

# AIR NEWS



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

AUGUST 2022

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**2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN DAYTON OH**

**2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONG BEACH CA COVID CANCELLATION—RESCHEDULED**

**2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONG BEACH CA CANCELLED FOR COVID—AGAIN**

**2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN CHARLESTON, SC see report page 2**

**PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR A FALL CONFERENCE IN JORDAN OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

The Governor of the Arabian Section, Alia Al Twal invites you to contact her with questions.  
twalalia@gmail.com more info on registration, travel and hotel in the near future



**AUGUST 20 MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLOW INTERNATIONAL  
1C5 CTAF 122.9 RWY 18-36**

Join us at Charlie's restaurant for lunch before the meeting Noon

Join us at the Illinois Aviation Museum for the meeting 1 pm

Our hostess, Diane Hromek-Sawyer, will tell her aviation story  
how she lived on an airport and flew to work is only a small part of it!



172



Sundowner



B55 Baron



Cessna 340



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**WHO'S WHO**  
in the  
Chicago Area Chapter

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Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine Monaco*



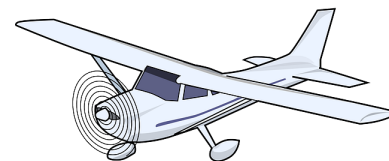
**Dear Chicago 99s,**

We skipped any local meeting or event during the month of July, in order to provide all of our members with more free time to attend our International Conference in Charleston. The Chicago Area Chapter 99s who attended were Leslie Prellwitz, our out-going International Treasurer, who will continue her service to the 99s as newly elected International Director; Mariko Doskow, the current Chair of the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI), the 99s mentoring program; Lora Yowell, Captain and Recruiter for Sky West Air, managing the booth in our Fly Market/Career Fair room; Gail LaPook, our long time Chapter member, AE Scholarship Past Winner and senior DPE; and me, your Chapter Chair. The Francis Marion Hotel was lovely. The city of Charleston was hot, humid and historical. The meetings were precise, concise, and well attended. The meals were VERY good. The tours were fun and well attended. Our keynote speaker Brian Schiff, was entertaining, informative and complimentary to the 99s. All of the speakers were interesting—and you could choose which were the most interesting to YOU from the long list. There were several leadership roundtables, several career panel mini-interview opportunities, a large open space with vendors, authors, airline recruiters, and Museum information booths. The AE Memorial Scholarships were announced and winners present introduced. And our closing Awards Banquet, led by Kathy Fox, 99 and Chairperson of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada was delightful.

I am writing this before EAA AirVenture starts—but I hope you get to experience it. It's aviation homecoming. It's grass roots. Its GA, Military, student to ATP, government, other nations and almost other-worldly. Did you go?

**IT'S SUMMER HERE'S A RERUN from last month.** Our calendar is filling up but we still have room for your new ideas and plans for the coming year. Vicki Szewczyk, pronounced shove-check, if you call her :-), will be filling up the calendar with your plans and ideas for meetings (6 per year minimum) and events. Please contact her szewczyk09@att.net to volunteer to host a meeting or plan an event. No experience needed. You may have all the help you need and some funds to feed and/or entertain us. Contact Vicki to make plans.

**See you at Clow 1pm August 20.**



**Say yes to the 99s.**

**Don't just belong, participate!**

*Madeleine*

## EVA'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE On the Inside of the Fence

by Eva Kozlowski

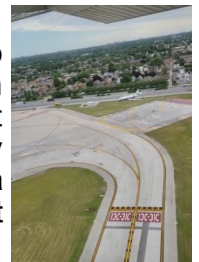


Growing up in the shadows of what was then Chicago Midway Airport started my love of aviation. I grew up a half mile east of Midway. As a child of the 60's and 70's, Midway was pretty much a ghost town. I would ride my bike up to the airport and all around the entrance to the terminal building. Then I would stand along the fence line to watch the few airplanes come and go, dreaming of learning to fly. My grammar school was on the approach for Runway 31, so I could hear the airplanes fly over every day.

During the Women's Rights Movement of the 60's and 70's, I was empowered to be whatever I wanted to be. Yet, being a pilot was not a promoted career choice for women. That did not stop me from dreaming of learning to fly. I had a job as a waitress in high school. I was saving every penny to go to ground school at the nearby Jr. College. I subscribed to *Flying Magazine* and continued to dream.

