

AIR NEWS

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

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NEW WEBSITE

Our webmaster, Cynthia Madsen, is bringing our web presence up to date with a new website. It should be up, running and replacing the old one mid May.

It is going to look very different and everyone should be aware that it will be a work in progress, but it is an improvement over the old platform.

SEE IT HERE  chicagoarea99s.org



UPDATE ON OUR SECTION MEETING

As you know, our turn hosting the NCS weekend meeting for Spring 2020 has been cancelled. We have decided that we will not be able to host again for Fall 2020, and wish to be placed back in the rotation. That means we must plan to host again after 2026.



LIGHT-HEARTED LIMERICK

There once was a pilot named Mindy
Who never would fly when it's windy
On takeoff she'd swerve
And then lose her nerve
Afraid that she'd end up upendy

By Cynthia Madsen

WHO'S WHO

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Deadline for submission the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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EVA KOZLOWSKI CHAPTER CHAIRMAN



Greetings Fellow 99s and Friends –

Status quo. Not too much has changed in our day to day life during this past month. Sheltering in place, social distancing, working from home, (for those that are able); all part of our new normal. Our newsfeeds tell us things are getting better, and slowly we will be attempting to bring things back to life, though there are still many unknowns.

We will get through this together! We can keep learning on our own, and virtually. It has amazed me the creativity that has flourished from this quarantine! In addition, there are many online aviation learning sites that are hosting live sessions on various aviation topics, at no charge!

We can take this time and learn from each other. I would like to invite all members and friends of the 99s to please send any links to articles, YouTube videos or other media sources that you deem valuable for our members' education to my email, as shown in the online roster. This information can be compiled and sent out to share with our members. It would be a great way of connecting on our common thread of aviation, while we are apart. We should also continue to study, review, chair fly on our own.

Aviation has its numerous checklists that we are all familiar with. We have checklists for flying before, during and after our flights. Here is a checklist for now, while you are in your homes, waiting for the time we can get back in the air:

Checklist while home during isolation:

Stay positive – this can't last forever and human beings are the most adaptable species on the planet.

Eat sensibly during this time especially if you can't get out to exercise.

Exercise – it can be as simple as a short walk, stretching or small weights – keep moving.

Reach out to family members and friends especially if you live alone – now is the time to make time to interact (virtually) with others.

Do something you like to do (read, work a puzzle, do an adult coloring book, listen to your favorite music, meditate, exercise, do some spring cleaning or get to know your pets better.

If you do have family or a significant other you live with spend quality time with them (make meals together, watch a program together, play a board game etc.)

Drink plenty of water.

Laugh several times a day.

Get the sleep you need.

Appreciate all that you do have because at the end of the day we do have a lot to be grateful for.

Lastly, during this time of isolation we encourage everyone to reach out to fellow chapter members via text, or a phone call, or FaceTime – we can grow stronger by staying positive and staying in touch.

Wishing my best to all you and your families. Stay safe and healthy. We are in this together and we will get through this together.

Eva

Chicago Area Chapter 99s
Business Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020 Via Teleconference

Members Present: Eva Kozlowski-Chairman; Mona Knock-Vice Chairman; Colleen Murphy–Treasurer; Cynthia Madsen, Secretary; Yanina Belazorava; Jill Feldman; Madeleine Monaco; Ellen O'Hara, NCS Governor; Shelley Ventura; Janice Welsh, NCS Vice-Governor.

Called to order: 6:33 p.m. by Chair.

We are changing all of our plans at this point [in response to everything shutting down because of the coronavirus COVID19 pandemic]. Madeleine said we can't vote because the whole membership did not get ten days' notice. Colleen said she believed the chapter board is only required to give advance notice of items requiring a vote if it is expenses, changes to bylaws or standing rules. The NCS Board is in charge of doing whatever they need to do to accomplish business and redo the schedule. The spring section meeting is cancelled. Ellen said yesterday they got permission to go into the fall section meeting space because Lake Erie checked and they can move it, so we can do the fall section meeting. This keeps the chapter host order. We do not know if the pandemic containment steps will be in place in the fall. The NCS officers will be taking care of business whether there is a physical meeting or not. Ellen asked if the CAC would take over the fall section meeting. It was generally agreed that the CAC was to host the spring section meeting and the meeting was cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. Colleen said we did our part and that the section meetings are way too much work for a just a small group to gather. It was generally agreed that we not host the fall section meeting or to in any way disrupt the existing section calendar. The fall section meeting then should be hosted by the next chapter on the list. Following discussion, Shelley made the following motion, seconded by Jill: "I move that that Chicago Area Chapter has resolved not to hold the spring section meeting and will not attempt to take over the fall meeting." The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Shelley asked that we cancel the upcoming spot landing contest March 29 at Campbell Airport since it is not practical at this time to move forward. We might postpone it to another date later in the year. Shelley paid the \$125 99s insurance payment for the event herself and it cannot be refunded. She checked with Headquarters and the \$125 can be held to be used in the future, so she would like to be reimbursed for this expense.

