**Letter from the Governor**

**Who are the Ninety-Nines?**

Labor Day weekend brings a special fly-in to Iowa every year - Antique Airfield (IA27) in Blakesburg IA. Vintage aircraft from across the U.S. fly in and land on this little grass strip. Pilots camp on the field by their planes and just hang out and talk with friends coming in for this annual reunion. Gary Lust, a local Iowa City pilot, got me interested in this event, and kindled an appreciation of these beautiful planes. For me, it’s a great day trip to spend a few hours “hangar talking” with some great pilots and admiring some gorgeous planes. This year, it was a very wet field due to heavy rains, but it did not dampen spirits for “Stars of the Sky and Screen” featuring Great Lakes and Interstate Aircraft. The 2015 fly-in will feature Curtiss Robin and Stinson 108 Aircraft Sep 2-7. Consider an adventure to Blakesburg. You won’t be disappointed. Visit the web site for more information - www.antiqueairfield.com.

I would like to offer a very big THANK YOU to the Kentucky Bluegrass gals for a FABULOUS time in Bardstown KY. It was a great time, and of course, we all knew that these ladies would put together a fun weekend for our 2014 Fall Section Meeting. Camp Willa Brown offered a unique twist, and for some of us, our first real “summer camp” experience - including your Governor. Yep, it’s true, I never got to go to camp as a kid. Emily Bliss Thompson makes some very tasty s’mores. The campfire was good

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**The Editors’ Corner**

**Waypoint Editors Found!!!**

Yes! Two new co-editors have stepped forward to volunteer to take on your newsletter.

Yes! Your Waypoint deliveries will return to their regular schedule.

Yes! New editors will bring a fresh perspective to your Waypoint newsletters.

So help them out and send in your stories and your pictures. Yes! It’s still your job to send in the material that makes our newsletter so great. Editors just make it look nice and put this jigsaw puzzle together four times a year.

We want your aviation-related stories - flying GA or commercially...what’s going on at your airport or your Chapter activities...fun aviation-related photos...a bit of flying or

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fun. Maggie Hettinger played a mean Reveille and Taps at the beginning and end of our days there. My only regret is that I didn’t roll out of bed one morning early enough to meet up with Maggie and yell into the microphone “Good Morning, North Central Section!!!”

You will find information in this Waypoint issue for our Section award nominations - Governor’s Service Award, 49½ Award, and Spinning Prop Award. I hope that each Chapter gives serious consideration to honoring your best candidates for each of these awards. While it’s always great to win an award, frankly, it’s often equally valuable to nominate and publicly acknowledge those who have been most generous with their time and expertise to support and enrich their Chapters. Please make the time to reward your best.

The Santori Scholarship is a “gift” that has been given to the North Central Section, providing us with not one, but two, great scholarship opportunities. The next FLY NOW award to help a NCS 99 complete her private pilot training is March 15th. Please consider identifying chapter members who qualify for scholarship opportunities and take advantage of these resources - if not this year, plan for next year.

Check out the details for our Spring Section Meeting in Columbus OH, hosted by Scioto Valley. Ah yes, time to dream about spring weather, longer days, and good flying weather.

Lastly, review and consider the proposed by-laws change on page 31, which will be discussed and voted on at our Spring Section meeting.

Blue skies!

Minnetta Gardinier
NCS Governor

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Chapter history...send us the material, and they will publish it for you. Be creative!

Ah yes. So WHO are your new Waypoint co-editors???

[drum roll please…]

Maggie Hettinger and Louise Bornwasser

Welcome aboard!

Thank you so much for agreeing to take on this very important role for the North Central Section.
AE Memorial Scholarship

by Janice Welsh (NCS AE Scholarship Chair)

We had one applicant awarded a career scholarship from the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship this past May 2014. Congratulations!

Miyukiko Kelsey "Koko" Kostelny
Greater Kansas City Chapter

She was awarded a scholarship for the multi-engine add-on. Following internships in Texas, she recently moved to the Dallas area where she does flight instruction and remains active with the Dallas Chapter of the 99s. We wish Koko the very best in all her aviation endeavors. We will be hearing more from this tenacious young woman.

The FLY NOW Award has been met with an absolutely positive response. It is exactly the scholarship that student pilots have been looking for, with specific amounts awarded as the student passes through the stages of becoming a private pilot.

*** This new scholarship is awarded in October and March and is sent directly from the Chapter to the Trustees. It ensures more involvement at the Chapter level, including mentorship by a Chapter member.

Recent FLY NOW winners:
Fall 2013
Tori Williams, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter (left)
Spring 2014
Kathryn Kaminski, Northwoods Chapter (bottom)

Next FLY NOW Award deadline: 15 March 2015
For details:
http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/Fly_Now

Past AEMSF winners: please contact Janice Welsh to provide feedback on this scholarship opportunity.

Chapter Chairs and Chapter Members:
Consider competing for an AE Scholarship. Pursue one of many opportunities - academic or career scholarships, type ratings, research, or the Vicki Cruze Emergency Maneuvers Memorial Scholarship. Challenge yourself!

“The AEMSF was established in 1940 to help deserving members to further their aviation and aerospace accomplishments. This fund provides scholarships for licensed pilot members to advance in training and education in aviation and aerospace, including scholarships to complete additional pilot certificates and ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees or certificates, and technical training.”

Contact Janice Welsh, NCS AE Scholarship Chair, for questions & information about AEMSF:
Janice Welsh
9132 West 250 South
La Porte, IN 46350
Email: jwelshcfi@yahoo.com
Phone: 219-785-4352 or 219-448-9536
**NCS Governor’s Service Award**

We all know them. The hard working women who give their time, energy and passion to support the Ninety-Nines. They are our lifeblood but are frequently the unsung heroes in our midst. The **Governor’s Service Award** recognizes these women for their exceptional contributions to the Ninety-Nines and aviation. We urge each chapter to nominate an outstanding member to receive this prestigious award.

**Purpose:** The North Central Section Governor’s Service Award was created to honor Ninety-Nines who exemplify our mission and have provided continuous service to the Ninety-Nines organization.

**Member Eligibility:** All NCS Ninety-Nines are eligible, except for current International and Section Officers and Board members and previous Governor’s Service Award recipients.

**Dates of Eligibility:** From the date the member joined the Ninety-Nines until NOW! This award takes the member’s entire history of contributions to the Ninety-Nines into consideration.

**How to Apply:** The Chapter Chair (or Vice Chair if the Chair is the nominee) should compose a letter of recommendation stating why their chapter’s nominee is the most deserving candidate. This is a service award, not a flying award, and as such, the emphasis should be on service to the Ninety-Nines. We suggest that you include:

- Length of membership in Section/Chapter
- Section meetings attended
- International meetings attended
- Member of civic group on aviation
- Offices held (Chapter, Section, International)
- Participation in Chapter activities/meetings
- Committees served or chaired (Chapter, Section, International)
- Active promotion of the Ninety-Nines and aviation
- Speaker on aviation to civic or service groups
- Participation in Safety Seminars
- Special projects or activities not listed

You can submit your recommendation letter via email to NCS Directors Patti Sandusky and Margaret Wint at director@ncs99s.org or send a hard copy mailing to Patti’s home at 12661 Gowan Ave. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358.

**Deadline:** All submissions are due to the Directors POSTMARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN Monday March 9, 2015 (11:59 pm).

