

AIR NEWS

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

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

FUTURE EVENTS

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Our October IN-PERSON Meeting

Schaumburg Airport Conference Room



Sunday, October 22, 2017

11 am Coffee and Fall Treats
12 pm Presentation of Program
Business Meeting to follow

99s and Guests welcome

Our speaker is Dave Hindman
police department Bell 206 helicopter pilot and Hawker pilot.



Our November Charitable Outreach Event

Join with your Chapter to "Feed My Starving Children"

Thursday, November 16th from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm
1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173
847-519-9610

We will join with others to pack nutritious meals for children all over the world.
REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED

WHO'S WHO

CHAIR

Jill Feldman

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SECRETARY

Mary Lou Erikson

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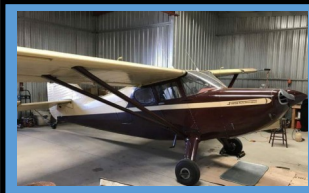
Madeleine Monaco

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Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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FLYING and FRIENDS

JILL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN

September was a great month to fly for my family, and hopefully for my 99s Family as well. We went to pancake breakfasts, flew to visit my daughter for the day at her college in Ohio, and flew to a real cool event in Freeport, IL – *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*. Freeport is home to a giant stationary steam engine (see picture below - HUGE 130 Ton 4798 horsepower 100-year-old Cooper Corliss Steam Engine), a train museum, and includes a running steam engine that runs across a creek and becomes a haunted railway during October. The museum is in an old factory had a lot of cool “antiques”, but we kept commenting how we had used many of the displays in our youth; including an old Hoover upright vacuum cleaner and old hand-tools! In conjunction with the train museum, they had a collection of Model A cars and trucks, and many classic Packard cars. It was a great way to spend a beautiful Fall day. The hospitality was great, and I will go back for the haunted railway if I can.

Other September events included the Ladies Love Tail Draggers event at C77 and the Waukegan Airshow – which unfortunately for me were the same week-end. The airshow was a great success - we had a good time and great weather, and there were several thousand people in attendance.

I am looking forward to flying to my first NCS meeting in the Wisconsin Dells. We've noticed the leaves are already starting to change, so it should be a beautiful flight. The Wisconsin 99s are pulling out all the stops and it should be a great event.

Please arrange your schedules to come to the October chapter meeting in Schaumburg, in the lower level of Pilot Pete's. It is a nice central location for many of our members, and we have lots to discuss. I will be sending the agenda out a week before the meeting, but reserve the date: October 22nd. We will be talking about the CAC Survey results, the Itasca Safety Seminar, Girl Scout Day and other upcoming activities.

Come to the meeting and help grow the Chicago Area 99s Chapter!

Get involved!

Jill



49-1/2 Dan F. in front of Corliss Steam Engine



Stella Stinson and friends at Waukegan Airshow

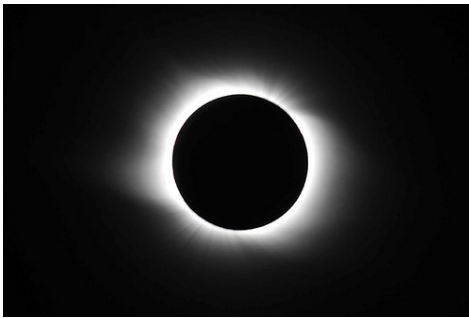


Calendar of Events

- October 8Poplar Grove LAST fly in breakfast of the season! VETERANS EAT FREE 7-11am
..... Young Eagles free flights for age 8-17
- October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, coffee 11 am program at Noon meeting to follow
- November 16 8pm....Feed My Starving Children, Schaumburg, IL
- December 10.....Chapter Winter Party 12 noon Kenosha Airport Terminal Pot Luck
- January 27, 2018.....CHICAGO AVIATION EXPO and SAFETY SEMINAR Holiday Inn Itasca, IL
- March ????.....1 Day Midwinter Meeting date TBD, Dayton OH, planning session for 2019 Conference
- May 4-6, 2018.....NCS 2018 Spring Conference Kalamazoo, MI visit to AirZoo Museum
- May 12, 2018.....SCOUT AVIATION DAY, Chicago Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation
- July 4-8, 2018 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- July 16-21, 2019 99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio—North Central Section is host
- July 2020.....99s International Conference, Long Beach, California on the Queen Mary!!!
- 2020 Fall.....North Central Meeting hosted by Chicago Area Chapter
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The Great American Eclipse

by Karen J. Ballard



It was a smooth drive down through the beautiful countryside to Cape Girardeau, MO. No crowds but we did pass 3 dead armadillo's on the road south of St. Louis. Our hotel welcomed us with a gift bag containing a Moon Pie and Eclipse gum.