Jill reported on Girl Scout Day and read an email she received from Lewis University. All events are cancelled, so there will not be a Girl Scout Day this year. All universities are now closed through the end of the semester.

Jill cancelled the buses we reserved for the spring section meeting. Mona said we owe nothing for the Friday night bowling event.

Cynthia made an update on the website. We have purchased the new GoDaddy platform. The old website will remain up and running until the new one is ready. The new platform gives us up ten pages, so we have an opportunity to reduce the number we currently have. Some topics can be consolidated. We could have a members-only section. Yanina will evaluate the old website. We will put in Air News a request for members to review the website and send Cynthia their suggestions.

Ellen moved that "we reimburse Shelley the insurance premium," seconded by Eva. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Shelley will scan and send Colleen the actual insurance premium as proof of payment.

Eva said she would like to keep the next business meeting in April as a conference call. Ellen said the annual 99s conference on the Queen Mary has not been cancelled. Ellen said the South Central Section has a system for teleconferencing during which only one person can speak at one time and it we might be able to use the same system.

Colleen sent copies of revisions to the bylaws and standing rules. We need to send this to the membership for a vote at our May meeting. Get comments to Colleen. Shelley offered to look at them. Should be put in Air News for the membership.

Colleen will send out a notice to everyone on EventBrite regarding cancellation of the spot landing event at Campbell Airport.

Mona said it is okay to continue to use this number for our conference calls. She needs notice and she must be the one to initiate the call.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by Cynthia Madsen, Secretary

MEMBER NEWS—STUDENT PROGRESS NEWS

Leire Kennedy: Hi Everyone! I had to pause my training for now. I'm feeling a bit down because of it. I was doing checkride prep and getting so close! Now it looks like I might have to wait until baby is here and all this has passed.

The hospital told me that if I test positive they will take the baby away for 14 days. I cannot allow that to happen! On a brighter note I got some airplane onesies, so stinking cute!

I'm itching to get back in the air. I've lost a bit of motivation but I'm trying to get back into it slowly. It is hard to get into the rhythm when nothing feels urgent. I worked on my scholarship essay, I worked on the FAR AIM, tabbing and reading while I read the ASA Oral Prep. The school said I can do the oral part of the test online so I might take advantage of that. My husband has been working from home for almost 4 weeks and we haven't killed each other yet, I guess we are in it for the long run! ;) So far we are staying healthy and that's what matters.

How are you guys doing? Any ideas or suggestions on how to cope with cabin fever?

Jill Feldman: I have been flying weekly with my CFI husband Dan in our personally owned Champ from our personal hangar. We are staying safe. I have picked up an hour or so each weekend, but since I am working from home for a Pharma company, I work 10-12 hours/day, so I am only available on weekends. At least I don't have my 3 hours of commute time on top of long hours.

For all of our members who work in the medical fields - my thoughts are with you. Please stay safe so that we can meet again soon!

Ashley Mineau: How are you guys doing? Any ideas or suggestions on how to cope with cabin fever? Not really news, but there is a school in Camarillo California that is doing free online ground school sessions. I am about to wrap up their PPL session (which ends the 24th). They will sign off on my test too as long as i get 80% or higher on a practice test 2x. They are offering MORE free online courses in a similar fashion, but they are not available once the course is over (you have access to everything during the course TERM though). Here is what they have coming up (linking to the site): (<https://www.facebook.com/checkrideprepllc>)

Daily, May 2 - May 3 Free Online Private Pilot Mock Oral Checkride

12 Dates · May 4 - May 29 Free Online Instrument Pilot Ground School

2 Dates · May 16 - May 17 Free Online In-Depth Foreflight Course - Beginner to Advanced

Maybe that can help some other 99s!

Welcome to our new member!

Normally, we would be asking each of our new members to come out to an event, to fly with us, to assist with the Girl Scout Aviation Day. But with everything on hold, just expect to get active a bit later.

We look forward to meeting you!

Brenna Crouch So happy to have you with us. Hope to meet soon.....

**STAY SAFE, STAY WELL,
SHELTER-IN-PLACE**



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2020

Chapter dues are \$20 per year, cover the period from June 1 through May 31, and are due by June 1st. Along with supporting the operations of your Chapter, dues cover the monthly cost of publishing our local newsletter, Air News. Air News will automatically be sent to your email address unless you specify otherwise below. You will also automatically receive a copy of our regional newsletter Waypoint, the North Central Section's quarterly newsletter, via email. If you wish to receive a hard copy of Waypoint, the cost is an additional \$10 per year.