**Other Information:** The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in Columbus, OH (April 17-19, 2015). Let’s celebrate the accomplishments of these loyal dedicated women and show our appreciation for their hard work!

**For Further Information:** Contact Patti Sandusky and Margaret Wint at director@ncs99s.org
NCS 49½ Award

We all know them. The hard working significant others who give their time, energy and passion to support the Ninety-Nines. They are our support that help in times of need but are frequently the unsung heroes in our midst. The 49½ Award recognizes this group for their exceptional contributions to the Ninety-Nines and our passion for flying. We urge each chapter to nominate an outstanding helping hand to receive this award.

Purpose: The North Central Section 49½ Service Award was created to honor those who support the members of the Ninety-Nines whether it be actively with the chapter or individually by doing something as simple as letting out the dog and fending for themselves over the weekend while the Ninety-Nines member is attending a Ninety-Nines activity.

Eligibility: All “significant others” of a current Ninety-Nine are eligible. A significant other can be your husband, partner, sister, mother, father… you get the idea.

Dates of Eligibility: From the date the member joined the Ninety-Nines until NOW! Or from the time the significant other joined the Ninety Nine until now… whichever the case may be!

How to Apply: A member of the chapter should compose a letter of recommendation stating why their chapter’s nominee is the most deserving candidate. This is a service award, not a flying award, and as such, the emphasis should be on service to the Ninety-Nine(s). We suggest you consider:

- Participation in Chapter activities/meetings
- Section meetings attended
- International meetings attended
- Special projects or activities
- Active promotion of the Ninety-Nines and aviation
- Speaker on aviation to civic or service groups
- Member of civic group on aviation
- Participation in Safety Seminars

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For Further Information: Contact Patti Sandusky and Margaret Wint at director@ncs99s.org.

10 Years of NCS 49½ Award Winners

2014 - Alan Kettunen
2013 - Robert Nusbaum
2012 - James Moore, Rawson Murdock
2011 - Harlan Jewett, Wayne Klein
2010 - Arthur Anderson
2009 -
2008 - Bill Landry
2007 -
2006 -
2005 -

Please send in the missing names above...
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NCS Spinning Prop Award

How would you like to be acknowledged by the North Central Section for flying? If this sounds great, then the NCS Spinning Prop Award is for you. Our Spinning Prop Award recognizes the NCS member who logs the most general aviation hours in a one-year period. Think airplane, helicopter, glider, balloon and more. Take to the skies and log those hours!

Purpose: The North Central Section Spinning Prop Award was created to encourage and promote more flying by our members.

Pilot Eligibility: The award is open to all NCS Ninety-Nines and FWPs. If a member joined mid-period of eligibility, only those hours accrued during that portion of the year that she was an official Ninety-Nine or FWP count toward the award. All applicants must be international members.

Hours of Eligibility: General Aviation hours for which the pilot did not receive any compensation are eligible. (Note to CFIs: time can count toward the award if you provided free dual and therefore no compensation was received.) Safety pilot time is applicable. Student time is eligible. Simulator time is not eligible.

Dates of Eligibility: March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

How to Apply: Submit your name, the date you joined the 99s, and the total number of qualifying hours* to your Chapter Chair. The 99 with the most hours will be asked to submit hard copies of her logbook for the applicable period. Both sides of the logbook need to copied and numbered clearly. Please number the left side page as XXA and right side as XXB (1A,1B, 2A, 2B, etc.) Those hours which are not applicable to the award must be identified. Eligible hours are to be identified and totaled. Chapter Chairs will submit the names and logbook copies to the NCS Directors.

* Hours are defined as what is shown in your current logbook.

Chapter Chairs: Please request copies of the relevant logbook pages of your member with the most number of hours during the Dates of Eligibility. Please submit the information requested above (see How to Apply) and logbook pages of your chapter’s nominee to NCS Directors Patti Sandusky and Margaret Wint via email at director@ncs99s.org or send a hard copy mailing to Patti’s home at 12661 Gowan Ave. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358.

NOTE: By mail or email, clear images of all logbook pages must be submitted. For emails, each nominee’s documentation should be sent as a single PDF file after scanning every logbook page for the PDF file. No submissions will be allowed without the proper logbook data.

For NCS Members at Large: You may nominate yourself and mail copies of the relevant logbook pages directly to the NCS Directors at the address above.

Other Information: The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in Columbus, OH (April 17-19, 2015). We will recognize each Chapter’s high flyers and celebrate their time in the sky.

Deadline: All submissions are due to the Directors POSTMARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN Monday March 9, 2015 (11:59 pm).

For Further Information: Contact Patti Sandusky and Margaret Wint at director@ncs99s.org.

10 Years of NCS Spinning Prop Award Winners
2014 - Carol Stocker
2013 - Minnetta Gardinier
2012 - Lynda Meeks
2011 - Minnetta Gardinier
2010 - Christine Mortine
2009 - ???
2008 - ???
2007 - ???
2006 - ???
2005 - ???

Please send in the missing names above...
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship

The Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship offers two annual scholarships to members of the North Central Section (“NCS”) under the auspices of The Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines (“CAC”).

One scholarship in the amount of $2,000 is to be used to assist a 99 in the completion of an additional pilot certificate or rating. Applicants must be a current pilot with the appropriate medical certificate and must be approaching the flight time requirement for the desired rating or certificate.

The other scholarship offers $1,000 to assist a Student Pilot Member toward completion of an initial pilot certificate, in any aircraft. Applicants must have soloed, and, if required for the pilot certificate sought, must have a current medical certificate and must have passed the written exam.

Applicants must be a current member of The 99s, the NCS and their chapter in good standing.

Applicants must submit three (3) copies of the completed and signed application including the form, attached essay, letter of recommendation from their chapter chair, proof of certificates and ratings held, medical certificate, proof of date and score of knowledge tests taken, copy of last page of logbook showing current hours flown and a letter of reference from someone outside of the aviation community who is not a relative. These documents must be mailed to the address on the application form to be postmarked no later than the date indicated on the form.

Funds will be paid from receipts which document the training. Receipts must be signed by both the student and instructor and include copies of the logbook if applicable.

Funds are to be used within two years of the award date. Prior applicants and recipients may re-apply in future years.

The winning candidate and all candidates who did not qualify will be notified within one month after the receipt deadline.
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2015
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
$2,000 to a Ninety-Nine for Advanced Certificate or Rating

Name________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________ State: _________________ Zip: __________________________
Telephone: (                ) Chapter: ________________________________

Application for which certificate or rating? __________________________________________________________

Please enter below the name of the person who will send a reference and indicate their relationship to you. Supply their email address if possible.
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

1. Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.
2. Describe your goals in aviation or aerospace, and opportunities. Tell us what you have already accomplished in pursuit of these goals, pertinent to specific certificate/rating sought. Why are you seeking this specific training? How will it help you to qualify for or to advance in an aviation-related profession or charitable cause?
3. Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training.
4. How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?
5. If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:
1. This form and attached essay.
2. Proof of certificates, ratings, knowledge test taken (with score) and medical held.
3. A copy of the last page of your logbook showing current hours flown.
4. A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.
5. A letter of recommendation from your chapter chair.
6. The signed and dated Signature Form.