The next day we set out on a practice run to the SIU campus in Carbondale, where I had tickets for the big day. We visited the Astronomy and Technology exposition as well as the Crossroads Fair. Crossroads

because the 2024 eclipse will cross there again. At the NASA exhibit I talked with a 99 from Florida who is working on her Glider Pilot. She has a wonderful job and has flown on Sofia. (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy)

Eclipse day dawned bright sunny and warm. Checking the radar we headed again into the Shawnee National Forest. Again where are the crowds? We passed the road to SIU stadium, where I had tickets and parking pass. A few miles south east of the point of longest duration, we found the perfect place.

We turned into a small Ranger Station in the Shawnee National Forest. We were on the center line!

Slowly more people came from all over. It was a beautiful melting pot of people waiting in anticipation. Children played while the moon began the first partial stage of the eclipse. One fluffy cloud appeared. I took a deep breath. A few more fluffy clouds and it was time for a prayer. No clouds a perfect view. We saw the pattern of crescents from the sunlight coming through the leaves on the flat surface of a chair. Soon only a thin slice of an orange sun was left. The birds in the trees were chattering loudly and flying about. Dusk approached and then it was night. Saw Bailey's Beads and the Diamond ring! "TOTALITY" Crickets and cicadas were chirping very loud. I saw Jupiter, Venus and Regulus. Too excited, I became totally lost and could not stop looking. Saw the colors and coronal loops, polar plumes and prominences. The two minutes forty some seconds was like slow motion to me. Then the diamond ring and return to the viewing glasses. My husband, Gene witnessed the moon's shadow racing away! It was a truly amazing experience.

We found the crowds on the way home. Gene ate the Moon Pie. And I was beginning to plan for the next one.

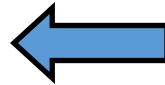
Wilderness Glacier Canyon Lodge at Wisconsin Dells was the site of the Fall 2017 North Central Section 99s meeting.

Our Chicago Chapter was well represented by the following members:

Jill Feldman, Joan Kerwin, Gail LaPook, Ellen O'Hara, Rita Adams, Cynthia Madsen and her 49 1/2 Ralph, Diane Cozzi and her 49 1/2 Roger Kelly, Leslie Prellwitz, Sandra Krueger, Madeleine Monaco and Marlene Winters who was wearing a Wisconsin pin, but has not yet changed her membership so we still claim her. :-)



Gail LaPook and our keynote speaker Bev Paulan are old friends from Stick and Rudder Waukegan. It was a treat to learn so much from Bev about her work to save endangered species. She has her dream job—flying for Wisconsin DNR—finding, tracking, photographing and counting wolves, geese, bald eagles, and the occasional fish or forest fire.



Minnetta Gardinier, our Governor, presented the Governor's Service Award to Madeleine Monaco.



MEMBER NEWS:

Mary Lou Erikson was one of the hosts for the 2017 Ladies Love Taildraggers Fly In to C77 Poplar Grove.



“The little Tiger (on the left) felt a bit overwhelmed by all the big Taildraggers at the Ladies Love Taildraggers fly-in at Poplar Grove last weekend. Over 30 planes with lady pilots flew in from all across the country - plus a Pitts from Canada. Anyone who thinks flying activity is dwindling should see this bunch of women - no dues, no officers, no SOPs or standing rules - just the love of flight . We keep in touch electronically.

Get a tailwheel and join us somewhere next year!!”

Marie Spear flew her Stearman to Galesburg Illinois for the Annual Stearman Fly In. Won a prize I hear!

Jill Feldman, Joan Kerwin, Rita Adams, Ellen O’Hara, Cynthia Madsen, Diane Cozzi, Gail LaPook, Leslie Prellwitz, Sandra Krueger, Marlene Winters and Madeleine Monaco attended the North Central Section meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend started with a Board Meeting, followed by a Friday afternoon wine trolley tour and dinners at Monks. Saturday morning buffet breakfast, meetings with Chapter Chairs and Treasurers, and then the Business Meeting from 9-11:30. Governor Minnetta Gardinier chaired the meeting and finished early!!!

The Hospitality Room was verry hospitable. Drinks and snacks for anyone’s taste. The afternoon offered choices—either 3 interesting and most educational FAASt Seminars or a Dells Boat Tour on the river. Both were enjoyed by all who chose them. The evening’s banquet was really good—Prime Rib, or Salmon, or Chicken very tasty. And the keynote speaker Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Pilot, Bev Paulan was fascinating. Talk about a dream job.

Fly Mart—Silent Auction goodies—great meals—nice rooms—and 99s friends!!!! Next year Spring Section Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 4-6, 2018. The weekend away is a treat. The chance to talk, and learn from old friends and meet new ones, comes twice a year for our Section. It really is a great time. Join in next time.

See pictures on page 4.

Jill Feldman attended the Waukegan Air Show and spread the word about our Chicago Area Chapter 99s. 3 great aviation events on the same weekend—great that we had members at all 3!!!

