

AIR NEWS



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

FEBRUARY 2025

chicagoarea99s.org

THIS MONTH

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2025 1:00 PM

BLUE SKIES FLIGHT SCHOOL

THIS IS A DIP PARTY

Bring your favorite dip and what you like to dip in it
(sweet, savory, fruit, veggies, chips, cookies, whatever)
Just a serving for 6-8 people we will all share

We'll play a game to learn more about each other
We'll glow with pride from our success at EXPO
We'll assign positions for Aviation for Girls Day

LAKE IN THE HILLS AIRPORT (3CK)
8397 PYOTT RD
LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL

MEGAN & LISA

Would like you to join in celebrating our love
of aviation and the 99s

NEXT MONTH

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEETING
MARCH 15, 2025 12:00 NOON

MAIN TERMINAL BLDG

SOUPER SATURDAY SPECIAL
LUNCH
MEETING

PROGRAM PRESENTATION (TBD)

Fly In or Drive In
DEKALB TAYLOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (DKB)
3232 PLEASANT STREET
DEKALB, IL

CORIE & DEB M

Want you to:

Feel welcomed and warmed by the variety of hot soups
for lunch & be educated and entertained by the
short meeting and interesting program

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION 99S
ON LINE GAME AVIATORS' TRIBUVIA
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 7:00pm

Join us for an entertaining quiz game fundraiser online (zoom)
Test your knowledge on various topics, including fascinating facts
about aviation history and the inspiring women who have shaped
the skies. Support our section's charitable work in the community

Register for the event here on or before Feb 20:
<https://forms.gle/JoNDTf4vbRF1KEsL7>

Minimum donation of \$10 per person Payable to the NCS 99s via
check (info given at registration) or Zelle treasurer@ncs99s.org

Receive the Zoom
link and instructions
a few days in advance.



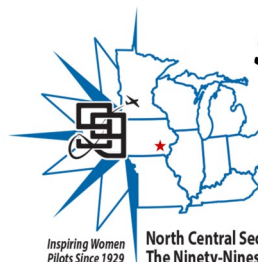
Then log in on
February 24
at 7:00 PM CST!

AND LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

THE IOWA CHAPTER 99S ARE HOSTING THE SPRING
NORTH CENTRAL SECTION WEEKEND BUSINESS MEETING
ON APRIL 25-27 ON IOWA CITY

Registration and details are available at
NCS99s.org

And in your last issue of Waypoint



SAVE THE DATE!

25-27 April 2025

Iowa City, Iowa

NCS SPRING MEETING
Hosted by Iowa 99s

Registration: \$109 (\$139, late)

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Iowa City (\$129/night)

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 :

Madeleine

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CHAPTER BRIEFING

Pre and Post Flight

Madeleine M



Dear Chicago 99s,

The Chicago Area Chapter began assisting the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Safety Office to put on an IFR/VFR Safety Seminar with Flying Companion Course about 50 years ago. When I joined the 99s way back when, Char Falkenberg and Joan Kerwin were teaching Flying Companions at the IDOT event in Springfield. Over the years Beverlee Greenhill, Sharon Schorsch, Marge Sundmacher, Gail Wenk, Rita Adams and others led the charge. On January 25, 2025 our Chapter produced the event, chose the venue, lined up the educational speakers, arranged for Wings credits, provided publicity, invited aviation businesses and charities to help funding by purchasing table space, designed a new Flying Companion interactive 4 session experience (Jen M and Jamie S) and presented Aviation Expo 2025 to the public.

30 of our Chicago Chapter members worked to make the pieces come together Karen B, Krista C, Jaleesha C, Katy C, Mary Lou E, Jill F, Lillian F, Gabby F, Kadijah H, Susan H, Larisa K, Donna K, Mona K, Grace K, Cynthia M, Jen M, Megan M, Lisa M, Madeleine M, Kathryn M, Laurie M, Susan M, Ellen O, Erica O, Dinah S, Jamie S, Vickie S, Shelley V, Corie W and Shona W YAY TEAM EXPO! (and if I have missed anyone—shout out please.)

Our Vendor Chairperson, Mary Lou E sold more than 30 table spaces for charitable organizations and aviation businesses. These funds pay for the hotel room rental, and are supplemented by some generous donations: from IDOT and a few others.

Our speakers covered a weather presentation on winter flying/icing conditions for both IFR and VFR pilots; a comprehensive IFR review for the Instrument pilots, an ATC Tracon veteran controller, an AME, a presentation on exquisite landings, an interactive session on what choices you have after you earn your private certificate, and a problem solving presentation on system malfunctions.