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SIGNATURE FORM
Print full name: _______________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Applicant _____________________________________ Date ___________________

Return three (3) copies of the Application and all attachments to:

Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines
Cynthia Madsen
441 Elm Street
Frankfort, Illinois 60423

Completed Application and Attachments Must Be Postmarked by March 1, 2015
2015 Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
$1,000 to a Student Pilot Member Ninety-Nines, Inc.
For Initial Pilot License

Name________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: _______________ Zip: ___________________________

Telephone: ( ) ______________________________________ Chapter: _____________________________

Please enter below the name of the person who will send a reference and indicate their relationship to you. Supply
their email address if possible.

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

1. Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.
2. Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for
   completion of this training.
3. How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?
4. If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:

1. This form and attached essay.
2. Proof of student medical certificate held, knowledge test taken (with score), and solo.
3. A copy of the last page of your logbook showing current hours flown.
4. A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.
5. A letter of recommendation from your chapter chair.
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441 Elm Street
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“It takes a Village”…or perhaps a Section

by Diane Cozzi (Chicago Area)

A group of Ninety-Nines from the North Central Section, using their special talent – flying, lent a hand as part of an effort to help children in developing countries. It is a program administered by Project C.U.R.E. and is called “Kits for Kids”.

Described as a “simple, powerful package”, the Kits for Kids provide personal hygiene and basic “medicine cabinet” items that are scarce in developing countries. If a child gets hurt, families might have to travel a long distance by bicycle, bus or even on foot to receive care at the nearest hospital or medical clinic. Working with pediatricians and nurses, Project C.U.R.E. developed Kits for Kids to give parents in developing countries the supplies that they need to provide basic care at home.

This is how it works: Groups interested in participating contact Project C.U.R.E. and request Kits for Kids bags, which are reusable red nylon backpacks. The group then fills the bags with first aid and hygiene products that they have gathered. The bags are then transported to one of four Project C.U.R.E. sites to be distributed world-wide.

Donna Klein, Chicago Area Chapter Chair, was contacted to help out Girl Scouts in Illinois who wanted to become involved with Kits for Kids. The scouts had completed 310 kits, weighing over 900 pounds, and needed to get them to Nashville, TN the nearest Project C.U.R.E. center for distribution. Donna arranged for temporary storage of the kits at Clow International Airport (1C5) in Bolingbrook, IL and then sent out a request for Ninety-Nines to volunteer to transport them. Of course, Ninety-Nines responded enthusiastically!

NCS Governor Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa Chapter) dropped off about 40 kits (80 lbs) in Nashville, while flying her Cardinal to New Orleans for the International Conference.

The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter delivered more than sixty kits. They had so many members who wanted to participate that they broke the trip into 4 legs. Leg 1 was Sue Glisson and Maggie Hettinger flying Sue’s C-172 from Skylane’s grass field to Clow Airport and back. Leg 2 - Valerie Hurt and Rae Eddy made the trip from Bowman Field in Louisville to Evansville, IN and back…a beautiful evening flight. Leg 3 - Doreen Yost and Robin Blevens flew from Louisville Bowman to Danville, IL and back. Leg 4 - Doreen Yost and Amy Bogardus successfully delivered the

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Kits For Kids (cont.)

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A planeload of CURE kits to Nashville. Sue Glisson and Terri Donner helped make this happen, and the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter donated their fuel costs.

Donna Klein and her son, Wayne Jr., delivered the rest to Nashville in their Cessna 310, over 200 kits weighing about 600 pounds!!

Hooray!

As Donna said, “This was a very worthwhile project, benefitting children worldwide. These Girl Scouts got involved with the cause but needed a way to transport the items. That’s where we were able to help.”

Project C.U.R.E., based in Centennial, CO is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. Their current distribution centers are Denver, Houston, Nashville and Phoenix. Over 130 countries benefit from Project C.U.R.E. programs. Project C.U.R.E. is the recipient of the GuideStar Exchange Silver Seal, the Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating and is ranked by Forbes as one of the 20 Most Efficient Large U.S. Charities.
MISadventures Flying the 2014 Air Race Classic

by Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa Chapter)

Let the games begin...

So Sue Jones and I had flown from San Marcos TX to the Start of the 2014 Air Race Classic at Concord CA via Big Bend National Park, El Paso, Grand Canyon National Park, Las Vegas, Van Nuys, and Mesa Del Rey / King City (home of Sean D. Tucker's aerobatic hangar). We had a blast before the race ever began, and that can be half the fun of an air race. This year, that thought was more true than we would ever know.

Start Weekend (Concord CA) June 12-16

Every ARC Start weekend is a mix of work and play, meeting up with old friends and making new ones. I arrive early every year to ensure that we maximize the fun and reduce the stress. For those who know me, they know that I NEVER arrive anywhere early. That shows you how much I love this experience.

The first two days (Thu/Fri) are more relaxed and just moving through check-in processes - racer credentials and airplane inspections. For those who have raced before, it’s great to return to our summer “fly camp” and reconnect, catching up with one another. It’s also a time to meet the rookies and lend them a hand settling in and showing them the ropes. The camaraderie among the racers is just a special time capped off with the welcome hangar BBQ as we prepare for “business.”

It is time to hunker down for the next two days (Sat/Sun) preparing for the race. We all know that the route this year is an especially challenging one through the Rocky Mountains. Most of us are not mountain flyers. The ARC organizers take great care in prepping the racers with seminars - briefings for all racers, first time racers, and collegiate racers. Tech briefings to familiarize racers with the trackers and loggers that we carry in our planes. Everyone waits in anticipation of the important Flyby Briefing that lays out the details of the route and the high speed, low altitude flybys at the En Route stops and Terminus. The outlook weather briefing looks good for our Monday morning launch, although weather en route will become a factor. Our Saturday night banquet is a great celebration, introducing each race team. Sunday evening is quiet team time as each team does its own thing to prepare for race morning. Sue and I look out our hotel window where her Beech Sundowner is parked just below on the hotel ramp.

Leg #1 - Concord to Klamath Falls – Mon June 16

We are up early, packed and downstairs for breakfast and the final race briefing. The weather is good. Everyone is excited and anxious for the launch - 50 planes taxiing out and lifting off just a minute or so apart aiming for our first flyby at Butte Valley Airport (A32) in Dorris CA, just over the border from our official En Route fuel stop at Klamath Falls (LMT). The first flyby and fuel stop are always the most hectic, as the planes are still bunched together. Some planes can just “flyby to continue” (no fuel stop). The rest

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of us will land for fuel at LMT. For us, the fuel stop was costly in too many ways. It would haunt us for the rest of the race. #2 for fueling, but 90 minutes later, no fuel. FINALLY, we got fueled, returned to A32 for our flyby to get back on the clock and on to Elko NV.

Leg #2 - Klamath Falls to Elko

With the long delay at LMT, we lost crucial time to make it to Pinedale by sunset on Day 1 of the race. This was a crucial goal - to make 3 stops on this day. Leaving Klamath Falls, we crossed from green to brown terrain. Very desolate. Canyons cutting through the terrain below. Lava beds and desert. We flew between some peaks and over some lower peaks flying our best route to Elko. We wanted a quick turn here and to get back in the air for another stop. But as we got closer to Elko, some clouds were building in. Flyby to land… fuel…weather check. For us, the time is too close, and the weather is getting iffy...clouds and icing levels too close for comfort. We’re sticking and joining the BBQ that the volunteers have put on for us.

