 99s Magazine editor and your photo will be seen around the world!

Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2025, Case De Aero Airfield Hosts: Krista and Chris Coltrin

Attendees: 99's: Vickie S, Madeleine M, Deb M, Larisa K, Susan Z, Shelly V, Karen B, Ellen O, Elizabeth S, Penny L, Susan M, Sharon S, Mary Lou E, Lisa M, Bailey R, Diane C, Jamie S, Krista C, Kathryn M, Megan M, Mona K, Jill F, Jen M, Marilyn H

49 1/2: Bill M, Yosh K, Pete M, Dave S. Tony G Guests: Juan A, Chris C

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM

Introduction of hostess and Madeleine.

Chairman's Report Welcomed new members. Presented Chapter Awards:

Pilot of the Year: Gail L,

Student Pilot of the Year: Jill F

Special Ongoing Contributions Award: Mary Lou E

Social Media Outreach Excellence: Corie W

Chairman's Service Award: Megan M and Shelley V

2027 Fall Section Meeting to be hosted by Chicago Area 99's

Secretary's Report Minutes: Secretary Lisa M Board met via zoom for a board meeting re: bank signatures changes. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Ellen O'Hara and sec onded by Diane Cozzi. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Past treasurer - Shelley V reported on the June finances and final totals for Girls in Aviation Day. Budget for approval for New NCS Meeting attendance fund / \$300 / year for Section Meeting
Need to find a new place to make our badges / Badge fund raising changes. Dues to be paid as of 06/28/2025.
Turn over to current treasurer: Susan M. Ellen O and seconded by Diane C. The motion passed.

Chapter Officers / Leadership Committee 2025 - 2027 Sworn in on 06/28/2025 by Past Chairman Madeleine M

Chairman: Victoria S

Vice Chairman: Larisa K

Treasurer: Susan M Secretary: Lisa M

501c3: Shelley V

Old Business Chair Vickie reported upcoming conference. Megan M reported Aviation Day for Girls.

New Business

Kentucky Bluegrass has historic AE medallions for sale. A great grand nephew of Amelia Earhart will speak in VT.

Megan M to take over as Membership Chair

Kadijah took over reporting on members achievements / news for the Air News.

Joy R took over on Student Pilot Reports for the Air News.

Thank you to our hosts! Our hostess served a great potluck while watching planes take off from their hangar and provided a pool party to stay cool to beat the heat!

Next Meeting

August 17, 11:00AM – Kenosha Airport (KENW) – Main Terminal.

FAASTeam Program MKE FSDO.

Next Events

99 Conference, join via Zoom if unable to attend.

EAA AirVenture – 99's need volunteers for two locations and get some passes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. Special thanks to our wonderful hosts – Krista & Chris C.

We then had a pool party while others gathered and ate great food and watched planes take off and land!

Respectfully submitted, Lisa M, Secretary



International Conference

Burlington, VT

July 8-13, 2025

Lakeside serenity = the opening event = a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain.
Great noisy friendly group from all over the world. All pilots enjoying the ride.
A few seaplanes must have known we were there
—they kept flying overhead—showing off.



International President Robin H installed the 2 new directors at the Board Meeting held after the Annual Business Meeting. One of them was Past Chair of our Chapter, Madeleine M



Ellen O,
Diane C,
Cynthia M,
Leslie P,
Madeleine M,
Bailey R,
Shelley V, and
Vickie S

Our Chapter was well represented.



Our Chapter had 8 members attend the Annual Business Meeting of the International Organization of Women Pilots, the Ninety Nines.

Two attending for their very first time were new member Bailey R and new Chapter Chairman Victoria S.



99s arrived, checked in and some went to Stowe to visit the VonTrapp Family Resort. The beautiful lakefront was a few blocks away from our hotel. The Spirit of Ethan Allen dinner boat took many lovely, noisy, vibrant women renewing friendships and making new ones. We gathered on tours, in meetings, at safety programs, and in the hospital-ity room and the fly mart. We sat down together to conduct business and witness the presentation of scholarships and awards. We enjoyed meeting the dynamic speakers and seeing Amelia's family bible. We look forward to this event every year.

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CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025 CALENDAR

AUG 17	CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY 11:00 am	SHARON ENW FAASTeam Program
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 14	HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK SUNDAY 12-4	LISA LAKE BARRINGTON SHORES
		FIREPLACE ROOM IN THE CLUBHOUSE