

# AIR NEWS



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

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## AUGUST MEETING RECAP



*It's been a while since we met at someone's home. Our August 27th meeting was blessed by beautiful weather, great food and warm and welcoming host and hostesses.*

*Chapter members will be attending the September 15-16 International Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony in Atchison, KS. We will begin with cocktails at Amelia Earhart's Birthplace, one of the 99s Museums. Deb Meznarsic will be the new Chair of this committee*

*Our North Central Section Fall Meeting will take place in Dublin (Columbus) OH on September 29th weekend. Several of us are going.*

*Our International Conference will be held in Jordan at the end of*

*October. I am excited to be able to attend and represent our Chapter.*

*We had new members at this meeting—and not so new members!*

*Several over 40 years and several under 4 months!*

*Welcome to Bella Doles, Corie Wild, Hannah Barnett, and Erin Young.*

*And welcome to all of our other new members—what would you like to do??*

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

**CHAIR**

**Madeleine Monaco**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Larisa Kano**

**SECRETARY**

**Vickie Szewczyk**

**TREASURER**

**Shelley Ventura**

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,**

Here's the question I asked last month. "There are 100s of activities, and sectors of aviation to represent. 99s are involved in so many of them, and I'd like to hear your story." See the responses in our Member News section

Last Sunday, August 27th, we met at Larisa Kano's home in Barrington for a delightful backyard picnic. Larisa, our Vice Chair and Karen Ballard, our Membership Chair hosted this relaxed and pleasant afternoon and we enjoyed it immensely.

The contract with the hotel for Aviation Expo 2024 has been signed and secured with a deposit. Every one of you can help make it a successful endeavor by keeping your eyes and ears open for possible vendors. Eva Kozlowski has agreed to chair the Vendor Area again, and would love to add a few more tables to the room. I met a possible candidate last week who makes coasters and signs out of maple or mahogany wood with aircraft/aviation themes.

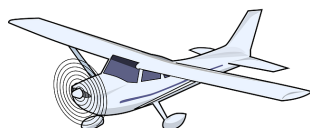
There are lots of aviation accomplishments by our members lately. I know there are more! Maybe put a post it in your logbook, or on your calendar app, to text me your latest and greatest goal reached, or fun flying experience. I know everyone is inspired by what others are accomplishing.

I can't believe that I am able to go to Jordan in October for our International Conference. A series of fortunate circumstances allowed me to make the commitment to go—and I am so thrilled to be able to attend. I will tell you about it at our November meeting at Schaumburg. There's still time if you want to do this fabulous trip!

If you pray, please include a special request this month. One of our members is struggling with watching her husband fade away slowly. An active, vibrant, loving partner is no longer able to be active or vibrant, but is still loving and well-loved.



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



*Madeleine*

Attendees: 99's: Madeleine Monaco, Vickie Szewczyk, Jill Feldman, Deb Meznarsic, Larisa Kano, Diane Cozzi, Yanina Belazorava, Linda Uznys, Donna Klein, Ellen O'Hara, Diane Hromek-Sawyer, Erin Young, Hannah Barnett, Karen Ballard, Corie Wild, Elizabeth Sazdanoff, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Susan Zucher, Cynthia Madsen, Megan McArthur, Lisa Mitchell, Bella Doles, Ana Adona  
 49 1/2's: Yosh Kano, Wayne Klein, Steve Szewczyk, Roger Kelly, Victor Zucher, Ralph Madsen, Peter Mitchell  
 Guest: Carmine Sazdanoff Friend of the 99s: Tony Greco Ana's boyfriend Matt

Meeting was called to order at 1:22. Introduction of members and guests.

**Chairman Report** Chairman recognized the Nominating Committee, Jill Feldman, Megan McArthur and Ana Adona, as they were overlooked at the July meeting. Thank you! Thank you to Larissa Kano and Karen Ballard for hosting. The meeting was moved from Dacy Airport as there are issues with the roof and plumbing. The chapter has 3 new private pilots! Congratulations to Ana Adona, Lisa Mitchell and Jamie Swanson! The next section meeting is in Dublin, OH on September 29-31, 2023. Megan McArthur, Shelley Ventura and Madeleine Monaco are attending. Larissa and Yosh Kano will also fly to Dublin. You can attend the section business meeting via Zoom.