Leg #3 – Elko to Pinedale – Wed June 18

We wake to weather that is not promising. The clouds are low and hanging over and around the mountains. This leg takes us through some rugged terrain and high mountains - we’re not climbing over them. Mountain obscuration with freeze levels too low. We still head out to the airport, along with about a dozen other teams. It’s a day of hanging at the airport, watching the weather and hoping for a window of opportunity, talking with other teams. No breaks. Day 2 slips by, no progress, and we finally go back to our hotels. The mood is glum.

We wake early more hopeful that we’ll fly out this morning for Pinedale. The forecast is favorable for an early launch. Sue takes our gear out to the plane, and I check weather. The Stop Chair tells me that there is some ice on the planes but that the sun will melt it quickly. Sue texts me to ask me to help clean ice. All the planes are encased in a more than a glaze of ice. We spend 2 hours (!!!) clearing ice and rotating the plane to catch the sun and help melt it. More critical time lost, but planes start launching. We’re off and tracking just a little south of our direct route to stay clear of clouds.

We fly below a broken layer that occasionally drops ice pellets that we hear rattling on our plane. We pass along the north shore of the Great Salt Lake with a low colorful mist hanging over it. Clouds are building in. We climb...to our limit. We need to descend, spiraling down through a hole. We hear the Three Musketeers calling on their radios in our general area. They are landing at Bear Lake County (1U7), which is what we’re looking at too. We both land there, knowing that Pinedale remains out of reach - clouds,
mountain obscuration, snow, and ice. We refuel and commiserate.

**Off Route at Bear Lake County (1U9) in Paris ID**

Bear Lake in Paris ID is a nice little airport in a sparsely populated area. Pretty country. Both teams draw the same conclusion - the flight to Pinedale is too risky and assures us that we will not make the Terminus in time. Our race is over, we will bypass Pinedale (disqualifying ourselves), and fly on to Scottsbluff. We are now non-competition and looking to simply fly as many stops as possible until the race ends at 5 pm on Thursday. We’re in it for fun and a few more exciting flybys.

**Getting Back on Course to Scottsbluff NE**

After sharing and eating some snacks, we plan our new course to get back on the race route. We call Race Central and advise them about what we are doing. We are now direct to Scottsbluff (BFF). We are glad to be done with the mountains and to push on for the flatlands of the Midwest. We’re still a little shell-shocked that after 2.5 days of the 4-day race, we have really only shot 2 of 9 flybys. The long fueling delay at the first stop really killed our race. A tough blow, but we remain excited about the flybys ahead. There is a certain relief after fighting weather for two days. Since we’re officially off the clock having skipped Pinedale, we simply enter the normal pattern to land at BFF. We land, refuel and grab some lunch, chatting with the volunteers and with the Three Musketeers - Gene Nora, Patty, and BJ.

**Leg #5 – Scottsbluff to Norfolk**

It’s time to launch and rejoin the route - flyby to continue (!!!) - on to Norfolk (OFK). It’s an uneventful flight across a very flat state. Such a contrast to the extreme terrain that we had been flying. We relax a bit preparing for our flyby to land at Norfolk. We’ll land well before sunset, collect our gear and look forward to a good sleep at a hotel.

Upon landing, we learn that all the hotels are booked up. Apparently, twin tornadoes devastated a nearby town and many of the residents are temporarily lodging in the hotels. Carole Sutton, a wonderful Stop Chair has found accommodations for everyone in “nearby” Columbus…an hour’s drive away…but it is a bed. We wait for the last team coming in - after sunset - and we head out for the hotels in our crew car. A few hours of sleep with an early wake-up call for the drive back to OFK. We are determined to fly as far as we can on this last day of the race.
MISadventures Flying the 2014 ARC (cont.)

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I am looking forward to doing the flyby at my home airport in Iowa City (IOW) today. It looks like we will make it past Danville IL (DNV) to Athens OH (UNI). Some weather is forecast to build, but it’s showing a track just north of our route. The 5 or 6 planes at OFK prepare to launch.

Leg #6 – Norfolk to Iowa City – Thu June 19

We take off and circle out for our flyby to continue. We are flying east into the sun. We’ll be in Iowa City before lunch. I’m looking forward to seeing friends and volunteers at this stop. The Iowa 99s are heading up the effort. Shortly after crossing the Missouri River into Iowa, we’re hearing teams ahead start to talk about some storms popping out. Yes, we see clouds building across our route. We’re still hopeful that we’ll beat it...but no...it’s moving quickly. Thunderstorms popping out. Teams are looking to put down. We choose Carroll IA (CIN), NW of Des Moines...another off route landing that leaves us on the clock.

We settle in at the FBO and watch as the sky darkens. It’s so dark that the lights outside go on. Again, we sit poised all day to take off as soon as there’s a break. But it’s not going to happen. I look at my watch as it ticks off time to 5 pm Thursday. The FAA waivers for the flybys expire. Our race is over for 2014. We take the airport crew car for the night and hit the town for a nice meal and a hotel. We’ll plan our flight direct to the Terminus along with nearly a dozen other teams that were stuck at various points along this route - all stopped by weather.

Hard Decisions

It has been a very long 11 days since we left Texas. We have circumnavigated about half the U.S. As we get up Friday morning, it’s clear that weather will dog us all day and into Saturday. We may not even make the banquet that night. Sue is tired and has commitments immediately following the race. I am tired and have developed a head cold. Sue makes the tough call that she needs to head towards home and forego the Terminus. I’m still pushing for the Terminus and find a commercial flight from Moline (MLI) to Harrisburg PA. So that’s the new plan. She drops me at MLI, and we say a quick goodbye so that the FBO staff can get me to the commercial side of the field. Such an anti-climax.

An Emotional Welcome at the Terminus

It’s a sad flight to the Terminus. This 6th race for me, flying ARC since 2008, is the first that I have not completed. After landing in Harrisburg, I catch a shuttle to the hotel. As I walk through the doors, there’s a small group of racers cheering for me as I walk in. My emotions flood out as I check in and folks gather around. After dropping my stuff in my room and pulling myself together, I rejoin everyone to relax over drinks. We are now waiting for the Three Musketeers to arrive. Yes, Gene Nora, Patty, and BJ left their plane near Omaha and drove to the Terminus, arriving about 11:30 pm on Friday. We cheer them as they walk through the lobby. As hard as the race was and as disappointing the outcome was for us, the spirit and camaraderie that surrounded us that evening IS the Air Race Classic for me.
Flying to New Orleans 2014

“Laissez les Bons Temps Volez!”

by Diane Cozzi

Roger Kelly and I flew our Cessna 172 to the Ninety-Nines International Convention in New Orleans recently, and as usual "One-One-Honey" performed flawlessly. I did all the flying, but Roger had all the responsibility this trip…navigation, radios, flight plans, etc. "Let the Good Times FLY!"

Heading south we landed for an overnight at Memphis. I love the colorful terms you find in the south. There was an ELVIS NDB for a final approach fix, and though we wouldn’t be assigned any, there were BBKNG, ELVIS, and DUCKZ departures (…see Peabody hotel below re: DUCKZ). I also liked the FBO in Memphis, Wilson Air Center, which had a scrolling marquee visible from the ramp that not only welcomes you to Memphis - by aircraft “N” number - but adds, “Also grab some world-famous BBQ before you leave!!”