We educated upwards of 300 people. We (Cynthia M & Karen B) recruited new 99s, and our vendors increased membership, sales and public relations visibility.

This event was well presented, well respected and well worth the effort it takes to put on.

We are proud.

See photos of EXPO by Corie W at
www.ChicagoArea99s.org

Don't just belong, participate!

Madeleine





Marilyn H passed her check ride!
Congratulations Marilyn!

Susan K has started flying again.

Isabella R's biggest challenge during flight training was building the confidence to be a safe pilot and believing she deserved her certification. She particularly enjoyed practicing short and soft field takeoffs and landings. Her journey highlighted the importance of hard work and support, proving that progress comes with persistence. On Christmas Eve, she passed her checkride and became a private pilot.

Aliyah J has been focused on check ride preparation. She has been navigating weather delays, scheduling conflicts, and instructor availability. To stay confident, she has been revisiting basic maneuvers while reminding herself that everything happens for a reason. She has learned that achieving a dream requires persistence, and even slow progress is still progress.

Rachel N is working on building confidence when entering the pattern at unfamiliar airports. She has successfully overcome her fear of stalls and is executing them smoothly now. She has learned that perfection isn't the goal, even the best pilots aren't flawless. They just need passion, commitment, and resilience.

Gabrielle F has learned the value of patience during her flight training journey. She is currently facing Chicago's seasonal flying limitations. She is using the off-time to save money, study, and stay positive. Recently, she was crowned Miss Illinois Women with Wings and will compete in the Miss Women with Wings pageant this April.

AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!

Mona K earned her CFI on January 24th. Congratulations Mona, on your wonderful achievement. And thanks for spending your down time the next day with us at Aviation Expo!

Vickie S did a presentation on the 99s at the request of the Zonta Club in our area. It was a video call meeting and went very well. Vickie prepared a power point presentation on our activities during 2024 and shared it with the members.

Kadijah H, who is a lawyer and a pilot, fairly new to our Chapter, reports that she attended a hanger night session with the EAA Bolingbrook chapter. They are building a Zenith Aircraft kit plane. She has finished her flight review at City Wings Flight School and looking for a flight school where she can complete her instrument rating. Maybe she found someone at Expo. We were glad to have met her there!

Katy C and her partner Kurt have begun operating a flight school operation at Campbell Airport C81. K2 Aviation had a table at Expo. Get on Katy's schedule if you want to train for your Private at Campbell.

Sharon S, our AE Scholarship Chair has submitted 2 applications from our members for the AEMSf to be awarded this summer at Conference in Burlington. Stand by for an announcement of winners later this Spring.

Ellen H entertained Cynthia and Madeleine, visiting from our Chicago at her Colorado home in January.

We met several other prospective members at Aviation Expo. Penny, Eve, Lily—Hopefully they will join us at a meeting soon!

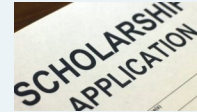
Our best to every member working towards an aviation goal!

SANTORI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.chicagoarea99s.org

Student pilot members may apply for funds to complete their private pilot training

Private or Commercial pilot members may apply to help fund an advanced rating or license.



SEE APPLICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1, 2025

In Memory of Cecile Hadfield

Cecile Schwebel Hatfield, has completed her final journey. A trailblazing aviator and attorney, she shattered glass ceilings in both aviation and law.

Her aviation passion ignited dramatically in 1962. Just two months after her son's birth, she confronted her fear of flying at Miami's Opa Locka airport. Her flight instructor had previously co-piloted for Amelia Earhart—a fitting connection to our organization's roots. Within a year, she earned her private pilot's license and ground-school instructor certificate.

Cecile became a prominent member of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, serving as our legal counsel for decades. She participated in the Intercontinental Women's Air Derby, serving as an unofficial goodwill ambassador, even delivering presidential letters across the Western Hemisphere. Her flying was so impressive that Vice President Hubert Humphrey once offered her a job as his personal pilot.

Professionally, Cecile's legal career was equally remarkable. She served nine years in the U.S. Department of Justice, leading complex air carrier lawsuits and overseeing aviation attorneys at the Federal Aviation Administration. Her landmark Supreme Court case, *Varig v. United States* (1984), remains a critical legal reference addressing the discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act.

She was a groundbreaking first: the first woman to chair the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee and the first woman to serve as Associate General Counsel for Piper Aircraft Corporation.

Her achievements were widely recognized. The International Association of Women in Aviation honored her with the 2015 Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University established the Award for Excellence in Aviation Law in her name.

We invite members to honor her memory by contributing to the Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, <https://www.ninety-nines.org/donation.htm> supporting the Cecile S. Hatfield Memorial Scholarship for women student pilots.