**Treasurer's Report** Shelley is away today. Madeleine reported that she and Shelley signed the contract for the Aviation Expo, after approval by 99s International Legal Counsel. The Expo will be Sunday, January 27, 2024. A few Expo notes, Madeleine wanted to note to have a 99's application person at the Expo welcome desk. Deb Meznarsic will try to contact Tom Skilling to talk at the Expo.

**Scholarship** The Chicago Executive Airport has donated \$1000 to be used for a scholarship. An ad-hoc committee is needed to draft the application form and distribute the scholarship money. The committee is Sharon Ann Shorsch, Hannah Barnett and Lisa Mitchell. The plans are to distribute the money this Spring. Financial need will be a requirement.

Also, at last year's Expo, a donation of 50 hours of IT support was made. Once the 50 hours are given, our Chapter will also get a \$500 donation. So far 34 hours of IT support have been given and we will be working on a new e-mail distribution system.

**Secretary's Report** The last minutes are from the June meeting and were published in the July newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published by Diane Cozzi and seconded by Sharon Ann Schorash. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Airmarking** – The compass rose area has not yet been repaved. The Airmarking will not happen until next Spring. Madeleine requested that it not occur in June due to the Chapter helping with the Air Race Classic.

**Holiday Party** - The Holiday Lunch has been booked for December 10, 2023. Donna Klein has volunteered to help Vickie Szewczyk.

### **New Business**

**Air Race Classic** – Bult Field (C56) will be a stop on the 2024 ARC. Mark Thompson is the airport manager at Bult and has asked the Chapter to help run the stop. The dates are June 19-21, 2024. A committee needs to be formed to determine what needs to be done. Volunteers are: Corie Wild, Megan McArthur, Erin Young, Lisa Mitchell and Vickie Szewczyk.

**Aviation Expo** – Madeleine wants everyone to start thinking about EXPO. Eva Kozlowski will oversee the vendors. We will need a more volunteers. Raffle, Body count, Photography, front desk reception

**Forest of Friendship** – need a new chair, Deb Meznarsic volunteered.

**Newsletter Mailing** – Lisa Mitchell is taking this over.

**Hostess Schedule** – in charge of getting hostesses, Madeleine to write up duties – Ellen O'Hara volunteered to Chair.

**International Meeting** – Vancouver July 3 -7, 2024 - Madeleine will be overseeing the Fly Mart. If you volunteer to help at the 99s International Conference, the trip could be deductible on your taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Prior to the start of the meeting, we called Ellen Herring to wish her a happy birthday. As it was Linda Uznys' birthday a few days ago, we also sang to her at the end of the meeting. Right after the meeting adjourned, the members wished Dirtbag Pilot a Happy Birthday on TikTok. Thank you to Corie for creating the post. After the meeting we enjoyed lunch. Everyone brought a dish to share. All the food was amazing!

### **Upcoming Events:**

September 29 weekend NCS Meeting in Dublin, Ohio  
 October 14 Aurora Airport, Gambit Aviation – Lisa Mitchell & Ana Adona  
 November 12 Schaumburg - Swap Meet, Madeleine  
 December 10 Holiday Party - Village Greens Golf Course in Woodridge, IL





## Chicago Chapter Pilot Reports

Ana Adona: NEWLY CERTIFICATED PRIVATE PILOT

Jamie Swanson: NEWLY CERTIFICATED PRIVATE PILOT

Lisa Mitchell: NEWLY CERTIFICATED PRIVATE PILOT

Jessica Best: reports that she is now an airline pilot Air Wisconsin is lucky to have her!

