

# AIR NEWS

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

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**Our Chapter is thriving. We have many new members at all levels of aviation. You can be a part of our success!**

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99S MAGAZINE REPORTER	SUBMIT ARTICLES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS 6 TIMES A YEAR	LET THE WORLD OF 99S KNOW WHAT CHICAGO CHAPTER WOMEN ARE DOING
FALL 27 SECTION MEETING VOLUNTEERS	TRANSPORTATION, REGISTRATION, GOODIE BAGS,	MAKE OUR GUESTS WELCOME, MOVING THEM PLACE TO PLACE, PROVIDING HANDOUTS
ASST TREASURER	PROVIDE SUPPORT TO TREASURER FOR DUES/DONATION COLLECTION/RAFFLES	HELP OUR BANK BALANCE INCREASE FUND OUR PROJECTS
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WEBMANAGER	MANAGE UPDATES/ADDITIONS TO OUR WEBSITE (CURRENTLY BEING UPGRADED)	HELP YOUR CHAPTER THRIVE WITH 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY
<b>And always!!</b>	<b>MEET PEOPLE</b>	<b>HAVE FUN</b>

**On the job training provided. Guidance and information available. Compensation limitless. Volunteer NOW, to Vickie S (contact info in 99s directory on line)**

**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**

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*Skywriting*  
*Chicago Area Chair, Vickie S*

It's finally flying season!

Did it sneak up on you, like it did to me? I think it went from rain, cold and low ceilings to 88F and clear skies. (Hello density altitude!) Meanwhile, I went on vacation, caught back up from going on vacation, planted a garden and poof, where was the flying? I just looked and I only flew once last month! (It was a nice flight with my son to Clow with lunch at Charlie's.) This woke me up to the fact that I need to make time to fly.

All through my time in aviation, starting with my training, I have found that to stay sharp and confident in the cockpit, I need to schedule in "flying time". I first learned this as a student pilot. My cousin, who is a pilot, asked about my training and at the time I said it was going slowly because I hadn't flown for 3 weeks due to weather. He asked how often I was flying and at the time I was only scheduling once a week. (Please note, that I took flying lessons when my son was at pre-school.) He told me that doing it that way would take me way longer because I spent half my time re-learning the prior lesson. I switched to lessons twice a week, and I found out that that was so true!

As I continued to fly, making it a point to get 3 landings in every month, not every 90 days helped me keep my skills up. Now I am looking to sharpen my skills to work on my IFR and go on several flying adventures (Forest of Friendship weekend, Air Zoo and Young Eagles). I need to make time to fly. Whether it is just to go around the patch or take a friend up or even wash and hug the plane.

So please feel free to ask how much flying I have been doing and where I have flown. I want to have some good things to tell you! I hope that you are also making time to fly too!

Here's to smooth skies,

Vickie

PS Take some good photos and then submit them to NCS calendar that is being put together of section 99s flying! Photos are due August 1 st .

PPS Hope to see you in San Diego or OshKosh!

*Vickie*

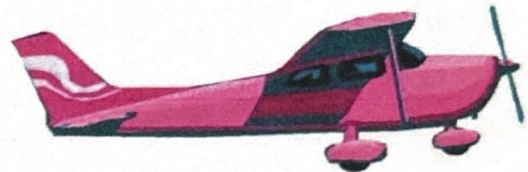
***Editor's note If you haven't attended any meetings or events yet, we would love to meet you. The bond we share as women pilots is the most wonderful thing about being a 99. Please plan on something that sounds interesting, and join us, for an hour or two!***

# CHICAGO AREA 99s AIR MEET OPEN TO ANY 99

JOIN THE FUN!

Improve your piloting skills  
Practice navigation  
Learn more about your  
aircraft Go back to basics  
It's fun, educational and challenging.

OCTOBER 17, 2026  
LANSING IL MUNICIPAL  
AIRPORT (KIGQ)



Pilot and passenger required

Cash prizes

Upon arrival at Lansing, you will be given a course of approximately 150 nm to fly.  
The winning competitor will come the closest to their estimated fuel burn  
over the entire course and their actual speed in knots.