I am the first born of an immigrant family. Both of my parents came to the US for a better life after WWII. Their families lost everything they had. They wanted a better life for themselves and for me, my brother, and sister. I could not ask them for money, or even tell them I was entertaining the idea of learning to fly. They would not understand. There was no one in aviation on either side of the family. I honestly do not know where my love of flying came from. I soon realized I was not going to have the money needed for flying. I did not even know anyone in the aviation industry to ask for guidance. I gave up my dream and pursued a career in pharmacy. Flying never left my heart.

Fast forward many years later, four sons, and many changes in my personal life, I joined a group called the Midway Historians. They meet quarterly to share photos and stories about the life in and around Midway Airport. I met so many fellow Midway and aviation buffs, along with current and retired airline pilots, all with the common love of Midway. I started spotting at both at Midway and at O'Hare. I was still outside of the fence. The fence had now become a wall. One day, a thought crept into my head about looking into learning to fly. My son's were growing up fast and were on their way to making their own paths in life. It was my turn.



Last year in August, my dream came true. I passed my check ride and became a private pilot. It was surreal. Now I was on a mission to close a loop. Many of you may have flown into Midway as pilots of GA aircraft, corporate jets, and airline jets. For you, it may have just been another airport to log. For me, it was home. I saw the many changes of Midway, but I still wanted to be on the other side of the fence.

On Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I took the day off from my day job as a pharmacist. The weather was looking great. A good friend, fellow pilot and mentor, Paul Bryla, and I, took off to the south along the shoreline from Waukegan in N172WF, a Cessna 172 Skyhawk. During the few weeks leading up to this day, I practiced a few touch-and-go's into Midway. That was not enough. I needed to land, park and stand on that other side of the fence.

ATC instructed me to overfly the field from the NE to the SW at 2000 feet and join the left downwind for Runway 31L. There was a stack of Southwest planes landing on 31C. ATC called out to each one of them, "Report Cessna traffic landing parallel on 31L. Each one of them reported, "Cessna in sight."



Within what seemed like seconds, yet seemed like forever, I was on short final, and on the ground. "Skyhawk November 172 Whiskey Foxtrot – say parking." "Atlantic, 172 Whiskey Foxtrot," I replied. I rolled up to the GA parking at Atlantic, and was marshaled to spot among both a handful of single-engine airplanes and a slew of biz-jets. Everything looked a bit different. I saw the Control Tower above me from a different side that I was used to seeing it. I shut down the plane, and jumped out. I was on the other side of the fence.

The rest of the morning was also great. A fellow 99, Claire Carr, who works for Southwest at MDW, generously gave up some of her morning to swing by Atlantic and pick us up for an inner tour of the airport and the Southwest Ops offices. Many thanks, again, Claire! That was quite a bonus!

Departing Midway was also new for me. Class Charlie airports require a call to Clearance Delivery. Within minutes we were cleared for take-off on 31L. I closed the loop. It may be frivolous to some, but it was my home, and I needed to set foot on it, on the other side of the fence.

Dream big!



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

<u>2022</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
August	20	1:00pm	Clow Airport come early and have lunch at Charlies 12n	DIANE SAWYER
September	30-Oct 2	Weekend	<b>NCS FALL MEETING PORTER INDIANA Indana Dunes</b> <b>Registration forms were in Summer Waypoint</b>	GOV DEB MCGEE & the Indiana Dunes Chapter
October	17	6:00pm	<b>Pilot Pete's dinner—just for fun! Bring a guest.</b>	SHONA WILLIAMS
November	13	1:00pm	CHAPTER MEETING - Lincolnshire	MARIA LINSTROM
December	11	1:00pm	<b>Holiday Party Renaissance Glenview Hotel—</b>	MADELEINE MONACO
<u>2023</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
January	28	8-4	<b>CHICAGO AVIATION EXPO/IFR VFR SAFETY SEMINAR</b>	EXPO TEAM

## IN MEMORIAM



We are sorry to report the passing of Arthur Anderson, 49 1/2 of long time Chicago Chapter Member Marjorie Anderson, who pre-deceased him. Arthur was with us for many years and will be missed.