Tina Willman-Hammar: Now flying for United

Lora Yowell: Now flying for United

Marilyn Black: I cannot say enough good things about Joe Bartoziak of Airboss at KDPA. He has a brand new SR20 and has launched his Cirrus Academy. I'm finishing up my private in the 172 but I will transition over to Cirrus for my IFR. I highly recommend Joe for your IFR! I can finally report I've been back flying after a two month self imposed break due to my work stress and needing a resetting. I took off 10 days from work so I could focus without distractions (as much as that is possible) and Warren Bruhl helped me in sorting out the last 10 feet of landing. My solo should be in the next few flights - fingers crossed! Thanks to his patience and kindness we have focused on the missing pieces for more consistent landings that I can be more confident about. I love how supportive this community is in the journey!

Katy Crihfield: I am so sorry to report that Katy lost her much loved sister Mary Jo this past month. Please know, Katy, that your 99s sisters grieve with you in your loss. The memorial service will be held September 23rd.

Nicoletta Salvatore: I apologize for not being around much. After finishing my internship in April at Salt Lake City International Airport (KSLC), I immediately transitioned into an airport management internship at Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH). Now, I have just accepted a job at Burlington International Airport (KBTV) in Vermont. I start late September, I hope to get involved with the 99s chapter up there.

I saw in your August newsletter a request for why we went to AirVenture. Here is a statement of why I was at AirVenture:

"I attended AirVenture this year, not as a spectator, but as Wittman Regional Airport's (KOSH) summer intern. It was incredible to see all the behind-the-scenes work that made this event possible. Even though I was working, it didn't feel like work, and I got to see so many cool things. One of my favorite things to see was the airfield and EAA grounds transform all summer for the event. Then, I loved watching all different aircraft arrive during the week. I cannot wait to attend the event next year!"

Madeleine Monaco: I had the pleasure of attending Air Venture with my nephew who was there as a pilot for the first time with his wife. Kaleb and Abby fly out of KEGE and fly the heck out of their Cherokee 235. He's a Friend of the 99s.

We got this info from Rachel Newhouse. Thought you might want to keep it in mind!

I applied and was accepted to the Aviate Academy! I decided not to go there because it is in Arizona and I have 2 middle school-aged kids (and 3 dogs!). The program is (I believe) the one of the least expensive flight training schools and provides an excellent fast track toward working for United.

The College of DuPage (close to where I live) has just opened its pilot training program so I have decided to start there. It's about the same cost as Aviate (\$76k for everything), but it is closer to home. Even if you don't attend the Aviate Academy, you can apply for the Aviate program and be mentored and tracked into United. FedEx also has a Purple Runway program that is similar to Aviate.

I'm starting at COD this fall, so I don't know a whole lot more, but I'm happy to share anything as I go along! I'm building the plane as I fly, so to speak :)

Aviate: <https://unitedaviate.com/>

Aviate Academy: <https://unitedaviate.com/aviate-program-career-paths/united-aviate-academy/>

Purple Runway: <https://www.fedexpurplerunway.com/>

### A NEW SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN FUNDED!

We have received a donation from Chicago Executive Airport, directed to a Chapter Scholarship. Sharon Ann Schorsch, Hannah Barnett and Lisa Mitchell will be creating the application and announcing the deadline date to apply. Financial need will be the main consideration—a boost to a Chapter member's funding for a new rating the goal.



# FAAST Blast

Biweekly FAA Safety Briefing News Update

**Runway Safety Meetings Scheduled at Approximately 90 Airports** The FAA will hold runway safety meetings at approximately 90 airports between now and the end of September. During these Runway Safety Action Team meetings, airport stakeholders come together to identify unique risks to surface safety at that airport and develop plans to mitigate or eliminate those risks. Representatives from the FAA's air traffic organization, airlines, pilots, airport vehicle drivers, and others participate.

For a full list of the airports, many of which have significant GA operations, see the release here: [faa.gov/newsroom/runway-safety-meetings-scheduled-approximately-90-airports](https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/runway-safety-meetings-scheduled-approximately-90-airports).

The meetings, held annually at each airport with a control tower, are the primary forum for pinpointing and addressing airport-specific risk in the surface environment. The product of the meeting is a Runway Safety Action Plan where stakeholders document and agree to pursue specific actions to improve surface safety.