We stayed at the Peabody hotel, which has the ducks in the lobby fountain. We arrived just in time to see them parade into the elevator to retire for the evening. The lobby was packed with spectators, but I was able to get a video of them from the mezzanine – sweet! Needless to say, Roger (BBQ aficionado that he is) had picked out where we would have dinner that night, weeks before we ever left home – “Rendezvous BBQ” (www.hogsfly.com). YUM! Rendezvous was recently in the news because Prince Harry ate there when he was in town. Then we strolled down Beale Street (“Home of the Blues” – “Birthplace of Rock & Roll”). Elvis memorabilia everywhere. I wanted to find a souvenir T-shirt saying "Elvis has left the…Airport", but of course that doesn't exist. So instead, I settled for yellow rubber duckies from the Peabody.

Memphis is also a hub for FedEx, and just before takeoff the next morning, I got a good photo of a FedEx MD-11 landing. It really seemed closer than it looks in the pic. I posted it on Facebook and a clever friend of mine responded with a picture of a FedEx truck in his driveway and said, “This was my view this morning!”

Our first stop the next day via the Magnolia VOR was Jackson, MS for fuel. This turned out to fall into the category of “Aviation Is Still a Small World After All”. We ran into a guy who used to fly corporate with Roger at Square-D. Between then and now, he had also been on the History Channel TV program about airplane repos. But here’s the clincher, he recognized our Cessna as the airplane he got his instrument rating in over 40 years ago. There are some things pilots just don’t forget!

Flying into New Orleans, I was hoping to get some great photos on approach to Lakefront Airport over Lake Pontchartrain. Unfortunately, it was very hazy, so no luck there. Lakefront was closer to our convention hotel in the French Quarter, but if we had flown in to New Orleans Louis Armstrong

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Flying to New Orleans 2014 (cont.)

International Airport, we might have utilized the VODOO initial approach fix. You’ve got to love these names!

Picture-taking got a lot more interesting at the opening reception for the convention, which was held at the newly restored Lakefront terminal building. It is a stunning art deco structure that first opened in 1934. At that time, it was the largest and most modern air terminal in the US. The art deco design elements both inside and on the exterior façade are beautiful.

Others will tell about the convention itself – the AE luncheon, the scholarship winners, the seminars, business meeting, and the awards banquet. I’ll just mention a few other things. Mostly, you can’t go to New Orleans and not experience the food! Before the convention got into full swing, I joined others on a guided culinary tour of French Quarter restaurants. It started out great with shrimp remoulade at Arnaud’s - I love seafood! However, I felt it went downhill from there, ending with red beans and rice at the final stop. Seriously? You can get red beans and rice at “Popeye’s”. I was expecting to end with something sweet like beignets or pralines. Okay, I’m a food snob.

A much better event was the Governor’s Reception at the hotel. It included a wonderful seafood buffet loaded with fresh oysters, shrimp and crab claws. Then early the next morning, I took myself over to Café du Monde and indulged in a delightful tradition – a cup of café au lait and beignets smothered in powdered sugar!

Our overall routing south was Chicago - Centralia, IL - Memphis, TN (overnight stop) - Jackson, MS - New Orleans Lakefront Airport. Routing back north was Tupelo, MS - Paducah, KY (overnight stop) - Mattoon, IL - Chicago. About 1450 NM in all and 136 gallons of fuel. The weather wasn’t very cooperative, and we had to file IFR several times, also waiting out storms for a while in Mattoon, IL before getting home.

Departing Paducah, our overnight stay on the way home, we flew over Metropolis, IL and waved to Superman. We were hoping to see the giant Superman statue, but we couldn’t, because we were IFR again.

Next year’s Ninety-Nine International will be in Munich, hosted by the German Section. Taking the colors of the Munich flag, the theme is “Blue & White – Alps in Sight!” Sounds like another great convention on the way!
All Ohio Chapter

by Linda Blodgett

All Ohio hosted a great meeting at Port Clinton on Sunday September 21. It was a pretty day and quite windy. A few brave souls flew in, and others were forced to drive. The Port Clinton airport, Erie-Ottawa International Airport Carl R. Keller Field (PCW), is right on Lake Erie and has two great runways. A nice museum was just recently built with a wonderful restaurant for inside or outside dining.

Stan Gebhardt was our guest speaker for the day as a representative from the Port Clinton airport. He spoke of the improvements that have been made over the past three years. They sponsored a Junior Flying Camp for young adults, which offers classes on general aviation and a chance to fly for a short period of time. It has been very successful and will continue in the future with the support of many parents.

Stan also told about the celebrities who have visited the airport and the success of the new museum. The museum has an interesting collection of various aviation items and planes. It is well worth the time for the flight on a visit.

We had an enjoyable lunch and great meeting.

Stan Gebhart, Airport Director, at PCW
Chicago Area Chapter

by Diane Cozzi

Champion Aircraft Tour

The Chicago Area Chapter June meeting was held at the Fox River Airport (Rochester, Wisconsin). New officers were installed: Chairman Donna Klein, Vice-Chair Joan Kerwin, Secretary Jill Mann, and Treasurer Madeleine Monaco.

The program following the meeting was a tour of the Champion Aircraft Company manufacturing facility. Our own Chapter Secretary Jill Mann is employed at Champion as a quality control specialist. The program was presented by Dale Gauger. Many Chapter members, 49½’s and other guests joined us and posed for pictures, including a great shot with one of the company's beautiful products, a Super Decathlon, in the background. We are hoping a 99s role will be in the future for Ellen O’Hara's granddaughter, Erin (age 12), who excitedly tried out the interior of the Super Decathlon. Our thanks to Dale, Jill and the American Champion Aircraft Corporation for the wonderful tour.

Chapter Member Honorees at Forest of Friendship

The Chicago Area Chapter sponsored two of its members with induction into the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas. On Saturday, June 14, 2014, Cynthia Madsen and Leslie Prellwitz were officially inducted into the Forest by Linton Wells, who is the son of Forest founder and 99 Fay Gillis Wells.

Cynthia and Leslie, accompanied by their husbands Ralph and Grant, attended a welcome reception Friday night at the Atchison Heritage Conference Center. Saturday morning, all honorees, which also included two astronauts, were transported to the Forest via the Atchison trolley where they took seats of honor for the dedication ceremony inside the Fay Gillis Wells Gazebo. The ceremony began with an honor guard and grand parade of flags. Children carried a state flag and placed it beside its official state tree, after which the attendees sang the National Anthem and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wells called each inductee up to the podium in turn, read their biographies to the audience, and presented them with their official certificates.

Atchison has a long-standing connection to The 99s – it is the birthplace of Amelia Earhart, the first elected president of our organization. The 99s owns the Amelia Earhart Birthplace and Museum, and the Forest of Friendship was a gift to

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International Forest of Friendship -
Left: CAC bench at the Forest near the Illinois white oak tree.
Above right: CAC honorees Cynthia Madsen and Leslie Prellwitz
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The 99s and to America in 1976 from the City of Atchison. The Forest contains a tree from every state in the Union, nearly three dozen trees from around the world, and the "Moon Tree," which was grown from a seed that had been taken into space. The Forest is a beautiful and peaceful place to visit. You will find the granite plaques of our Chapter members and our bench near the Illinois white oak tree and the Joe Carrigan Memorial Pond.

A Ninety-Nine from Nepal

On March 31st, several Chicago Area Chapter members were delighted to meet fellow Ninety-Nine Sabina Shrestha, an airline pilot from Nepal. Sabina flies a Jetstream J-41, which is a 33-passenger twin turbo-prop for Yeti Airlines. She is a former Governor of the Nepal Section and is the recipient of an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship last year. Sabina was in Chicago at Midway Airport working on her next rating, passing the written with 100%. She will continue with simulator training in Manchester, England, then more flight time in Nepal. Upon completion she will be the first woman instructor pilot in Nepal.

