

AIR NEWS

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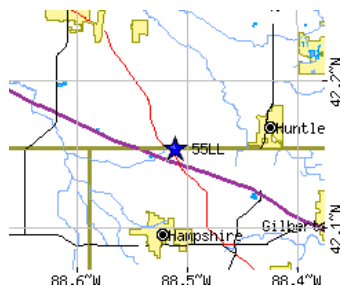
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SEPTEMBER MEETING AT SKY SOARING AIRPORT

Hosted by Vickie S

Sunday, September 14th, 1:00 pm



See AIRNAV for driving info

If flying in—stay south 9 is right traffic 27 is left traffic, to avoid noise sensitive area north of the airport.

123.3 freq 3000' grass strip

Park planes to the north and east, tails to the trees, near the white fuel tank.

If driving park on gravel west of the building

See AIRNAV for details on 55LL



A short meeting will precede the presentation by our hosts at Sky Soaring Glider Club

WHO'S WHO
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Chicago Area Chapter

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Deadline for submission the
20th of the month :

Madeleine M, Editor

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Skywriting

Chair, Vickie S

Chicago Area Chapter 99s,

It's September! Wait what? How did that happen? I hope you had an amazing summer and had a few aviation adventures. Did you do that cross country, or master the greased landing, or just visit a new aviation museum? The summer seemed to fly by, but now that the weather is cooling off a bit, I'd like to have a few more adventures.

My plan to fly up to Kenosha along the lakefront was thwarted by the Air and Water Show (TFR) and some dicey weather too. So that's on my list. I want to get more comfortable going into towered airports, so I'm planning to go to Bloomington (BMI) to have lunch and visit the Prairie Aviation Museum. My plane partner and I want to head to the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo (AZO) this Fall and see the changing colors too!

I'm also going to the NCS meeting in Oshkosh (OSH)! It should be so different than during AirVenture. The Wisconsin chapter has arranged for KOSH tower tours and tours of the EAA museum. The registration fee includes Saturday breakfast, box lunch and banquet! (If you are coming only part of the day, you can order the lunch or banquet separately.) Register by September 3rd and the price is \$10 less. Oh, there's also The Paine Art Center (and garden), and the the Oshkosh Public Museum, and the Riverwalk, and ... Think about joining us and meeting some other 99's who live just a little bit further away.

If you are going and it will be your first section meeting, let me (or someone on the Board) know. The Chapter has a new award to help pay for the costs of registration and hotel. The Chapter approved \$300 for the year, so probably \$150 in the Fall and another \$150 in the Spring. We will discuss this at the September meeting.

Speaking of the September meeting, we'll be meeting at Sky Soaring to learn all about GLIDERS! You know those airplane looking things without a motor. Chicago has a great history of gliding with Octave Chanute developing and flying his glider designs at the Indiana Dunes. We will be learning about gliders, and maybe (fingers crossed) get a few rides.

Hope to see all of you soon!

Vickie

Vickie S
Chapter Chair
Chicago Area Chapter



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.

Susan R M is working on her pilot license at Aurora municipal Airport (ARR). Over the summer she has been flying a Remos GX, often with the doors off!

Susan is working on emergency procedures, landing pattern and preparing for her check ride.

Additionally, Susan is involved with the future of aviation developing a documentary film about the Pulitzer Trophy. This Pulitzer Air Race hasn't been held since 1925 and will be held in Springfield Ohio this October.

Lastly, she is finishing up a documentary about her pilot grandmother, "Eddie" and her boyfriend, Harry Brooks (Henry Fords test pilot). In August, Susan is filming the builders that built a Curtiss Jenny bi-plane from scratch at the Poplar Grove airport. The Jenny is the plane her grandmother flew in 1925-1928.



Jill F I spent a week at Airventure working the AutoGyro booth with my husband Dan and representing the Foxtrot Aero flight school. Transitioned from the orange gyro that has been sold to the yellow gyro and finishing up my training. Need to finish up my practical exam before 9/29 when my written expires. Hoping for cooler weather and less visibility issues from the Canadian forest fires so I can finish my solo cross country by the end of August.

Maria L Another summer that has not gone as planned. But I remain hopeful that I will get back into training. My husband and I have been traveling maniacs, 3 trips to Hawaii, 2 to NC, 5 to KC, 2 Wisconsin, countless times to Indiana and 1 to Alaska. Our son Felipe got married. Our daughter Julia, who lives in Honolulu, had a difficult pregnancy and blessed us with our 3rd granddaughter. Julia and her business partner finally got their liquor license, after 18 months. And, I am sad to say that my lifelong best friend who was a member from KC, Sharon B passed away. Where has there been time for me to train? It's been a fun year. As I gear up to restart my journey with flying, I am looking forward to taking a ground school refresher course and scheduling some sky time. I will let you know how it's going next time.

Elizabeth S Well, hello! I've been hesitant to respond, because of my own insecurities about not having been actively keeping up on my lessons. But, I think I can get past that in a more positive way. So here goes! I have really been enjoying aviation events like the one this past Spring-Aviation Day for Girls with the 99s! I spent visit time with other ladies, Megan M and Lisa M, packing take-home bags for the young ladies to remember their visit to a windy, yet fun-filled day of learning and hands on opportunities! I partnered with Lisa during the preflight workshop. I think my favorite experience was when I realized that one of the girls in the last group hadn't gotten a chance to go into the plane with a group member because there was an odd number of girls, so I went ahead and gave her a private tour. That was so much fun! I have since been invited to participate in a separate event, and I am so happy to be a student pilot who is included. I think that my journey this season is just to be involved in the women's aviation community and maintain my enthusiasm for flight throughout the many other life changes that seem to happen.

Keep the blue skies up! (Unless you're into aerobatics...then, you do you.)

