

AIR NEWS

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

APRIL 2018



SPRING IS HERE

APRIL 8

Teleconference Meeting 5-7 pm Zoom Conference Info (for all teleconferences)
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/2226165169> Or iPhone one-tap : US: +16699006833, 2226165169# or +14086380968, 2226165169# Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968 or +1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 222 616 5169



APRIL 15 **CORRECTED LOCATION**

Tour Air Classics Museum, near Aurora Airport, featuring aircraft and memorabilia from 1930's to now. 44W546 US-30, Sugar Grove, IL 60554 go to airclassicsmuseum.org for more info, map, directions and contact info. Meet there at Noon, flying in to ARR? taxi to Lumanair for fuel and shuttle to Museum. Questions? contact Ellen O'Hara

MAY 4, 5 & 6

Spring North Central Section Meeting in Kalamazoo Michigan Join with 99s from around the Midwest to celebrate women who fly and the 99s. Highlight of the weekend (after the business meeting of course) will be a tour of the KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO. SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 4



MAY 12

Scout Aviation Day Help the Scouts learn and earn an Aviation Badge. To be held at KPWK, Atlantic Aviation, 1011 S Wolf Road, Wheeling, IL. Up to 100 scouts and adult chaperones will be our guests. Education stations include preflight, forces of flight, navigation and careers.

JUNE 16

SATURDAY FLY IN LUNCH AT POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT. A Day at a Country Airport Poplar Grove-C77. Appetizers and mocktails at 11:00. Lunch and Meeting at noon - followed by plane watching, plane rides, and lawn game championships!!!! 11:00 am arrival at Erikson's hangar on Taxiway Foxtrot CONTACT Mary Lou



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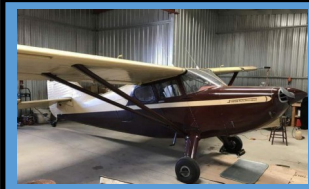
Madeleine Monaco

Deadline for submission the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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FLYING and FRIENDS

JILL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN

Dear Chicago Area Chapter 99s,

Spring is almost here! Isn't it? Sometimes the weather is warm and welcoming with a nice light breeze right down the runway, and I don't even have to wear my long underwear for my flying lessons. But then there are the other times where I'm up in Stella (my Stinson 108-3), and an hour is all I can take before my fingers go numb! Before next winter, we are fixing the cold air leaks!

But even with March weather, many of us enjoyed the warmer days flying the skies. I went to a great event up at Oshkosh earlier this month – Hops and Props! Although we only had a few tastes of micro brews throughout the evening and didn't fly out until the next afternoon, we had a wonderful time with our flying friends. And the Aviation Museum is always a great place to spend some time wandering.

Many of the 99s were out flying this month as well. MaryLou, Deb and Preethi always share great pictures -now if I only had time to get them up on the Chicago Facebook page! But check out the page for pictures of the latest pop up event at the Tap House Grill, next to KPWK. We had 12 members in attendance; 4 student pilots (myself included), 7 pilots including 3 commercial airline pilots, and one aviation enthusiast and now new Friend of the 99s member. More about Cindy Florsheim later – what an amazing young-at-heart lady who celebrated her birthday with us.

A couple of dates to keep in mind – ELECTIONS. NCS elections deadline is April 5th. International elections end May 1st. If you opted in for electronic voting you will find the process awesome. It was so easy, fast and actually fun! Otherwise, your paper ballot should have been sent to you. Please do your part and vote.