Arthur R. Anderson, age 91, formerly of Oak Park, Illinois; passed away September 17, 2021 at his home in Orland Park, Illinois. Arthur was born on February 14, 1930 in Oak Park, Illinois and is the son of Arthur J. and Hilda Fauske Anderson. At the age of four, he traveled with his mother to visit his grandparents in Bygstad, Norway. Because of World War II and the take over of Norway, he was detained there as an American Citizen in an occupied country and did not return to his native USA until he was 16 years of age. In 1951 Arthur graduated from York High School in Elmhurst, Illinois. He then attended and graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois receiving his bachelor of Arts and his master's degree in Education. Arthur began work as a carpenter and spent twenty years as a vocational building trades teacher at Lockport High School in Lockport, IL. This program benefited hundreds of students with whom he enjoyed working with very much. He described these as the best twenty years of his life. On June 23, 1965 Arthur married Marjorie Raglin in the Lutheran Church in Bygstad, Norway and the church where he had been confirmed as a boy. Thereafter they lived in Arlington Heights, New Lenox, and Orland Park, Illinois. Arthur was an avid skier and also a world traveler, from the Arctic to the Antarctic, once teaching workshops in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. He loved people and had a special talent in working with them whether in the classroom or in the leading ski trips for the ski shops he managed in Chicago, Illinois and in Kingfield, Maine. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in New Lenox, Illinois, the local Exchange Club, and local # 558 of Elmhurst, serving ten years as president. He is survived by his son, James T. Coffey and Darlene of Tinley Park, Illinois and his three grandchildren, James, Ashley, and Meagan Coffey, and numerous " Country Cousins " in the Monmouth area.

*This printed obituary does not mention Arthur's flying, which is how we in the 99s knew him.*

*He and Marjorie were with the Chicago 99s for so long, we all knew him and kept him in our thoughts after Marjorie passed away.*

## CLAIRE'S REPORT FROM CAVALCADE OF PLANES!



Cavalcade of Planes was really fun - I met my new flight instructor, then I talked with Ellen for a bit before she headed to the 99's booth, then traded a custom sign for a T-6 flight!

The T-6 pilot took me up for the national anthem flyover with another T-6 and a Beech 18. Easily the coolest flight I've ever been on!

After our N.C. Section meeting in April I decided that I loved visiting St. Louis so much that I actually went back for the STL Airshow and also got to check out the Boeing store.

*Claire tells us she has suspended ops on her ETSY site to concentrate on her flight training. We need to catch up, but she works Saturdays, so we are going to have to have a weeknight or Sunday meeting soon !*



# CONFERENCE 2022

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!!

**Nivedita Bhasin, Governor India Section, International Director** (appointed to serve the unexpired term on International Board, vacated when Director Minnetta Gardinier became VP

**Lora Yowell, Chicago Area 99, Captain, SkyWest Airlines** (leading the recruiting team at Conference this year)

**Madeleine Monaco, Chicago Area 99s Chairman, Past Winner Award of Achievement for Contributions to 99s**



Right pic  
SWEARING IN  
New Officers,  
Directors  
and Trustees



Chicago Members Mariko Doskow, Lora Yowell, Gail LaPook, Leslie Prellwitz, with 49.5 Grant, and Madeleine Monaco found a gap in their respective schedules and had a Chicago group dinner at Coast Restaurant in Charleston. We were joined by the SkyWest team, PPLI team members, Maria Lamia from Wisconsin & others. Crazy gathering the group together. Crazy figuring out where the restaurant was going to put us. Crazy good time!



Left pic **Double Birthday Party**

L-r Sue Glisson Kentucky Bluegrass, **Gail LaPook Chicago**, **Kaye Combs Moore Kentucky Bluegrass**, Margaret Wint Indiana Dunes, Julianne Pinto Kentucky Bluegrass, Madeleine Monaco Chicago Area, Terri Donner Kentucky Bluegrass and Maria Lamia Wisconsin

We gathered to celebrate the birthdays of Gail and Kaye. Thanks to both of them for giving us an additional reason to celebrate

(as if we needed one)

## AND OUR NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERS WHO WERE EACH SWORN IN AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Leslie Prellwitz, Director  
Chicago Area Chapter

Minnetta Gardinier, Vice President  
Iowa Chapter

Margaret Wint, International Nominating  
Indiana Dunes Chapter



**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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