The FAA issued a Safety Call to Action in February following a string of incidents. Following the Safety Summit ([youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_ap93YLFru](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_ap93YLFru)) in March, the agency has undertaken a series of safety initiatives ([faa.gov/aviation-safety-call-to-action](https://www.faa.gov/aviation-safety-call-to-action)). The summit resulted in a commitment from the FAA and aviation community to pursue a goal of zero serious close calls. The same approach virtually eliminated the risk of fatalities aboard U.S. commercial airlines.

To learn more, read about the FAA's runway safety program at [faa.gov/airports/runway\\_safety](https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety) and runway safety fact sheet here [faa.gov/newsroom/runway-safety-fact-sheet](https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/runway-safety-fact-sheet).

**FlySafe – Personal Minimums and Weather Cameras** When pilots set personal minimums, they should consider weather conditions, aircraft capability, and their comfort level in deciding whether, and under what conditions, to fly. Learn some tips and tools for how to set your minimums in our August FlySafe message here: [medium.com/faa/personal-weather-minimums-and-weather-cameras-e0be589fa172](https://medium.com/faa/personal-weather-minimums-and-weather-cameras-e0be589fa172)

**Soar as a Safety Superhero** Did you know that the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) was started in 2006 to increase national aviation safety? Today's team is comprised of 815,592 FAASTeam members, 1,728 representatives, 2,123 service providers, 44 industry members, and 279 training providers. Thinking about joining? Learn more in the article "Soar as a Safety Superhero: Use Your Super Powers to Support the FAA Safety Team" at <https://medium.com/faa/soar-as-a-safety-superhero-cb24874f0e94> in the July/Aug 2023 issue of *FAA Safety Briefing*. See the entire flying companion-themed issue at [www.faa.gov/newsroom/faa-safety-briefing-magazine](https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/faa-safety-briefing-magazine).

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## THE LAST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER SECTION MEETING —

**This time we meet in Dublin Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.** See the Info on page 7 and register online to attend, or consider joining in the Zoom Business Meeting only from home. This event is hosted by the Scioto Valley 99s.



### OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT AURORA AIRPORT (KARR) AT GAMBIT AVIATION.

**Our hosts are LISA MITCHELL & ANA ADONA.** Gambit co-owner, Warren Bruhl, will invite us into his home away from home. Gambit is a flight school which specializes in experimental, vintage and warbird flight training and features EXTRA airplanes for rent. **Bring a friend anytime to any meeting!**

**NOVEMBER MEETING** is a swap meet at Schaumburg Airport, in the downstairs Conference Room. Bring anything, aviation related or not, clothing, decoration, jewelry, books, education, commemorative, art, etc. and we will display it while you look for something to take home that someone else brought to give away. Anything left will be donated to WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger). November 12, 1:00 pm. **NO CHARGE FOR ANY ITEM—ALL FREE!**



## AE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INITIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE

FIRST WINGS AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER FIRST!

Don't hesitate to contact me (Sharon Schorsch) if you are thinking of applying: contact info in the on-line directory

This scholarship is very competitive. You **MUST** have been a member since July 1, 2023 and your active membership in the chapter is critical. Members will be voting their approval. The earlier I receive it the better for all.

Some things to address:

1. It is never too early to get started.
2. Read the application thoroughly.
3. Read the instructions thoroughly.
4. Be sure your letter of recommendation is signed and dated.
5. Stress financial need in your essay.



*Sharon Ann Schorsch, Chapter Scholarship Chair*

## Are YOU a Commercial Pilot—aiming for career advancement?

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Ileana, and I am the PPLI Assistant Public Relations Coordinator. I'm a Brasilia Captain at a Pt. 135 cargo airline called Ameriflight. I can attest that PPLI significantly impacted my personal and professional life when I joined last Fall, especially as a brand new dual-rated captain. I am grateful for the community, mentors, and the quality of leadership training provided. Therefore, I'm excited to share that our PPLI team is opening up this opportunity for 99's members to join our community for the Autumn session!

