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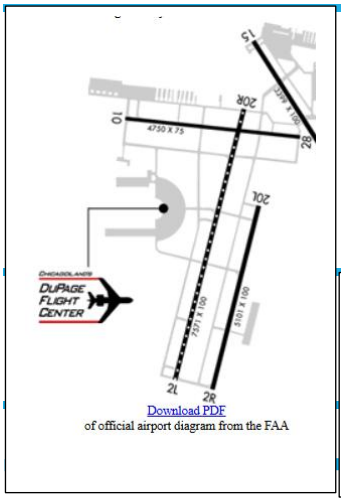
Chicago Area Chapter of the 99s
International Organization
of Women Pilots

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 2:00pm

At the DuPage Airport Flight Center in the third floor conference room.

At the meeting we will be having a clothing and accessories swap, so bring the pre-loved items that you no longer want, and take home a treasure or two yourself. All items that are not taken will be donated to WINGS for their resale stores.



Download PDF
of official airport diagram from the FAA

DuPage Airport
2700 International Dr
West Chicago, IL 60185

Terminal Building
3rd floor

UNICOM:	*122.95*
ATIS:	*132.075*
WX ASOS:	*PHONE 630-587-3668*
DUPAGE GROUND:	*121.8*
DUPAGE TOWER:	*120.9, 257.8, 124.5*

Wings WOMEN IN NEED GROWING STRONGER will take all items we don't trade or share with each other, to benefit women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Their mission is to provide housing and services. Our donations will help to stock resale stores for their customers and clients, with clothing, furniture, housewares and accessories. Please bring clothes, home goods, accessories, and help WINGS out!

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING – MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MAKE A PLAN TO ATTEND

The December Chicago Chapter event, our Annual Holiday Party, will be hosted this year by Susan RM at Golden Wings Hangar at Waukegan Airport.
the bottom of page 2 will provide the info and information that you need to reserve your place. Please bring family and friends and enjoy an airport lunch in their heated hangar. December 13. Sunday Noon to 3:00



AND TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR – 2027 – WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST AVIATION EXPO

Planning and invitations are out to our speakers and vendors. The hotel contract is signed. The publicity will begin soon. Some of our newest members have already agreed to come in and greet our pilot guests. The Chicago 99s 2027 IFR/VFR Safety Seminar and Aviation Expo is on track. There will be a social dinner event on Friday, January 29, with speakers and vendors joining us to enjoy the evening. Reservations are required and that link is also available on page 2. Pre EXPO dinner, hotel discount rate if you'd like to stay over, and then the free seminars on Saturday, January 30. We need a reception desk manager, and some other volunteers for various positions. Please join in

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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www.ninety-nines.org

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Skywriting

Vickie S, Chairman

In case you didn't know, our Chapter is very active and engaging, which is awesome. To keep this vitality in our Chapter, many people have to help on various committees. Several of our members have helped for years serving as chairs for our Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Santori Scholarship, Delegate for IL Aviation Hall of Fame, webmaster, and 99s News reporter. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Sharon, Cynthia and Diane! You are three of the best!

All three of these ladies have decided to step down from their positions but are willing to train and mentor their replacement. I'm happy to report that Annalise W will take over the Scholarship Chair position.

We still need people to fill the following positions:

Santori Scholarship - work with Donna K and Erin B T (Vice-Governor) to solicit, review, and award the Santori scholarships. Most of the work is in March when reviewing the applications.

Delegate to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame - work with the other delegates to review the applications for the Hall of Fame. There are two meetings and a banquet in October to attend.

Webmaster – work on developing and maintaining our new website (can use Go Daddy Airo). You can do this alone or with a team.

99s News Reporter – Send in an image or two with a short description to our International 99s Magazine, Grassroots section and Milestones. 6 submissions per year.

Here is where you come in, can you help with one of these positions? The Chapter has about 135 members, if we all do a little, great things can happen.

Thank you in advance for stepping up!

Vickie

Holiday Party in Waukegan: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/december-13-holiday-party-in-waukegan

Click on the link above to register for our Holiday Party at Golden Wings KUGN Airport

Expo Dinner: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/january-2027-aviation-expo-dinner

Click on the link above to register for our January 29th Pre Expo Dinner at Renaissance Suites Glenview



Many of our members both here in Chicago and across the continent have been wearing state/province shape name badges. If you want/need one for yourself or for a gift for another 99, or 49 ½, please click on this link to order yours!

Badge Purchases: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/chicago-area-chapter-of-the-ninety-nines-shop

FROM THE FAASTeam

The **Fall 2026** issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* magazine focuses on the **future of flight** in the National Airspace System. Feature articles include a review of the FAA's eVTOL Integration Pilot Program, a status update on the nation's Brand New Air Traffic Control System, and a profile of Flight Standards' Emerging Technologies Division. We also take an in-depth look at the MOSAIC rule and its impact on the GA community.