1st Place

2nd place

3rd Place



Breakfast and lunch available.  
Rental aircraft welcome.



This is an excellent opportunity for a CFI to help a student learn more about navigation,  
flight planning, fuel consumption and estimating time over a course.

It is a great exercise in pilotage and dead reckoning.

It is a terrific way to learn more about what your aircraft can do.

More info and registration forms will be available at [www.chicagoarea99s.org](http://www.chicagoarea99s.org)

**CHICAGO AREA 99s AIR MEET**  
**Saturday October 17, 2026**  
**Lansing Illinois Municipal Airport (KIGO)**

The Chicago Area 99s Air Meet is a fun and educational activity designed to increase pilot proficiency and safety awareness using basic pilotage skills under VFR conditions. There will be help available for newcomers – we need rookie pilots. To participate, your registration must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2026. If an insufficient number of entries is received and the air meet cannot be held, you will be notified promptly after September 1, 2026 and all your deposits will be returned to you. Questions? – email Vickie S \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ or Cynthia M \_\_\_\_\_ . Be sure to put **Air Meet** in the subject line.

AGENDA/SCHEDULE	ENTRY FEE
0830-0930 Fly-in, fuel up, registration, briefing	Proficiency Air Meet \$25 per plane
1000 First plane starts	Lunch available for purchase on race day
1200-END Lunch	Make check payable to "Chicago Area Chapter 99s"
1330 Awards (time may vary slightly based on when the last plane makes it back to KIGQ)	to Vickie S _____ (address in 99s directory) or make payment online at ChicagoArea99s.org

**RULES**

1. The Chicago Area 99s Air Meet is a cross-country proficiency air meet of approximately 150 nautical miles flown under VFR conditions.
2. Each plane entered shall have two occupants, both must be a Ninety-Nine. A student pilot 99 must have an instructor as co-pilot.
3. The pilot will estimate speed and fuel consumption the morning of the air meet and start will full tanks. Estimates must be turned in during the air meet morning briefing. (**Knots and gallons per hour.**)
4. Checkpoints along the air meet route must be identified during the air meet and noted on the questionnaire form.
5. Any airworthy aircraft is eligible except for helicopters and balloons. All documents required by the FARs must be on board the plane and/or person. Pilot must have a current Chicago sectional chart.
6. Entry fee is \$25 per plane.

**Scoring**

- Speed shall be stated in nautical miles per hour (**your speed estimate to run the course**).
- Fuel shall be stated in gallons per hour (**not total gallons used**).
- Speed score will be calculated as follows: Knots actual divided by knots predicted times 100. If more than 100, the score will be the remainder after subtracting from 200.
- Fuel score will be calculated as follows: GPH actual divided by GPH predicted times 100. If more than 100, the score will be the remainder after subtracting from 200.
- Combined score will be the sum of the fuel score and the speed score, divided by two.
- Scoring will be by computer.
- Timing will start when the flag drops and end at the fly-by timing line to be specified at the air meet morning briefing.
- If a question sheet is provided, questions need to be answered to determine that the prescribed course was flown and may be used to break a tie score.

**STUDENT PILOT UPDATE**

Gathered by Joy R

**Susan M:** I have really enjoyed flying at different airports, with different aircraft and with different instructors. Lately, I flew out of Rochester, MN in a Piper Archer over to La Crosse, WI. We landed on 18 in the middle of the Mississippi River! To get to the airport, you have to fly between the bluffs on both sides of the Mississippi River and come down over the river. We use pilotage to then fly up to Winona, WI and land next to the Mississippi River there! And then that wasn't enough, I wanted to try La Crosse again, so we flew back and landed on 18, circled on 13 back to 18 and took off. Last week, I flew around the Chicago Loop, over Navy Pier (under 2500') and back up Lake Michigan to Waukegan. In June, I am taking a night flight from Lake in the Hills to Gary, Indiana, to practice flying and navigating at night. Our flight time is 2000-2330. I will report next month on that flight. Susan