The gals chatted animatedly over lunch at "Pilot Pete's" (Schaumburg Regional Airport, 06C). Diane Cozzi was present at an Aviation Education & Safety Conference in Kathmandu in 2000 when the Ninety-Nines chartered the Nepal Section. She brought her scrapbook of the conference, and Sabina, a new pilot at the time, was in several of the pictures. Also, many of the 99s at the conference flew on Yeti Airlines for a Mt. Everest flight-seeing tour. The destination on the boarding pass was a simple and understated "MOUNTAIN". Due to the lack of roads in much of Nepal, aviation is crucial to that nation's economy. In addition, many of the airports are remote and unimproved making flying there quite a challenge. We are very proud of Sabina and were thrilled to meet her!

Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day

The Chicago Area Chapter conducted its latest Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day at Lewis University (LOT). About 80 scouts accompanied by 30+ leaders/parents were in attendance. Ellen O’Hara, event chairman, gave the welcome and a safety briefing.

The presentations, which focused on STEM requirements, were conducted at various stations in the university hangar and classrooms. Deb Meznarsic and Jill Feldman handled Pre-Flight, utilizing a university Cessna 172. A Boeing 737 donated to the university by United Airlines was also on display. Southwest Airlines Captain and former U.S. Navy pilot Carol Skiber discussed Careers. Sue Nealey and Donna Klein had an extensive display for Aviation History. Leslie Prellwitz provided a PowerPoint presentation to cover Navigation. Cynthia Madsen and Diane Cozzi presented the

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basics of Flight Aerodynamics. Pam Brophy from Aurora Center discussed Communications.

Ruth Frantz, Marlene Winters and Elaine Tao helped with registration and distributing refreshments. The Chapter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lewis University for their help and hospitality. Sue Nealey, Jill Mann, Ellen O'Hara, Lewis University Representative Frank DuBois, and Chapter Chairman Donna Klein were on hand for the presentation.

In addition, the Ninety-Nines got a great promotional opportunity as there were other events going on at the university that day too. In particular, Women in Aviation International was conducting a program for high school seniors and had about 90 girls in attendance. Several Chicago Area Chapter members, on break from the Girl Scout activities, were invited to give them an introduction to the Ninety-Nines. Ellen O'Hara said a bit about the 99s and why they were there. Then she, Rita Adams, Jill Mann, Deb Meznarsic, and Jill Feldman each told of their activities in aviation, covering a wide spectrum of experiences.

A big thank-you to everyone who made this day such a success!
Congratulations to our new Student Pilot Ninety-Nine, Melissa Hanthorn, on receiving a FLY NOW Scholarship. These scholarships are given by the Ninety-Nines International to student pilots to help them complete their flight training for a Private Pilot certificate. Jean Murry is Melissa’s Chapter mentor, though Whirly Girls Nelda Lee and Sue Mathias have also volunteered to lend their support and knowledge. This is a mini-biography of Melissa in her own words:

“I've been interested in aviation and flying since my grandpa took my family for a ride in his Cessna when I was in grade school. I took a ground school for fixed wing class in college and fell more in love with flying, but did not have the money to get my license at that time. I currently have a great job, but that desire to fly has never left. Almost two years ago I started researching becoming a commercial helicopter pilot. I finally started my flying lessons with Midwest Helicopter at Parks Downtown Airport on July 29. I take my lessons in a Robinson R22. I learned to hover about a month later. (And it's still my favorite thing to do in the helicopter). I have almost 35 hours towards my license now. I hope to complete my private rating by the end of the year. Once that is complete, I will continue working toward my commercial license.”

Barb Wilper retired from the FAA in Washington in July and spent the next few weeks traveling around the Midwest reconnecting with friends and family. During her visit to Missouri she spent a night or two with Martha Norman in Ironton MO, and then stopped in St. Louis to have dinner at Clio’s with Sue Mathias, Jean Murry, and Libby Yunger before heading back home to Virginia.

On November 1, Jean Murry and Libby Yunger hosted 7½-year old Safiya Hasan, her mother and younger sisters on a tour of the Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum. Safiya is working on a school project in which she will become the class “expert” on the life of a famous person. Safiya chose Amelia Earhart. She wanted to visit the Museum because it still houses the remnants of the Amelia Earhart exhibit that our Chapter sponsored in 2012 for the 75th anniversary of her disappearance and our map of Amelia’s last flight. Of course, we emphasized that Amelia Earhart’s life is still relevant today because of her encouragement and support for women’s achievements and her insistence that with training and persistence a woman could do anything a man could do….so our parting advice to Safiya was, “Go, girl, and follow your dreams!”
Iowa Chapter

by Minnetta Gardinier

Summer months are busy flying months for some members of our Chapter. Our regular Chapter fly-outs. Minnetta Gardinier flew in the Air Race Classic. Elaine and Bill Fitch joined a number of their friends for their annual 70-Knotters cross country flight. Minnetta Gardinier flew her Cardinal down to New Orleans Lakefront Airport for the 99s International Conference. A few of us spent some time taking in all the buzz around EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh. In August, we caught up with each other in Greenfield IA (GFZ) for a visit to the Iowa Aviation Museum.

Air Race Classic

Iowa City Municipal Airport (IOW) was an En Route Stop for the 2014 Air Race Classic. Some folks may remember that threat of severe weather blew away the 2011 ARC Start in Iowa City. So the race returned to Iowa City to make up for that loss 3 years earlier. Deb McGee volunteered to be the Stop Chair, and Jeneanne Visser agreed to serve as Head Timer. Some other Iowa 99s also came in to help out at the stop too for hospitality to welcome racers and to time the teams on their flybys. Jeneanne shared a few shots of the IOW ramp and the storm clouds building in - yes, it was these clouds and storms to the west that kept Minnetta from enjoying a flyby at her home airport.

Iowa Aviation Museum

We flew into Greenfield Municipal Airport (GFZ), home of the Iowa Aviation Museum. It’s a small museum still building its collection and with aspirations to grow. It contains some real gem aircraft, and the museum treated us to a short video of Iowa native Phoebe Omlie. She held many firsts in aviation, including first woman licensed as an airplane mechanic and transport pilot; highest altitude parachute jump by a woman; 99s charter member.

Above: Photos from the ARC stop at IOW - timing tent & a busy IOW ramp with racers and planes, Indiana State and Purdue University planes, and timers watching storm clouds building.

Below: Bill and Elaine Fitch (kneeling) with their 70 Knotter friends in Lincoln IL

Jeneanne Visser, Minnetta Gardinier, Lauren Sherrick, and Deb McGee (L-R) at the Iowa Aviation Museum.
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Lake Erie Chapter
by Evelyn Moore

Welcome, Kara White - Student Pilot Member

Kara wanted to learn to fly for a long time and has only had a few lessons but plans to continue her lessons in the fall at Burke Lakefront Airport. She is a producer for Hemlock Films, which focuses on aviation history documentaries, and works with her husband Alan White, who is an award winning cinematographer and has been flying for 10 years. Kara has completed two aviation documentaries that have won awards: The Restorers: They Were All Volunteers, a documentary for the Texas Flying Legends; and the short historical aviation film, Rise Above, for the Red Tail Squadron’s traveling exhibit.