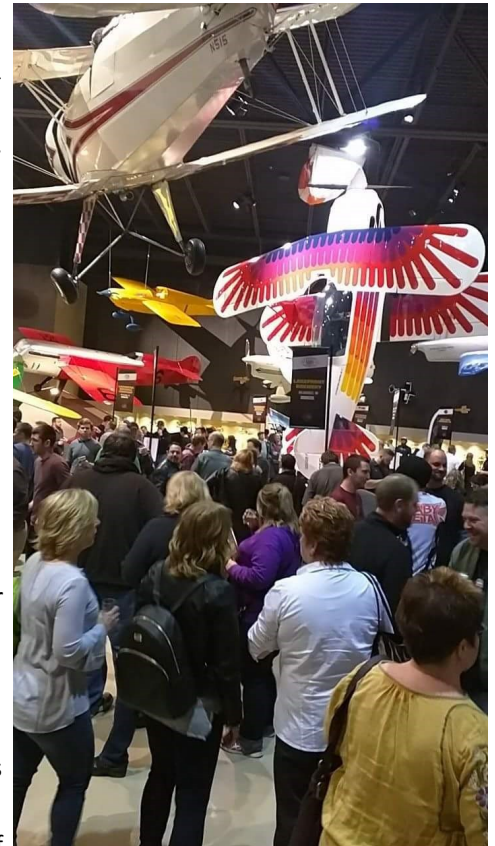
April's social get-together is April 15th at the AIR CLASSICS museum near Aurora Airport– Ellen O'Hara is organizing. Sunday April 8th from 5-7 pm will be a call-in teleconference meeting. Everyone is welcome. Teleconferences are using Zoom. See call-in information on the Calendar of Events page. If you would like the agenda sent to you before the meeting, please send me an email.

Don't forget to send Ellen O'Hara or me an email if you can participate in Girl Scout Aviation Day on May 12th. The flier for this event is in this Air News. The best way to get the word out is personal invitation to your favorite scouts!

Wishing you many blues skies, gentle breezes, and (please!) spring temperatures.

Flying High in Chicago,

Jill



HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

HELEN SAILER

Helen Sailer, of *The Village* (a retirement community in Gainesville, Florida), celebrated her 100th Birthday with friends and family on March 7, 2018.

Born on a small farm near Roseville, Illinois, in 1918, Helen, like so many of her generation, made a tremendous leap to a career in the insurance business with *Illinois Bankers Life* and later *Washington National* in Evanston, Illinois.

Well ahead of her time and on a secretary's salary, she took her first flying lesson in 1940. After the war ended she went on to become a commercial pilot, with a multi-engine rating. A life-time member of the *Chicago Chapter of the Nighty-Nines*, she is also a charter member of *The International Woman's Air and Space Museum*. When she retired in 1983, and moved to Gainesville, Robin, her Cessna 150, moved with her and she continued to fly through the early 1990s.

To celebrate her birthday, her family—great-nephew Robert Matson & wife Lisa, from Newport, CA, great-niece Ingrid Brewer & husband Tab from San Diego, CA and niece Enid Lagree and husband Jay from Rehoboth Beach, DE— along with many friends from *The Village*, all gathered for a festive luncheon. Of course airplanes and balloons played a major role in the party decorations—as they still do in her life.

When asked why and when she became interested in flying, she said, "In 1922, when I was four-years-old, my cousin Howard stopped by our farm, flying his father's WWI three seat, open cockpit biplane. He wanted to take my father and brother for a ride. When they returned, I begged and pleaded for him to take me up and he said he would, if my mother came along for the ride. She finally relented and I was hooked for life! To this day I remember hanging my head out over the side of the open cockpit. With the sun low in the west and the Mississippi River on the horizon, the river looked like a golden snake. It was just beautiful."



See more photos on page 6



Your Air News Editor would like to highlight other members. Please send a few paragraphs and a photo for future use.

COME TO YOUR FIRST SECTION MEETING OR YOUR 41ST. MEET THE OTHER WOMEN WHO MAKE THE 99S UNIQUE AND WONDERFUL. IT'S A GIRLS WEEKEND WITH AIRPLANES!!! WHAT COULD BE BETTER!

North Central Section 99s
2018 Spring Conference
May 4-6, 2018
REGISTRATION

hosted by
**Michigan
Chapter**



FOUR POINTS
BY SHERATON

Kalamazoo,
Michigan

Name: _____ Guest: _____
Email: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Chapter: _____
Current Office/Position: _____
Past Office(s) Held: _____

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SUBTOTAL</u>
FULL Registration (deadline March 20, 2018 @ \$99/pp)	x _____	= _____

*** LATE Registration after March 20, 2018 @ \$119/pp ***

FULL/LATE Registration includes breakfast (Sat & Sun), Lunch (Sat), Banquet (Sat), hospitality room, access to Fly Market and transportation to/from KAZO and nearby activities.