### ***What is the PPLI (Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative)?***

The PPLI is a three-phase, structured leadership mentoring program that aims to accelerate the advancement of women in all pilot professions, facilitate mentoring, and enhance our leadership role in the aviation community.

### ***Who should apply?***

Highly motivated 99s with at least a commercial certificate (actively flying) can apply. Members of your section or chapter working on advanced ratings, looking for a career move, advancing their careers with a current or future employer, preparing for an upgrade, or recovering from a setback, then it's time for them to consider this program.

*Because the program uses digital communication and guidance, time zones and locations are irrelevant.* This program is for ALL 99s, no matter where they are career-wise, where they live, and what age they are. However, accessing the internet and email is essential, and English is the language that bonds us. We currently have participants from the Far East, Canada, USA and Europe.

For more information, go to the 99s website and click on the link to our promotion video, Fact Sheet and Brochure. More information and the link to our application form, see [The Ninety-Nines/Resources](#)

If you have any questions about this unique 99s leadership mentoring program, please don't hesitate to contact me at [pr@99ppli.org](mailto:pr@99ppli.org) or you can reach out to our PPLI Coordination Team Leader by sending an email to: [mentoring@ninety-nines.org](mailto:mentoring@ninety-nines.org)

*Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative*



Join us for the

# NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

## FALL 2023 MEETING



September 29– October 1

DUBLIN, OHIO



Hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter 99s

A weekend of camaraderie, education, fun, friendship and conducting the business of the 99s—the International Organization of Women Pilots—supporting women in aviation since 1929.



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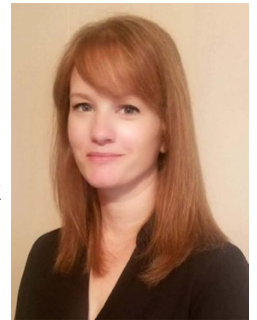
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Whichever, we'll pick you up.

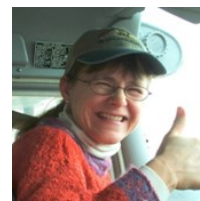
### OUR WEEKEND SPEAKERS

#### LUNCH SPEAKER:

Instructor of American Sign Language at The Ohio State University, **Jenny Hurst** is also a pilot and past president of the Deaf Pilot's Association. Her talk will answer some of these questions: What is it like in a silent cockpit? How do the deaf pilot and ATC Communicate? Are all control towers accommodating? How do the regs differ for the deaf pilot? What is some of the developing assistive technology that could expand the flying experience for them?



#### KEYNOTE BANQUET ADDRESS:



Within 2 minutes of departure from KOSU, Christine Mortine (DPE, CFI-I, MEI, Tailwheel) experienced an engine failure 1,000' AGL, within the greater Columbus Ohio metropolitan area. Christine's presentation shares her experience from requesting takeoff from tower to landing in a canopy of trees. She will describe the decision-making process and talk candidly about the aftermath of a traumatic event.







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CHAPTER CALENDAR

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
SEPT	9-29 to 10-1	WEEKEND	SECTION MEETING—DUBLIN OHIO	PAULA R & SCIOTO VLY
OCT	14	1:00 PM	GAMBIT AVIATION AT AURORA AIRPORT	LISA M & ANA A
OCT NOV	10-27-29	WEEKEND	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JORDAN	INTERNATIONAL PRES ROBIN HADFIELD
NOV	12	1:00 PM	SCHAUMBURG AIRPORT CONF ROOM SWAP MEET	MADELEINE M
DEC	10	12 NOON	HOLIDAY PARTY VILLAGE GREENS WOODRIDGE	VICKIE S
JAN	26	6PM	PRE-EXPO MEET AND GREET DINNER	EXPO TEAM
JAN	27	ALL DAY	EXPO IFR/VFR RENAISSANCE GLENVIEW HOTEL	EXPO TEAM

If you can't find something  
**FUN REWARDING** or **EDUCATIONAL**  
 in the Ninety-Nines you aren't looking hard enough.