

# AIR NEWS

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

MAY 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 13—Scout Aviation Day Lansing Airport (Short meeting after)**

**VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REWARDING EVENT**

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**May 25—ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET**

**Registration form in this newsletter**

**CELEBRATE THE INDUCTION OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**CYNTHIA MADSEN AND TINA THOMAS (with her husband Steve)**



**JUNE 11—Chapter Meeting at Kenosha Airport SAVE THE DATE**

**Join us to hear about Warren Bruhl's quest to continue his mother's legacy of outreach to the people of Kenya and to add to his opportunities in that country by becoming a pilot.**

**His work as an engineer of social change with Dreamweaver will spark your interest in flying in Africa.**

**Host Sharon Ann Schorsch will advise time soon, so plan to join us at Kenosha Airport.**

**OUR 7 NEW OFFICERS FOR 2017-2019 WILL BE SWORN IN AT THIS MEETING**



## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Ellen O'Hara

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Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## KEEP 'EM FLYING

ELLEN O'HARA, CHAIRMAN

Hi all,

This will be a shorter note as we didn't have a chapter meeting due to our spring North Central Section meeting in Indianapolis at the end of the month.

Our aviation activity for the month occurred on Wednesday, April 12, when a half dozen of us--Natalie Berman, Gail LaPook, MaryLou Erikson, Madeleine Monaco, Carol Para (State of Illinois), and I--attended a fundraiser for the WASP at DuPage Airport with the Women in Aviation International. A short film narrated by Sigourney Weaver aimed at developing leadership and goal-making skills in young ladies especially. Erin Miller, the granddaughter of WASP Elaine Harmon, told about how she is now carrying on the work of her grandmother in promoting women in aviation. Heather Penney, retired F16 pilot, spoke about how flying over the Pentagon on 9/11 in an Air Force fighter made her realize how important her flying was to our country as a first responder.

After lunch we all had our photo taken in front of an AT6 Texan that was flown in by a young lady from Indiana and I had my photo taken sitting in the cockpit! My Fly It Your Way effort was already considered successful (by me) when I got onto the wing to just climb up there!



Left to right-- Gail LaPook, Carol Para, Madeleine Monaco, Heather Penney, Ellen O'Hara, Natalie Berman, Mary Lou Erikson.

I sent a note of congratulations from the chapter to Robert Werderich who hosted our 2016 Aviation Day and was selected the Regional Flight Instructor of the Year. And the Outstanding Flight School Award was given to his people at Illinois Aviation Academy through AOPA.



Contact Deb Meznarsik or me if your schedule has opened up for our May 13 Aviation Day! Directions and instructions will be sent to you closer to the date.

In the meantime, spring has sprung, so .....

Keep'em flying!

*Ellen*

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# North Central Section Meeting Spring 2017

By Cynthia Madsen

Ellen O'Hara and Cynthia Madsen represented the Chicago Area Chapter at the meeting, held at the Hilton Garden Inn near the Indianapolis, Indiana airport April 21-23. Friday night we gathered for dinner at Rick's Café Boatyard at Eagle Creek Airpark for some excellent seafood.

The NCS meeting was held Saturday morning with 41 members attending from 14 chapters. Treasurer Barbara Crooker was our International 99s representative and reported that the Endowment Fund is over \$2 million and growing; we have a new marketing campaign; renovations have been completed on the Amelia Earhart Birthplace; the Museum of Women Pilots cannot be open and available to the public more due to lack of funds for staff; an entire day was spent on strategic planning at the last Board meeting in Oklahoma City; and the fall Board meeting will be November 3-4.

The North Central Section is hosting the 2019 International Conference in Dayton, Ohio and all chapters need to help. Chapters are encouraged to partner. Ellen O'Hara volunteered the Chicago Area Chapter to handle publicity and public relations. The 99s will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary that year and we need to create a theme and slogan. Attendees were invited to submit their ideas to the Governor later that day at the dinner. A special event will be a dinner under the wings at the US Air Force Museum, perhaps one of the last such dinners the museum will allow. Governor Minnetta Gardinier covered a list of conference jobs; each chapter should donate an item to be placed in 300-400 bags; discussion was held on possible speakers, e-registration, and creating a conference email.

Each chapter reported on their activities. The proposed change to Article VI, Section 1 of the By-laws to allow for the use of electronic voting was unanimously approved. It will be proposed at this year's conference that we move to electronic voting on an opt-in basis.

The fall NCS meeting will be held 9/22-24 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Some of the activities: a picnic lunch and possibly a cruise.

Go to [IWASM.org](http://IWASM.org) to order \$10 International deck of cards. It was noted that Nelda Lee is in the deck. The AEBM is holding a raffle to be awarded in San Antonio.

The Air Race Classic will be stopping at a number of NCS airports this year and local chapters can help.