May her pioneering spirit continue to inspire generations of women in aviation.

Robin

Robin Hadfield, President



NEED A NAME BADGE! Our Chapter has them available

BADGE ORDER FORM

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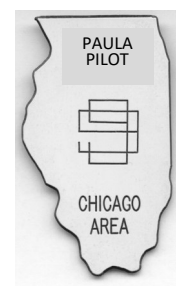
ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$22 PIN BACK BADGE OR \$25 MAGNET BACK

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S

MAIL PAYMENT TO: Linda U contact info in the 99s Directory

OR MAKE PAYMENT VIA ZELLE: using 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com

ALLOW 3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY



This event is organized, prepared, advertised and presented by the volunteer efforts of the members of the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc, the International Organization of Women Pilots. Our intention is to provide quality educational content to improve and enhance the proficiency of pilots in our geographic area, and to provide their non-pilot passengers with the knowledge to increase their comfort in the flights they take with their pilot

Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines
IDOT Division of Aeronautics FAA Greater Chicago FSDO

AVIATION EXPO 2025

January 25, 2025 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Renaissance Chicago-Glenview Hotel

IFR PILOTS SESSIONS

08:00	Introductions & Opening Remarks	
08:40	Structural Ice Gives Me the Shivers	Jerry Seckler
10:00	The Relaxed IFR Pilot is a Playwright Part 1	Michael Baraz
11:00	The Relaxed IFR Pilot is a Playwright Part 2	Michael Baraz
13:30	"y tho" ATC Practices Explained	Eddie Trujillo
15:00	All Things Aviation Medicine	Gregory Ostrom

FLYING COMPANIONS SESSIONS

09:00	How Does It Fly?	All sessions created, produced and presented by Chicago 99s
10:40	Customary Communications	
14:00	Finding Your Way Around	Jen M + Jamie S
15:00	Stay Calm and Carry On	

VFR PILOTS SESSIONS

08:00	Introductions & Opening Remarks	
08:40	Structural Icing Gives Me the Shivers (in IFR classroom)	Jerry Seckler
10:00	How to Make an Exquisite Landing EVERY Time	Mordecai Levin
11:00	You Earned Your Private Pilot Certificate What's Next?	Marc Epner
13:30	Aircraft Systems and Problem Solving Malfunctions	Joe Standley
15:00	Here Be Dragons Adding context to VFR Charts	Eddie Trujillo

VENDORS

Aviation Chicago LLC	EAA Warbird Squadron 4	Leading Edge Flying Club NFP
Blue Skies Flying Services	Eagles Nest Projects Wisconsin	Lifeline Pilots
Chicago Executive Airport	FAR/BOT Station	Midwest Sight Foundation NFP
Chicago Executive Flight School	Fly America	Pilot Flight Training Courses
Chicago Executive Pilots Association	Foxtrot Aero	Pilots N Paws
Chicago Flight Instructor Association	Golden Wings Team	Poplar Grove Airmotive
Chicago's Leading Edge, WAI	Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame	Stick & Rudder Flying Club
Civil Air Patrol	K2 Aviation	WAirAviation
DuPage Airport Authority	Lake in the Hills Airport	

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FAA SAFETY DIVISION WINGS PROGRAM LEADER D'WAYNE COLLINS & MANAGER LUANNE WILLS-MERRIL

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CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025 CALENDAR

FEB 8	SATURDAY 1:00 PM	MEGAN & LISA 3CK
MAR 15	NOON SATURDAY	CORIE & DEB DKB
APR 25-27	NORTH CENTRAL SECTION SPRING WEEKEND MTG	IOWA 99S IOWA CITY
MAY 17	AVIATION DAY FOR GIRLS	MEGAN, CORIE & LINDA 3CK
JUNE 28	ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS NEW OFFICERS	KRISTA & MADELEINE CASA DE AERO
JULY 10-13	99S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BURLINGTON, VT	99S ICCE
JULY 21-27	EAA AIR VENTURE OSHKOSH WI	EAA 2 99S BOOTHS
AUG 17	CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY 11:30 am	SHARON ENW
SEPT ?	CHAPTER MEETING FLY IN LUNCH AT LANSING	VICKIE LYNNIE QUES BBQ
OCT 3-5	NORTH CENTRAL SECTION WEEKEND MTG	WISCONSIN 99S OSHKOSH SATURDAY
OCT 11	CHAPTER MEETING SATURDAY	CYNTHIA & RACHEL BULT FLD C56
NOV 13	THURSDAY NIGHT	JILL FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
DEC ?	HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK WEEK END AFTERNOON	LISA LAKE VILLA