She is now making a documentary called Beyond the Powder about the Air Race Classic and how the legacy of the original 1929 women’s cross-country air race continues today. When she got the opportunity to fly as a crewmember in the 2014 Air Race Classic, it was the push that she needed to get a student pilot certificate and to take a couple lessons. They have already filmed interviews with an air race historian and the granddaughter of Louise Thaden, who won the 1929 Women’s Air Derby.

The race team she flew with taught her a lot about weather, filing flight plans, and the difference between VFR and IFR. There were over 100 women pilots and students who participated in the race, and they all took the opportunity to teach her what they knew. It was inspiring to have so many women helping her during the race and the safety briefings. It was fun to try and figure out race strategy, what altitude to race at, the best route especially through the mountains and hoping for the best tail winds. Flying in the mountains was an incredible experience watching the hills rise and fall beneath you, she had no idea there were so many different looking mountains and hills.

To quote Kara: “The Air Race Classic was an amazing adventure, a great learning experience, exhausting and really fun.

I feel I have learned more than I ever thought I would in that two week adventure of flying with an Air Race team in a Cessna 182. We had to fly from the East coast to San Francisco just to get to the starting line.

Then the race started, and we had to fly all the way back across the country again.

The one thing I could have done without was the bumpiness. There was a lot of canned oxygen used to get through some of the legs of the race. Beyond that minor discomfort, it was an incredible journey that I hope all women pilots get to experience someday. It was a great learning experience, exhausting and a lot of fun.

I can’t wait to get my license so that I can achieve my ultimate goal of flying a bi-plane, just like those amazing women who flew in the original Powder Puff Derby. I want to experience what it was like to be a part of history by flying solo in a Travel Air, a Waco or one of the many other beautiful antique airplanes.”

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Kara recently joined the International 99s and the Lake Erie Chapter after she attended her first Lake Erie Chapter meeting July 17, 2014.

Induction into the International Forest of Friendship

by Sherri Spagnola

I had the distinct pleasure of being inducted into the prestigious International Forest of Friendship. My daughter and I traveled to Atchison, Kansas to participate in the ceremonies and receive this award. We enjoyed a few days of great mom & daughter time while taking in the sights of the area. Upon our arrival and prior to registration, we were able to enjoy the peace and serenity of the park. The weather was beautiful, and the park was stunning!

On Saturday, we participated in the opening ceremonies, the induction ceremony, and enjoyed a lovely luncheon with the honored guests. My daughter tired of my wanting to return to “my stone” and our Ohio flag, as I tried desperately to take in as many moments of awe as I could. We enjoyed many conversations and stories with new friends from across the U.S. and Canada and could only sit in utter amazement at all the fabulous achievements.

After the conclusion of the ceremony festivities, we made sure to visit Amelia’s home and birthplace in the center of town – what a quaint and historical area!

During our trip we had the pleasure of staying in our first bed and breakfast as recommended by the ceremony committee – and what a delightful choice it was! From someone who had never visiting a B&B prior to now, I can say I am hooked!

Thank you for bestowing this honor upon me, and I am truly humbled to be named among the country and the world’s elite members of the aviation society.

Sherri was also awarded the 2013 Lake Erie Pilot of the Year Award at our annual Charter Banquet / Pilot of the Year gathering in January. She helped put together this event in a few short months and even baked the Charter Cake.
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Minnesota Chapter

by Melissa Aho and Johanna Bischof

The MN 99s had a busy and productive, if somewhat short, summer.

In June, Nadine Sugden and her daughter traveled to Atchison, KS for the International Forest of Friendship ceremony where Nadine and her 49½ George were inducted. Nadine was also honored with the Award of Achievement for Contributions to the Ninety-Nines at the International meeting in New Orleans. Both Nadine and George have given so much to the 99s, both at the local and national levels, over the years. Thank you Nadine and George!

June was also race time. Tracy Lovness and her co-pilot Sandra Randall flew Tracy’s Cirrus in the 38th Annual Air Race Classic from June 13 - 21. Great race, Tracy and Sandra!

Our members also had a strong showing this summer in various aviation publications. The June/July 2014 issue of Midwest Flyer included a Letter to the Editor by Marcy Drescher. Karen Workman also published an article in the same issue on “The Lure of Float Flying.” The June 2014 issue of the Minnesota Flyer featured Tracy Lovness and her adventure competing in the Air Race Classic. It also included a photo of Robyn Stoller, Tracy Lovness, Cheryl Daml, and the MN 99s booth as part of an article on the Discover Aviation Days event at the Anoka County - Blaine Airport (Janes Field, KANE).

June was also a big month for personal accomplishments. Robyn Stoller soloed on Tuesday, June 10th. Kjersti Kittelson completed her Multi-Engine Instructor training and passed her checkride in June. Congratulations Robyn and Kjersti!

We would also like to welcome three new members - Lane Dulon, Carly "CJ" Gallman, and Morgan Maxwell.
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NCS Spring Meeting
Information
April 17-19, 2015
Scioto Valley Chapter
Columbus, OH

Hotel. Embassy Suites Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH. Telephone: 614-790-9000 or 1-800-EMBASSY. Free parking on premises. 99s event rate is $149 per night per suite; just mention that you are with the 99s group for the weekend. The two-room suites can easily accommodate three people. Directions: from the Columbus outer belt I-270, on the northwest side of Columbus, take the east bound Route 161 exit. This will head you into Dublin and toward Worthington. At the first intersection, turn right onto Frantz Road. Turn right again at the first street, Upper Metro Place. The large Embassy Suites complex is slightly ahead on your right.

Evening happy hour with complimentary drinks and hors d’oeuvres is available to all hotel guests. The made-to-order breakfast is also included in the cost of your room. A full-service restaurant is onsite, and wireless internet is free. The large Tuttle Crossing Mall is nearby for shopping.

Airports. Columbus International Airport (CMH) for commercial flights and The Ohio State University Airport (OSU) for small aircraft. We will pick you up at either airport if we know your flight number and time (CMH) or your approximate arrival time (OSU). Contact Paula Rumbaugh at 614-946-2027 with any changes after registration.

OSU is offering a $0.25 discount/gallon for fuel purchased there (currently $5.89 with tax for 100LL). A daily $15 ramp fee is waived with a fuel purchase or with proof of purchase at Jack & Benny’s Barnstormer Diner, on the airport. Car rental can be arranged for either airport.

Saturday. Morning activity for Guests. To be determined. Columbus Zoo, http://columbuszoo.org. Included in your full registration cost; guests may purchase separately. After a half-hour break following the business meeting, attendees should meet near the front door of the hotel lobby for transportation to the zoo. You may drive yourself, if you prefer.

We will all have lunch together at the zoo (details in welcome packet), then gather for a program about the Twin Beech 18 that is part of the lion’s den in the Heart of Africa exhibit of the zoo. After that, all are free to roam the expansive zoo grounds until 4:00 p.m., when your transportation returns to the hotel.

Wheelchairs and motorized mobility scooters are available for rent ($13 and $35, respectively).