## FAA Safety Team | Safer Skies Through Education

**April 24 – The FAA encourages general aviation pilots to learn how to meet the BasicMed requirements**  
Notice Number: NOTC7130

General aviation pilots can now prepare to fly under BasicMed without holding a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) medical certificate as long as they meet certain requirements. They can fly under BasicMed beginning on May 1, the effective date of the [January 10 final rule](#). It offers pilots an alternative to the FAA's medical qualification process for third class medical certificates, while keeping general aviation pilots safe and flying affordable.

**General aviation pilots may take advantage of the regulatory relief in the BasicMed rule or opt to continue to use their FAA medical certificate. Under BasicMed, a pilot will be required to complete a medical education course every two years, undergo a medical examination every four years, and comply with aircraft and operating restrictions. For example, pilots using BasicMed cannot operate an aircraft with more than six people onboard and the aircraft must not weigh more than 6,000 pounds.**

A pilot [flying under the BasicMed rule](#) must:

- Possess a valid driver's license;
- consent to a National Driver Register check;
- have held a medical certificate that was valid at any time after July 15, 2006;
- have not had the most recently held medical certificate revoked, suspended, or withdrawn;
- have not had the most recent application for airman medical certification completed and denied;
- have taken a BasicMed online medical education course within the past 24 calendar months;
- have completed a comprehensive medical examination with any state-licensed physician within the past 48 months;
- have been found eligible for special issuance of a medical certificate for certain specified mental health, neurological, or cardiovascular conditions, when applicable; and
- not fly for compensation or hire.

Pilots can read and print the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist and learn about online BasicMed online medical courses at [www.faa.gov/go/BasicMed](http://www.faa.gov/go/BasicMed)

## Calendar of Events

- May 13..... Scout Aviation Day, Lansing Airport Chapter Meeting to follow ByLaw vote
- June 11.....Chapter Meeting, Kenosha Airport
- June 16-17 .....Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony, Atchison, KS
- June 20-23, 2017....Air Race Classic—NCS Stops—Coshocton, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Prairie du Chein, WI, Bemidji, MN  
..... and Spencer, IA
- July 11-16 .... 99s International Conference, San Antonio, Texas go to [WWW.Ninety-nines.org](http://WWW.Ninety-nines.org) to register**
- August 20.....Pancake Breakfast, Poplar Grove Airport
- September 9.....Waukegan Air Show
- Sept 22-24 .....North Central Section Meeting, Wilderness Resort Wisconsin Dells**
- October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, Noon
- November .....Community Service Activity TBD
- December/January...Holiday Party, TBD
- July 4-8, 2018 ..... 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
- July 16-21, 2019 ... 99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio—North Central Section is host**
- 2020 Fall..... North Central Meeting hosted by Chicago Area Chapter**

**CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER MEMBERS—  
YOUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WINDOW IS OPEN.  
SOME OF THE BEST TIMES TO SHARE WITH 99S, AND SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING  
EVENTS TO ATTEND WILL HAPPEN IF YOU JOIN IN.  
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS AND THE RIVERWALK ARE WORTH SEEING.  
THE FRIENDS AND FELLOW PILOTS YOU WILL MEET WILL SURPRISE YOU. CONSIDER IT—  
SPOUSES AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME BUT ITS ALSO A GREAT GIRLS LONG WEEKEND.  
THIS IS A SAMPLING OF THINGS TO DO.  
FULL REGISTRATION INFO AND SIGN UP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE 99SWEBSITE.**

Below is an update on the activities being offered. If you would like to sign up for any of them, please let us know as soon as possible. Activities are on a first come, first serve bases. Failure to sign in advance can lead to a tour being sold out or cancelled due to lack of participation. Attached is a list of the optional activities with a description for each of them.

**Optional Activities are quoted in US Dollars and full prepayment is required at time of reservation. Payment can be processed on the credit card on file or you can call us with the credit card details.**

**Tuesday, July 11**

- Fredericksburg, LBJ Ranch, and Winery (8:30am – 5:30pm) \$ 120.00

**Wednesday, July 12**

- Walk through King William District (7:00am – 9:30am) \$ 5.00
- UNESCO World Heritage Missions (8:30am-12:30pm) \$ 65.00
- Lewis Air Legends (9:00am-11:00am) \$ 30.00
- Natural Bridge Caverns and Bracken Bat Cave (3:30pm-9:00pm) \$ 175.00 (adult)/\$ 165.00 (child)
- After Hours Guided Walking Tour of the Alamo (5:15pm-6:45pm) \$ 50.00

**Thursday, July 13**

- Walk through King William District (7:00am – 9:30am) \$ 5.00
- San Antonio Cultural Tour (8:30am – 12:30pm) \$ 80.00
- Schlitterbahn Waterpark (9:00am-5:00pm) \$ TBA (adult)/\$ TBA (child)
- Shopping and Exploring Gruene with Lunch (11:00am-3:30p) \$ 100.00