Sat Lunch Selection(s): _____ Turkey Club _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____ Chicken Salad Wrap

Sat Dinner Selection(s): _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Pork Tenderloin _____ Grilled Salmon

Note any dietary restrictions: _____

A la carte

Friday – Airways Fun Center (optional): variety of fun activities – costs paid by individuals at facility

Friday – Dinner at Brewster's Restaurant – to be paid by individuals at restaurant

Saturday – AirZoo Musuem Tour @ \$12.50/pp or \$10.00/senior age 60+ x _____ = _____

Fly Market Table – Chapter / 99s Member @ \$15 ea x _____ = _____

Fly Market Table – Non-99 Vendor @ \$25 ea x _____ = _____

TOTAL Due: \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Michigan Chapter 99s"

Mail to: Rosemary Sieracki, 41490 Hanford Rd, Canton, MI 48187

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 10, 2018

HOTEL: FourPoints by Sheraton Room Rate – \$109/night – mention "Michigan 99s NCS Conference"
3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo, MI, 49001 Phone (269) 385-3922 - **Block rate expires April 03, 2018**

FLY into Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (KAZO) – both Commercial and GA

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ ETA: _____ N# _____ or FLIGHT# _____ AIRLINE: _____

Four Points shuttle and rental cars available.

General Aviation FBO: Duncan Aviation

For more info: Rebecca Duggan, 586-839-7252, rebdpilot@aol.com

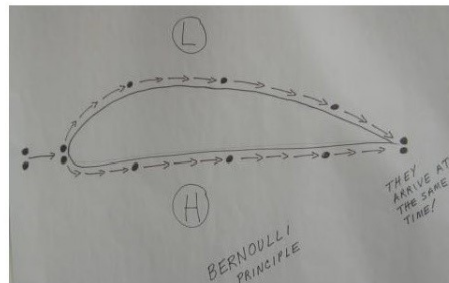
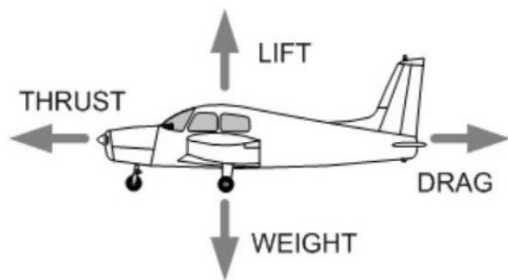
AVIATION DAY!

Saturday, May 12, 2018 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling

Girl Scout Juniors to Ambassadors \$12 (Includes patch and light snack) Adults \$8
Hosted by: Chicago Area Chapter of THE NINETY-NINES, INC., an international organization of licensed women pilots

The Ninety-Nines will lead exciting workshops that cover the STEAM subjects of aviation and aerodynamics and will explore aviation history and aviation career paths.

Intro to Aviation via Forces of Flight * Women Flying thru History * Aviation Careers
Communication and Navigation * Airplane Preflight and Control



Register online at gcnwiprgograms.org with code 321478

GET IN SHAPE

If you do not have a chapter name badge in the shape of your state, now is the time to order one. Send a check in the amount of \$16 made payable to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s and mail to Rita Adams,



Badge above is in the shape of Illinois. Please indicate your state and whether you want a pin or magnet backing.

NOW ALSO AVAILABLE WITH MAGNETIC BACKING! Allow three weeks for delivery.

Our Chapter Members on the move!!!

Any news you want to share? Training, travel, or family updates? Just email your editor and I will print as space permits. 99mjm@sbcglobal.net

Any items for sale, or events to promote? Let me know that too.

Know a new pilot, or a long time pilot you want to receive one of our newsletters? I will send one, or you can forward the one I send you.

Do you have a favorite maintenance shop, avionics shop, paint or upholstery shop? Lets help them to be more successful—share the name and contact info.

Have a suggestion for an event to fly to?

Have a restaurant you want to try for a fly in meal?

Know of a new flight school? Airplane for rent? Ground school? Hangar space?

Tell us! Share! We are all in this together!