*We would love to hear from you—your Chicago Area Chapter members support your journey and welcome you. Watch for Joy's email and respond with a brief report of your progress; your interests; your hurdles; or just your greetings.*

**AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!**

from Kadijah H

**Penny L:** Finally ready to fess up to what I have been up to: After four years of getting my Illinois roots firmly planted, I'm thrilled to be diving back into aviation, finally! I've taken on the role of Wing Assistant DOV with Civil Air Patrol, recently presented at both our 99s Expo and a Chicago Executive Pilots Assoc. safety seminar, and just joined CEPA — excited to contribute there as well. On the flying side, I'm on track with CAP to get current again and hope to be flying missions here in Illinois just as I did back in Pennsylvania. But the best news came from a pile of old papers: I found my 99s certificate from when I received my Amelia Earhart scholarship — and there was Madeleine's signature right on it. Turns out we go way back without ever knowing it. Some connections were just meant to find us!



**Ana A:** I am going to participate in the Air Race Classic next week! Hopefully, I will bring good news when we are done! *Editor's note: Ana is hosting our August meeting Maybe she will tell us about ARC there!!!*



**Katie B:** I joined the 99s earlier this year and have really enjoyed becoming more involved with the chapter. I volunteered at Girls in Aviation Day and attended the annual meeting, and I'm excited to continue being part of such a supportive and fun aviation community! On the flying side, I'm currently training with ATP Flight School at Chicago Executive Airport (aka Palwaukee to many!). In May, I earned my commercial single rating, and I also just earned my multi-engine rating in early June. I'm now working on my CFI - my goal is to keep building momentum in training this summer, earn my flight instructor certificate, and start giving back by teaching and sharing the joy of aviation with others.

**Leyre K:** First of all, sorry for falling off the face of the earth. It's been hard to juggle everything happening at home and in life. However, we are back at it! I'm giving that light speed headset that I won a good life as I embark on finally finishing my commercial training! (with 99 Bailey R) After an almost three year hiatus going back was challenging but it sure felt good.

*Editor's note: I HEAR FROM MANY OF YOU HOW MUCH YOU LIKE TO READ THESE UPDATES. PLEASE SEND A PHOTO AND A NOTE WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE.*



## Women Who Fly: the 2027 North Central Section Calendar

Be part of the 2027 North Central Section Ninety-Nines' Calendar! Submit photos highlighting yourself and your chapter members and their aviation spirit to this photo circle: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/6HWFPNCZQF> by **August 1, 2026**, so there is time to collate and create the calendar. **Please caption your photo with your chapter name, as the photos will be grouped by chapter.** By submitting your photo, you confirm that all people, aircraft, and identifiable items in the image have been approved for publication. All proceeds from the calendar (after expenses) will support the North Central Section's charitable work in our communities. Calendars will be available for purchase in October. Watch Waypoint for more details!



# Chicago 99s August 2026 Meeting

### DATE & TIME :

Saturday August 15, 2026  
1100CDT - 1200CDT

### LOCATION :

Northbrook Sports Club  
160 Sports Club Dr.,  
Hainesville, IL 60030

Nearest airport: C81 - Campbell

### AGENDA:

1100CDT - Opening Remarks  
1115CDT - Agenda topics  
1145CDT - Raffle winner announced  
1200CDT - Meeting adjourned  
1215CT- Sporting clay activity begins



Bagels, donuts and coffee will be provided during the meeting.

### NOTES

Parking is available at the venue. If you choose to fly to C81, a shuttle will be available from the airport to the venue at 1045CDT sharp.

All attendees will have a chance to win 2 hours of flight time in a Cardinal 177B (instrument rated) with an authorized pilot.

Everyone over 18-years-old is invited to participate in 3 stations of sporting clays after the meeting. Eight spots are available. Please notify Ana A. [redacted] no later than July 1, 2026 if you would like to be included in the list. Please wear closed-toe shoes.