Feature Articles Mastering MOSAIC What Every Airman Needs to Know About the FAA's Overhaul of Light Sport Regulations https://bit.ly/mosaic-rule

Breaking Barriers with BNATCS The FAA's Brand New Air Traffic Control System is Transforming Aviation Safety and Efficiency https://bit.ly/bnatcs

FAA's eVTOL Integration Pilot Program Advancing Aviation's Next Frontier https://bit.ly/faa-evtol

The Future of Aircraft Propulsion From Hydrogen to Electric, Cutting-edge Propulsion Systems are Pushing Aviation Forward https://bit.ly/av-propulsion

The Architects of Innovation How the FAA's Emerging Technologies Division is Shaping the Future of the NAS https://bit.ly/faa-innovation

Departments

Flying Into the Future Leadership Landing: ***a message from FAA's leadership*** https://bit.ly/faa-future
Supporting the Next Generation of Pilots Aeromedical: ***checkup on all things aeromedical*** https://bit.ly/aviation-mental-health
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Laurie Armetta, FAA's Emerging Technologies Division FAA Faces: ***FAA employee profile*** https://bit.ly/laurie-armetta
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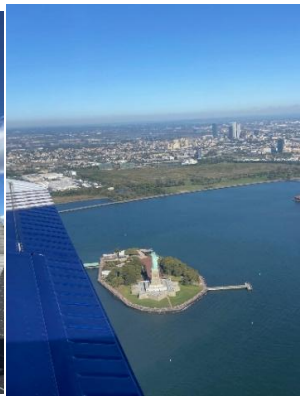
2027 Chapter Calendar (in the planning stages)

Month	Date	Event	Location	Who
January	30	IFR/VFR Aviation Expo	Renaissance Suites Hotel Glenview	Madeleine &
February	20	Meeting	Dekalb	Corie & Deb
March	??	mini mtg & flying fun (tentative)	TBD	Susan
April	9 to 11	NCS Meeting	Ypsalanti, MI	
May	??	Aviation Day for Girls	TBD	
June	13	Business Meeting	KENW	Sharon
July				
August				
September	9 to 11	Int'l Convention	Sydney	x
		Chapter meeting or NCS committee meeting	TBD	as needed
October	15-17	NCS Meeting	KDPA	Chicago Area Chapter
November	11	Meeting (review NCS event)	Pilot Pete's	Madeleine
December	12	Holiday Party	KUGN?	Susan

MEMBER NEWS

Gathered for us by Kadijah H





Nina B:

I flew to NYC last week and landed at Linden Airport, which is a non-towered airport, mostly used by Helicopter Tours, under the Bravo shelf for Newark. Before landing, we flew the Hudson River VFR Corridor North and South past Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. It was my daughter's first time in New York City and a neat way to introduce her to the city! My CFII came, which was great because we needed to file an Instrument flight plan to depart. I ended up getting 3.0 hours flying in IMC.



Katie B has been busy – CFI done! CFII done! New job instructing done! Look for her at FlyWaterloo at KPWK!



Bailey R – MES done! In a Beech 18 on floats! Amazing.



It's been an exciting few months in aviation! I recently earned my Single-Engine Seaplane Instructor (SESI), Multi-Engine Instructor (MEI), and Commercial Multi-Engine Seaplane (MES) the highlights was flying a historic Beech 18 on floats in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, while my dad earned his Single-Engine Seaplane rating!

I'm continuing to instruct at Holiday Airways in Schaumburg, helping launch our new Piper Aztec multi-engine program. I've also taken on a Navigator role in the 99s Professional Pilot Initiative (PPLI), mentoring a fellow female pilot.

Looking ahead, I'm working toward my long-term dream of becoming an aerial firefighter. This fall, I'm hoping to transition into business aviation, putting my CABAA light jet type-rating scholarship to use and gaining valuable turbine experience.



Madeleine M Inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame on October 15



Student Pilot Member News

Collected by Joy R

When it comes to enjoying the fall foliage from the air as a pilot or a passenger, Susan R M has made plans to enjoy the spectacular scenes.

"I will be renting a plane in Phoenix, AZ to fly over to the southeast corner to the historic Douglas, AZ airport. One of the stops on the 1929 Women's Air Derby.

So where does she recommend others go for the greatest view of the season's vibrant colors? "Fly to Lacrosse Airport, a fun location and beautiful fall leaves over the Mississippi."