**Friday, July 14**

- Lewis Air Legends (9:00am-11:00am) \$ 30.00 **(SOLD OUT)**
- UNESCO World Heritage Missions (8:30am-12:30pm) \$ 65.00
- After Hours Guided Walking Tour of the Alamo (5:15pm-6:45pm) \$ 50.00 **(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)**

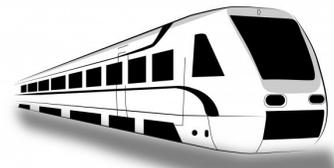
**Saturday, July 15**

- Lewis Air Legends (9:00am-11:00am) – Guest Tour Only \$ 30.00

**Sunday, July 16**

- Fredericksburg, LBJ Ranch, and Winery (8:30am – 5:30pm) \$ 120.00

**WHATEVER MEANS OF TRANSPORT YOU CHOOSE TO GET THERE—DO IT  
FIND A ROOMMATE, PLAN A SIDE TRIP, FLY IN FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. JOIN  
US IN AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF 99S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!**



## 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.

or contact

Rita by email at:

[rvadams99@gmail.com](mailto:rvadams99@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:99mjm@sbcglobal.net)

Rosemarie Surette is a new IFR Pilot!

Diane Hromek-Sawyer was visiting Colorado in April

Gail LaPook was celebrating her fantastic Great Niece

Brooklyn's 4th Birthday in California

## NOTAM

**The tower frequency for Chicago's Midway Airport (MDW) is changing to 135.2 on April 27th. It will be on the ATIS, but this is just to give you a "heads up".**

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

## MARY LOU ERIKSON

In July, 1977, I soloed a Piper Warrior at the airport in Elgin, Illinois! This followed many months of struggle to overcome an extreme fear of flying. I had already passed the private pilot written exam, and even though it had never been a dream of mine to learn to fly, I had a deep commitment to overcoming the fear – so that I could at least enjoy family vacations without bouts of anxiety. My private certificate was issued in September, 1978 – and by then, the bug had bitten! Multi-engine was next for me at DuPage Airport where I was privileged to fly with Harold “Spence” Spencer – a legend for whom an outer marker at DuPage is named. A few years later, I got an Instrument rating – and after that, a Commercial certificate. The last two check-rides were administered by our Chicago Area Chapter 99 DPE, Gail LaPook.



Airplanes have been a big part of my life for many years. I have owned a Piper Arrow, an A36 Bonanza, and a Grumman Tiger. I have raced each plane, both long-distance speed, and also proficiency derbies. When Gregg and I were married (in a maintenance hangar) in 2010, we both owned Tigers, so mine (sadly) was sold. We now both fly N777GE on a regular basis. We fly almost every Sunday with the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club to various restaurants and pancake breakfasts as well as several times a week for whatever excuse we can find. We are active in two EAA chapters and give Young Eagle rides. I am currently working on a tail-wheel endorsement in a Cub.

I've made many good friends in the 99s since joining in 1979 – some that continue to be my closest!

# TWO OF OUR CHICAGO 99S TO BE HONORED IN MAY !!!!



## ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME BANQUET & INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Thursday May 25, 2017 at 6PM

Hilton Garden Inn \* 1501 S. Neil Street \* Champaign, IL 61820

### 2017 Inductees

Marshall Knox  
Cynthia Madsen  
Thomas Milton  
Lloyd Thomas  
Steve & Tina Thomas

### 2017 Spirit of Flight Awards

AeroStar Consulting Corporation  
Challenger Learning Center of Normal

Reservations for the banquet and induction ceremonies: \$60.00 (includes tax & gratuity)  
Please forward your check made out to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame to:

Mr. Tom Cleveland  
Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame  
1117 Foxpointe Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178

Questions: 815-748-8102 (Office) or 815-895-2102 (Home) or email: groverdkb1@comcast.net  
Tickets will be held at the registration desk to be picked up on the evening of the banquet.  
Banquet tickets will not be mailed.

### Hotel Information

Hotel arrangements for this event are arranged jointly with the Illinois Aviation Conference. Please reference the Room Code shown for the Hilton Garden Inn and register by telephone directly, or use this link: <http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/illinoisaviationconference> to obtain the conference hotel rate. Other nearby hotels are the Homewood Suites next door and the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham just a few blocks south.

Hilton Garden Inn Room Code: ILAVC	1501 S. Neil St 121.00 plus tax	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 352-9970
Homewood Suites	1417 S. Neil St,	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 352-9960
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham	101 Trade Center Dr.	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 398-3400

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**2017 SANTORI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



3 of our 4 winners with Cynthia Madsen, Santori Scholarship Chair at the North Central Section Meeting Left to right.....  
Jessica Richardson, Melissa Hanthorn, Colleen Weber-Rutherford, Cynthia Madsen. Ginger Davidson not pictured