**Chicago Area Chapter 99s Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2026**  
**Sky Soaring Glider port**

Attendees: Vickie S, Larisa K, Suzan Z, Mona K, Sharon S, Elizabeth S, Erica O, Beth S, Debra M, Susan M, Katie B, Penny L, Corie W                      49 1/2: Victor Z, Yosh K    Guest: Brynn P

Meeting was called to order at 11:36 am

**Chair's report:**

- International Convention is coming up July 8-12. The credentialing process has opened for those attending the meeting in person or remotely. Also, the Chapter was nominated for an award for hosting the Safety seminar (Aviation Expo) for over 50 years. We are honored that we were nominated. (We are not receiving the award,)
- There is a new Collegiate Women's Achievement Award. See the June newsletter for details.
- Larisa will be working on the 2027 calendar. A few dates were highlighted.
- Please donate to the chapter. It does help us with expenses. (suggested donation-\$20
- Scholarship – Sharon is asking to step down. Annalise is willing to learn to take over.

**Secretary's Report** – Lisa is out sick. Elizabeth is taking minutes. The minutes of the April meeting will need to be approved at the next meeting (August).

**Treasurer's Report** – Susan M

The May finances were reviewed and approved. The 2027 Budget was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Corrie, seconded by Sharon. Motion passed. A huge thank you to Shelley V for helping Susan with the budget.

**Old Business:**

- Aviation Day for Girls – The day went well. 70 girls attended and about 180 people total. May ask the Girl Scouts to handle the badges next year.
- Queen Bess Film Fest – The Chapter staffed a table and introduced many people to the 99s. The Film Fest drew about 100 people. A highlight was a fly over by the Tuskegee Airmen. Next Year's date is May 1, 2027.
- Website- Cynthia was able to secure the domain name ChicagoArea99s.com for us.

**New Business**

- Standing Rules and Bylaws – The standing rules and bylaws proposed changes were reviewed. A motion to adopt the changes as presented was made by Sharon and seconded by Penny. The motion passed unanimously.
- NCS Fall 2027 – a venue has been scouted out and a visit is scheduled. The proposed venue is the Hilton Garden Inn Saint Charles, IL. It is next to the DuPage Airport. The dates are October 15-17, 2027.
- Oral History Project – Susan has begun an oral history project. Her first interviewee was Ellen O. She will be contacting members of the Chapter for their stories.
- Technology Update – a committee of Corie, Susan, Cynthia and Maddie(?) with Vickie has been formed to update and expand our website and document storage.
- Holiday Party – Susan- plans are in the works for a catered luncheon.

**Announcements:**

- Penny brought her AE Scholarship award certificate for all to see. Madeleine had signed it!
- ARC starts June 23 in East Alton, IL, there is a stop at Prairie du Chein and it ends in Mt. Vernon, IL.
- HQ is looking for volunteers to staff 2 tables at Air Venture, July 20-26, 2026

**Next Meeting:**

International Convention -San Diego, CA July 9-12

Chapter meeting – Northbrook Sports Club August 15

Adjournment

Thank you to Sky Soaring and Elizabeth (Sazzy)! Unfortunately, it was too windy for glider flights.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine M



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**2026 CALENDAR**

For details on events please see our website [chicagoarea99s.org](http://chicagoarea99s.org)

JULY 8-12	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	SAN DIEGO <a href="http://www.ninety-nines.org">www.ninety-nines.org</a>
JULY 20-26	EAA AIRVENTURE	VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT 99S BOOTH
AUG 15	CHAPTER MEETING	NORTHBROOK SPORTS CLUB 11:00am
SEPT 11-12	INTL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP	50TH REUNION ATCHISON, KS
SEPT 24	CHAPTER MEETING	PILOT PETES DINNER
OCT 2-4	NCS MEETING	FISHERS, INDIANA
OCT 15	IL AVIATION HALL OF FAME DINNER	ST CHARLES, IL
OCT 17	CHAPTER AIR MEET	LANSING AIRPORT
NOV 12	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN	LIBERTYVILLE
DEC 13	HOLIDAY PARTY 12-3	GORTON CENTER, LAKE FOREST