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Long time member, now living in Florida, Elsie Wahrer Bascomb, was invited to attend Helen's birthday party. She could not attend but shared the info with us. We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to know the women who came to aviation before we did. I well remember Helen from a boat ride during my very first International Convention in Boston. Ask me about it—I can't put it in print :-) This note is from her niece Enid.

I cannot tell you what any mention of her birthday will mean to my Aunt Helen. The latest issue of your 99s Newsletter is always proudly displayed on her coffee table and she keeps all the back issues.

Please note that she is almost totally blind and reads only with the greatest difficulty. Whenever I'm there, we go through the current issue together, especially the obituaries, which isn't surprising.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELEN! FROM YOUR 99 SISTERS IN CHICAGO AND AROUND THE WORLD.

MEMBER NEWS

Cynthia and Ralph Madsen volunteered at the safety seminar sponsored by the South Suburban Chapter of the Illinois Pilots Association on March 21, 2018 at Lansing Municipal Airport. Experts spoke on drones; FAA and the law; and engines.

On Saturday, March 24, Cynthia and Ralph attended the Tuskegee Airmen Day event at the B. Coleman Center at Gary Airport. The mayor of Gary read a proclamation designating March 22 every year as Tuskegee Airmen Day. Two original Tuskegee Airmen were in attendance. There was a raffle, silent auction and lunch was provided.



RUTH FRANZ BEGINS HER FINAL JOURNEY

At press time for this issue, we received word from Peggy Elmer, that her mom Ruth Frantz was coming home to Illinois. Her struggle is nearing an end and she will be spending her last few days/weeks at Alden Park, 5668 Strathmoor, Rockford. 815-229-5200. If you would like to go to see Ruth, her daughter tells us you would be welcome.

REQUEST FOR INFO ON A PILOT FROM THE OLD CHICAGO HAMMOND AIRPORT

I am trying to find information about a Mr. Kurt William Kunau, who was manager of the Chicago-Hammond Airport during the 1950's and was also owner of Kunau Aviation Co. based out of Chicago Hammond Airport. From what I could find via the internet Mr. Kunau moved to Florida in the early 1960's and passed away in 1965. He was also a member of AOPA, and during World War Two was involved with flight training for the military, and with "Transport Command".

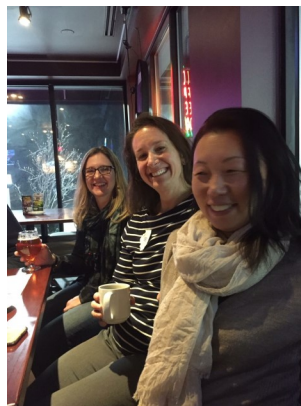
Respond to Mieszko Syski, dcsyski@gmail.com

MARCH MEET UP AT KPWK

Our first Pop Up Meeting hosted by Susan Kelsey at the Tap House Grill on the 14th was a great success. See the full report in Jill's Chairman letter on page 2. **Lets do it again!**



Amanda Wagner & Cindy Florscheim



Lora Yowell, Natalie Berman & Kyoko Kimura



Madeleine Monaco & Eva Kozlowski

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Jeanine Elizabeth Seitz-Partridge



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Some great gathering and networking events coming up.

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.....**May 4-6 NCS 2018 Spring Conference Kalamazoo, MI visit the AirZoo**

.....**May 12 GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY, Chgo Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation Ellen O'Hara**

.....**June 16 Fly to Poplar Grove Lunch at Mary Lou Erikson's Hangar**

.....**July 4-8 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

.....**Aug 19 Chapter Event/Meeting Kenosha Airport Sharon Schorsch**

.....**Sept 16 Chapter Event/Meeting Dacy Airport Larisa Kano**

.....**Sept 21-23 NCS Fall Conference Mansfield, OH**

.....**Oct 21 Chapter Event/Meeting Clow Airport Leslie Prellwitz**

.....**Nov 8th Feed My Starving Children 7:45 Schaumburg (maybe feed the 99s before?)**

.....**Dec 9th Chapter Holiday Party Noon-4 p DPA Flight Center Conference Room**

All 99s and their guests are welcome at all meetings and events.

For more rewards of membership, join in and celebrate women who fly!