Preethi Thamina and **Madeleine Monaco** flew Cessna 150 and **Mary Lou Erikson** and her husband Gregg flew Grumman Tiger to Palmyra Wisconsin for breakfast/lunch at the Edge of Town Diner. Great grass strip and nice walk to the restaurant for good food. Next time we go we will visit with Kat Brenner and her charity restoration group.



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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HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

ROSEMARIE SURETTE

Flying Airplanes!!! Finally I found my passion, some might say it was a bit late as I am now 40, but who is counting. A little over a year ago I was doing mundane house work when it struck me --I wanted to be a pilot. I had flown when I was younger and had had many opportunities to begin, but timing wasn't right until now. I turned to my husband and said "Call that guy you know that has a plane and is chief pilot of that club and let's get started!" Within a month we had moved out of Chi-town to Wheaton to be closer to KDPA, where I was to begin lessons. I was feeling especially lucky because my husband was to teach me. June sixth was the first lesson. Learn the walk around, inspect this and that and what I'm going to land the plane on the first day? Anyway I will tell you that this flying path was one of the hardest things, I have done. Fraught with trials and failures, but in the end with every block I came to I just kept going with encouragement from pilot friends and my passion to fly. Nothing like getting in the air and all the worries and such just fall away! I now have my instrument rating (favorite rating), commercial ASEL and AMEL. As of June this year I realized my goal of being a commercial pilot and took a job flying a turbocharged Cessna Stationair 206 for aerial mapping. I wake up every morning excited to fly in the great blue sky and believe it or not I even get paid for it! I have now built up to just over 600 hours and as this gig ends in October I am looking for my next job and bigger airplane. Open to any ideas and any connections you all may have. Happy Flying!! Rosemarie



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

WELCOME OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Kathryn Brenner Margaret Freeman Sharon Goodall
Stephanie Mueller Olga Sankaran Preethi Thamina

Minutes of the Chicago Area Chapter Meeting via Teleconference – September 17, 2017 5pm

Notice having been properly given to members, the teleconference meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm on 9/17/17 by Jill Feldman, chapter chairman. Present on line were: Cozzi, Adams, Klein, Berman, Schorsch, Ballard, Erikson and Feldman.

Schorsch said that Shona Williams wants to apply for the Fly Now Scholarship – the members present voted to affirm her application.

Minutes of August 6, 2017 teleconference meeting were approved as printed in September issue of Air News. Discussion of Treasurer's Report was deferred to the October meeting.

Membership Chair, Ballard said we have 92 chapter members as of August 31, 2017. She sent new member letters to all who recently joined. She has spoken to two of them. Members were assigned to contact 12 of the newer members to encourage their participation in chapter activities. (This list available upon request). Adams was asked to order name badges for Kathryn Brenner and Shona Williams to be presented at October meeting.

The requirement for an audit of Treasurer records was discussed and agreed it is not needed at this time. Feldman to notify Monaco.

Girl Scout Day: Feldman to Chair. Location – Chicago Executive Airport – start time was discussed, but not decided. Someone needs to do a flyer. Last year's leaders need to be contacted to see what did & did not work.

Airport Liasons were discussed. Possibility of business cards for them to hand out at their airports discussed. Jill to contact VistaPrint.

Ballard to send info to Leslie for flyers to put up at colleges.

Air Marking: Since no one seems interested in doing it, we decided to eliminate "air marking" for now.

Results of Survey to be discussed at October meeting. October meeting at Schaumburg, Donna Klein is hostess, start time 11:00 for coffee and 12:00 for meeting. No program at this time.

Discussed committee chairs for IFR/VFR seminar (January, 2018). Berman will handle vendors – Erikson to provide her with notes from last year and guidance.

Holiday Party: Schorsch says terminal at Kenosha is reserved for 12/10/17 – probably a potluck

Agenda for next meeting will be sent. (Air News deadline is the 20th/each month).

Mary Lou Erickson, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

2018 CHICAGO 99S AVIATION EXPO

We need each Chapter Member to think of one (OR MORE) aviation businesses that you have used, and ask them to register for a Vendor Table. Vendors can reach between 300-500 pilots. If they express interest get the contact info to Natalie Berman who is heading up Vendor sales.

AVIATION EXPO 2018

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Some great gathering and networking events coming up.

Last pancake breakfast of the season—VETERANS EAT FREE!

Poplar Grove Airport

Sunday, October 8 7-11 am

Chicago Area Chapter Meeting

Schaumburg Airport

Sunday, October 22nd, 11 am

Chapter 'Feed My Starving Children' Packing Event

Thursday, November 16, 8:00-9:30 pm

Chapter Winter Pot Luck Party

Sunday, December 10th, 12:00 noon

Kenosha Airport Terminal