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL MEETING IN FISHERS INDIANA OCTOBER 1-4, 2026

Our Section Meetings are always interesting, educational and FUN. This one was superlative in all 3 areas.

Chair of the Indiana Chapter, Erin H, started us off with a very nice hotel, at a good price point, with food and drink both in house and nearby. For those of us who arrived Thursday afternoon, she treated us to a hangar picnic at her home airport, with local flyovers, a handsome and gregarious chef, and lots of food and drink.

Friday, during the day, pretty much on our own – a welcome situation for some of us very busy ladies in attendance. Friday evening we were treated like visiting dignitaries by Republic Airlines, with private bus transport to their headquarters and training facility, and dinner followed by a tour INCREDIBLE The impressive women of SOAR Committee held a panel discussion about the company, with special focus on women and training. Republic gave several scholarships to applicants from our Section. The tour followed with many highlights, FA Training airplane mockup, huge and incredibly busy Dispatch room (managing the entire fleet) The simulators used for pilot training, and more.

Saturday morning there was an optional early trip to join in at a nearby airport Pancake Breakfast. Then the Section Fall Business Meeting which included Committee Chair Reports and an invitation to our next Section Meeting to be held in Ypsilanti Michigan APRIL 9-11, 2027. In the mitten (you had to be there) Make a plan to attend – fly in, private or airline, drive in, bus, or train. Suffice it to say, the Michigan Chapter is expecting us!

Saturday night banquet was elegant, musical, historic and set in the Tom Wood Aviation Warbird Hangar. Words won't do it justice – see the photos here and in the January 1 Waypoint.
















Half-Moon Mission

By Cynthia M

While attending the 50th anniversary of the Forest of Friendship ("FOF") in Atchison, Kansas September 12, 2026, I had the opportunity to obtain a second-generation Moon Tree. This special sycamore was grown from a seed from the original FOF "Moon Tree" which was grown from a seed that circled the moon 43 times in 1971.

Being only 15 inches tall, there was no problem transporting the tree home. However, my research showed that a sycamore could grow to more than 100 feet tall and there was no place on my property that could handle a tree of that size. I needed to find it a good home.

After my home village was not able to accept the tree, Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, came to the rescue and was happy to accept the sycamore. On October 8th, my 49½ Ralph and I spent the day at the arboretum passing the tree over to them and getting a two-hour+ tour of the entire arboretum. The weather was perfect for a golf cart tour. The tree will be protected until it can be planted on the arboretum grounds and they will keep us updated on its progress and location when it is planted. Ninety-Nines in the future can visit a tree that holds for them a special connection.

My gratitude to Mary Claire Kastenholz, Tribute Gift Specialist (and golf cart driver) and Ed Hedborn, who manages their plant records database. Ed has 50+years' experience at the arboretum and is fully versed on the history of the Morton family and every single plant and tree we passed. They were very gracious and made us feel special.



Know an exceptional pilot or mechanic? Nominate them for a National GA Award!

Every year, the General Aviation Awards program recognizes individual aviation professionals who demonstrate extraordinary leadership, safety, and educational achievements. Past honorees have reshaped flight training standards, advanced maintenance practices, and built stronger safety cultures nationwide.

Watch 2026 Awardee Intro

*Earn **WINGS credit** by watching this recording of the 2026 flight instructor, AMT, and FAASTeam Rep of the year share their knowledge, safety tips, and experience.*

The General Aviation Awards depend entirely on **you** to bring these unsung heroes into the spotlight. Submitting a nomination is one of the most impactful ways to give back to the mentors, mechanics, and safety advocates who keep our aviation community safe and thriving.

Categories for Nomination:

- **Flight Instructor of the Year**
- **Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year**
- **FAASTeam Representative of the Year**

Why Nominate?

- **National Recognition:** Winners are honored at major industry events like EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.
- **Industry Impact:** Showcase best practices that elevate standards across the entire GA community.
- **Peer Appreciation:** Acknowledge years of dedication to safety and education.

Don't let their hard work go unnoticed.

> **Submit Nominations Before Nov. 30** <

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S

2026 - 27 CALENDAR MEETINGS, EVENTS, DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 15 – 2 PM – KDPA MEETING/SWAP MEET/DONATIONS

DECEMBER 13 – NOON – KUGN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON GOLDEN WINGS HANGAR
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 1 link on our website

JANUARY 29 – 6 PM – PRE EXPO DINNER – RENAISSANCE SUITES GLENVIEW
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 25 link on website

JANUARY 30 – 8 AM TO 4 PM – AVIATION EXPO RENAISSANCE SUITES GLENVIEW
(spread the word, send us a vendor contact, bring a new woman pilot)

FEBRUARY 20 – time tbd – CHAPTER MEETING – KDKB