Ellie D Passed her Private Pilot Checkride on Wednesday, August 20, at Poplar Grove Airport!!!! Yay, Ellie!

Marla S This summer my friends and I started our own little running group. We've been running 2-3 times a week and are training with the goal of completing a 5K in the fall. It's been a fun way to stay active and motivated together. I had the chance to travel to Greece for two weeks, which was incredible! We stayed in Athens for part of the trip and also spent time island hopping. It was such a beautiful experience. In May, I graduated with my master's and in July I started my new job as a school-based therapist. It's been an exciting transition, and I'm really looking forward to this next chapter in my career.

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Maria S continued.....

One of my biggest current goals is to finish my Private Pilot License. It been a long and challenging journey, but I'm nearing the end of my training and can't wait to achieve it.

A highlight for me recently was completing my first solo at a towered airport! Since I normally train at a non-towered field, I've struggled with talking to controllers, but this was a big breakthrough. It felt like such a rewarding step forward, and now I'm officially moving into the final portion of my training.

I appreciate the support and community (of the 99s).

Corie W After a year-long hiatus from flying once I discovered the holes in my education and redefined how my training could continue in a more effective manner, I am FINALLY putting the wheels in motion. I signed up for a 14 week ground class to re-establish my base knowledge to retake my PPL written that had expired. I plan to get the knowledge I need for both the written and oral before even thinking of sitting my tush in a plane to knock off the rust. By Christmas, this phase should be passed and come the New Year, I hope to make a quick, mess free finish to this part of my licensure. That's my plan, anyway....wish me luck!

Blue Skies to you all!

AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!

Info gathered by Kadijah H

Jennifer M Happy to share my updates for the month. I'm currently very close to the 250 hours I need for my commercial! Been wishing I could fly more often these days, but work and other things have gotten so crazy lately. I have some exciting projects coming out soon on social media, including one with Women Rock Wings, an aviation organization on the rise that is all about the girls! There may or may not also be a nonprofit in the works that will be looking to collaborate with the 99s.

Though I've been unable to make it to the recent 99s events due to my schedule, I look forward to being more active again this fall & winter.

Marilyn H

I'm thoroughly enjoying my Instrument training but my greatest joy since getting my Private back in January has been flying Pilots N Paws missions! I've done two flying missions so far (plus one that ended up being a driving mission). My flying buddy Dave and I flew Sasha from DuPage to her adorable new family in Minneapolis back in May and last week Cordell, Peach and Shane from Muscatine IA to Burlington, WI. All four dogs were rescued from the streets in Texas, so a long journey for them made a bit easier by flying!

My passengers had no complaints about my less than stellar landings! These missions have been great for taking me to new airports and new environments while building my cross-country time. The best are the kisses and hugs from these special little souls; they really touch my heart!



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 August 17, 2025, Kenosha Airport (KENW), AVP

Hostess: Sharon S

Guest Speaker: Elaine Kauh

Attendees: 99's: Vickie S, Deb M, Larisa K, Ellen O, Susan M, Sharon S, Lisa M, Krista C, Jill F, Mariko D, Cynthia M, Corie W

49 1/2: Bill M, Yosh K, Ralph M

Guests: Elaine Kauh, Sienna S, Natasha E

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM

Chairman's Report Welcomed new members and introductions. Vickie S passed out Leadership Manuals to the leadership team. Board – folders, info in the 99's website and library Round table chapter chair meeting once a month. Learn about website updates and ARC experience.

Secretary's Report Minutes Secretary Lisa M motion to accept as published in Air News. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Ellen O and seconded by Mariko D. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Susan M reported she took over books from Shelley Ventura and will be working on finances going forward. Chapter Donations, Badge fund-raising changes, Dues to be paid, only a few have paid.

Committees - Committee Chairs

Membership - Megan M

Expo – Madeleine

501© 3 - Shelley

Aviation for Girls Day 2026 – Corie with Megan

Air News Team - Madeleine, Kadiah, Joy

Fundraising - Linda Uznys

Webmaster – Cynthia

Hostesses for 2026, Fall NCS 2027 meeting – Corie

Old Business Need to find a new place to make our badges, the following are researching options for badges:

Krista C reaching out to Chamber of Commerce

Linda U - checking resources

Bailey R - checking resources

Corie W - checking with EAA chapters

New Business

Website needs to be updated.

Need to have a Document Storage place for our chapter – maybe a cloud.

What do we want; what do we need?

To create a designated leadership team just for the website, social media and document storage.

NCS Membership Chair needed.

WIA Girls In Aviation Day – Volunteers needed to make this a successful event. Date: 09/20/2025. Location: Priester Aviation at Chicago Executive Airport.

Susan M - Pulitzer Trophy: A new film documenting the dawn of electric.

Programs / Events for 2026: Expo, Aviation for Girls, Air Race / ARC Route 2026

Next Meeting

Sept 14 Sky Soaring - Gliders – Vickie

Oct 3-5 NCS Fall Meeting OSH

Oct 18 Lansing – How to Air Race – Cynthia - with IN Dunes and Indiana Chapters.

Next Events

Feed My Starving Children: November 13th 7:00 PM

Holiday Pot Luck and Party: December 14th 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM. Thank you to AVP and Sharon

Presentation by Elaine Kauh (MKE FSDO) on The Wide World of Aviation Careers!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M, Secretary

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CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025 CALENDAR

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| SEPT 14 | CHAPTER MEETING SAILPLANE MTG 1:00 pm | 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 7:15 Libertyville Location | JILL FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN |
| DEC 14 | HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK SUNDAY 12-4 | LISA LAKE BARRINGTON SHORES FIREPLACE ROOM IN THE CLUBHOUSE |

WE ARE BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR OUR 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST? AND WHERE?