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_____ Current Member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and the Chicago Area Chapter. To renew, fill out the form below and send a check for \$20 or \$30 to the Treasurer, OR renew on line at our Chapter website www.chicagoarea99s.org and use PayPal. **Please make sure that you are a current member of Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots.**

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Prospective members (pilot or student pilot) and former members who would like to join or rejoin the Ninety-Nines, Inc. can do so on line at www.ninety-nines.org. Our Chicago Chapter will be notified and we will contact you very soon after you become a member to acquaint you with our local activities and welcome you!.

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Colleen Murphy, Chicago Area Chapter Treasurer,
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Or pay with PayPal on our website at www.chicagoarea99s.org and email this form to the Treasurer.

Concentrating on a short-term goal is natural when facing unpleasant restrictions, but these inconveniences pale in comparison to the long-term consequences. What unites both timeframes is the inescapable reality that as individuals, societies, and industries, we are intimately responsible for the consequences of our decisions. With a clear blue sky to stare into, it is a perfect day to ponder aviation's Covid consequences.

Pilot Shortage to Surplus

Before the coronavirus disrupted our lives, professional pilots were in short supply. Then the airlines parked most of their fleets, and those still flying were bereft of passengers. Many may hope that travel will rebound one day, but that seems unlikely given the growing number of [Americans out of work \(22 million and counting\)](#) and the trickle down delusions that have, since the 1980s, put shareholders and the executives who cater to them (and themselves) ahead of employees and customers.



Everyday employees are corporate fodder sacrificed as needed to maintain a corporation's bottom line, so don't expect those millions to return immediately to work. It took almost 10 years for them to find work after the great recession, and the economy will start its Covid recovery from a deeper hole.

The airlines will probably dig it deeper. [The government just gave the airlines a \\$25 billion bailout](#), with each of them negotiating its specific requirements and limitations with the administration. To get the bailout, airlines may not fire or furlough employees until September 2020, so we can expect the pilot surplus to exist in October 2020. They cannot buy back more of their stock (which is how they spent a lot of their tax cut windfall) until September 2021 and cannot reward their executives until September 2022.

User Fees



Buried in the CARES economic stimulus legislation is an Easter egg that gives airlines what they have been working toward for years, relief from the ticket tax that with, the aviation fuel tax, funds the Airport Improvement Program. Perhaps you saw the media releases from aviation's alphabet organizations warning that aviation's infrastructure was in peril because the AIP account was quickly being depleted.

Seeking a degree of fairness, [the alphabets urged Congress to provide fuel tax relief for a time](#). Congress hasn't yet responded to this request, but if it agrees, it might open the door wide to user fees. The path to this outcome is in the last tax cut legislations. All of the cuts that benefited the haves are permanent, and those that benefit the less fortunate have expiration dates.

[Don't be distracted by the \\$10 billion infusion from the DOT](#). Like the \$350 billion earmarked for small business relief, that won't last long at all. America must still fund its aviation infrastructure long term, and as they have in the past, the airlines will lobby for user fees as the "fairest" solution, if Congress provides fuel tax relief. If politicians really cared about treating those who elected them equitably, they would keep the fuel tax and make the multitude of fees the airlines charge subject to the ticket tax.

AirVenture Anticipation?

With the Covid curve still climbing in Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers extended the stay-at-home order until May 26. That greatly reduces the chances that EAA AirVenture Oshkosh will happen this year, for a number of reasons.

The lockdown and social distancing seriously impedes the site work that typically is kicking into high gear about now. And it precludes the arrival of the thousands of volunteers who make the event work. Also affecting the volunteer workforce is their post-Covid employment status—no matter any pilgrim's passion, food and shelter come first—and their age. The average EAAer is in the demographic most at risk.



Ultimately, miracles happen, but in this case, only time—with testing and a precipitous decline of new infections and hospitalizations—will tell. Given the ineptitude of the national response to the pandemic....

Making smart decisions is the best way to mitigate the Covid consequences, because in this case, death is the only cure for stupid.

The coronavirus is one of Mother Nature's many faces, none of them sentient beings that pledge allegiance to any political party or ideology. [She works on a long-term timeframe, relentlessly taking advantage of every opportunity to propagate](#). And when something stands in her way, she mutates to avoid the barrier and continues on her way, blowing raspberries at human hubris.

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—Scott Spangler, Editor

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AIR NEWS

Madeleine Monaco



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OUR MAY CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING WILL AGAIN BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

Watch for details but **SAVE THE DATE** May 21

We will be updating our ByLaws and Standing Rules and approving out budget for the next fiscal year.

Fall NCS meeting will be held September 24-27, 2020, in Akron, Ohio, hosted by the Lake Erie Chapter.

Mark your calendar!

MAY 2020

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