Evening banquet. Give your inner animal expression! Dress casually or upscale, but wear your favorite animal designed as a wrap, jacket, skirt, slacks, whatever! For the sensibilities of those around you, however, better make that leopard skin a fake one.
NCS 2015 Spring Meeting
Schedule
April 17-19, 2015
Scioto Valley Chapter
Columbus, OH

Friday, April 17, 2015 *
Noon – 9:00 PM  Registration
Noon – 6:00 PM  Fly Market
3:00 – 6:00 PM  Hospitality Room
4:00 – 5:00 PM  Board meeting
6:00 – 8:00 PM  Appetizer & beverage reception – Atrium (incl. w/ hotel room)
                   Dinner on your own
8:00 – 10:00 PM Movie and popcorn

Saturday, April 18, 2015
8:00 – 8:55 AM  Registration – Atrium
7:00 – 10:00 AM Buffet Breakfast (included with hotel room)
7:30 – 8:30 AM  Chapter Chairs Breakfast Chat
9:00 – 10:55 AM Business Meeting
11:00 AM – 11:45 PM Guest Speakers - to be announced
11:45 AM  Gather by hotel lobby front door for transportation to zoo.
12:00 – 4:00 PM  Columbus Zoo, lunch, and program*
4:00 – 5:00 PM  Hospitality Room and Fly Market
5:30 – 6:30 PM  Social Hour (cash bar)
6:30 – 9:30 PM  Dinner Banquet, Program, Awards
9:30 – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

Sunday, April 19, 2015
7:00 – 9:30 AM  Breakfast buffet (included with hotel room)
7:00 – 11:00 AM  Hospitality Room
8:00 – 11:00 AM  Transportation to CMH or OSU
Questions: Paula Rumbaugh, paulapilotosu@gmail.com, (614) 946-2027
                      Janie McIntire, wjmcintire@cs.com, (614) 519-0641

* For exact location and zoo pick-up time details, see your welcome packet.
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* Full registration (postmarked by March 25)  
* Late registration (postmarked after March 25)

A la Carte options: (only if you don’t want full registration)

- Friday night, hospitality, fly market $19 ________ ________
- Saturday Columbus Zoo trip and lunch $45 ________ ________
- Hotel Reception and Saturday Banquet $45 ________ ________

TOTAL: ________

Banquet requests (include # in your party): _______ - vegetarian _______ - special dietary needs

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PAYMENT: Checks payable to – Scioto Valley 99s  
Mail to – Janie McIntire, 71 Greenhedge Circle, Delaware, OH 43015

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HOTEL: Embassy Suites Columbus - Dublin. Self-parking. Call hotel to reserve room by March 27.  
Mention 99s to receive special rate ($149 per night).

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FLY IN: Commercial: Port Columbus (CMH)  
ETA ____________________  Flight # _______  Airline ____________________

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Day _______  ETA _______  N# _______  # passengers _______

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Proposed Changes to NCS By-laws (for vote in April)

The following proposed NCS by-law change will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting in Columbus, OH on Saturday, April 14, 2015. Deleted language is represented by strike-through; added language is in bold.

By-law change proposal - Nominating Committee

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS

c. Any nominee for the Nominating Committee must be a member of the North Central Section and have attended four (4) North Central Section meetings within the last four (4) years prior to the date of Declaration of Intent to seek election.

Proposed change for paragraph (c):

c. Nominations for the NCS Nominating Committee:

i. shall include five (5) nominees from the North Central Section, each from a different Chapter; no two (2) members of the Nominating Committee may be from the same Chapter.

ii. shall be for candidates, who have been a member of the Section for at least the previous two (2) consecutive years at the time they submit their Intent to Seek Election.

iii. shall be for candidates, who have attended at least one Section meeting in the previous three (3) years at the time they submit their Intent to Seek Election.

iv. shall be for candidates, who have held office and/or chaired a committee at the Chapter level (or higher).

Rationale: The current by-law has two significant shortcomings. First, it fails to promote and ensure broad representation across the Chapters of the Section. Note that the International by-laws require that “no two (2) members of the [International] Nominating Committee may be from the same Section.” This principal diversifies the composition of the Nominating Committee to maximize perspectives and input from across the membership. Second, the nominees can only qualify from a very limited pool of members who routinely attend Section meetings while not recognizing contributions from members who may have played active and significant roles in other ways for a Chapter and/or the Section. The proposed change places less emphasis on the frequency of Section meeting attendance and more emphasis on interest and active participation at the Chapter level or higher. Retention of a 5-member Nominating Committee drawn from among our 18 active Chapters seeks to maximize representation on this committee to better solicit candidates for our Section offices. In order to renew and sustain our Section as a vibrant community, we need to increase and broaden our Chapter participation at the Section level.
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New Horizons

Collette Trausch Lagen (1921-2014)

I am honored to share with you all a story about my Aunt Collette Trausch Lagen. Aunt Collette was born December 14, 1921 in Dubuque, Iowa. She took her solo flight in Iowa in 1940 and completed her cross country flight there as well. After graduating from Clarke College in Dubuque (Class of 1943), she earned her private pilot certificate in 1944. Collette left Iowa to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP, Class of 1944) in Sweetwater, Texas.

My husband Jeff and I have visited Sweetwater and stood on the hill above the runway where Collette and many others had trained. As I became involved in flying we talked and would write letters back and forth and share experiences. I cherish those letters. Aunt Collette recalled a day of flying and just smiled from ear to ear.

After I joined the 99s as a Student Pilot, Jeff and I thought it would be nice to see if Collette could become a member of the 99s. We reached out to the Iowa Chapter and kept in touch with Minnetta Gardinier, Chapter Chair at the time. Minnetta worked with us and 99s HQ, and over the course of a few months and after finding a copy of Collette’s pilot’s license, she became a member of the Iowa 99s.

In the September 2012 at the age of 90, we surprised Collette with a outing to the Dubuque EAA 327 Flight Breakfast. Not having mentioned where we were going, Jeff pulled into the airport. Collette then saw the banner about the flight breakfast and became excited. Jeff pulled out her walker, and she was off to explore the field.

My mom Ruth, Jeff, and I could hardly keep up. We enjoyed breakfast and then Minnetta flew in. Elaine Fitch, an Iowa 99 from Dubuque, made sure we were all taken care of. After breakfast, we went out to look at planes. Collette went right up to a Stearman and told us how she had flown one. She tried to stand on tip toes to look inside. She told the pilot and all of us about those adventures.

Collette took my Grandfather Arthur Trausch Sr., her father, up one day and told us how she rolled the plane and was giggling. Also flying over the Mississippi, she mentioned the wheels of the plane being a bit wet after landing and again giggled. My Grandfather told her he would not be going up for another ride.

At this point, we all were laughing together. As the afternoon rolled on, Elaine, Minnetta, my mom Ruth, husband Jeff and I gathered, and Minnetta presented Collette with her official 99s pin. Aunt Collette was so proud to become a member of the Iowa 99s and so were we. It was a great surprise!

My dear Aunt Collette passed away on March 13, 2014 at 92. She is once again flying, smiling, and giggling.

Thanks to Minnetta Gardinier, Elaine Fitch, my husband Jeff, and my mom Ruth Trausch for a day together that will always be in our hearts and bring a smile.

Thank you my dear cousins the Lagen Family and their husbands and wives for all the pictures, stories, and support.

~ by Jennifer Trausch Hensley (99s Student Pilot, Austin Chapter)
New Horizons (cont.)

Beverlee Greenhill (1935-2014)

The Chicago Area Chapter is saddened to report the loss of one of our long time members, Beverlee Greenhill, on July 14, 2014 after an extended illness. “Just Bev” as she preferred to be known, was a very active member of the Ninety-Nines for almost 40 years, and a lifelong devotee of aviation. She logged flying time in fixed wing airplanes, seaplanes, helicopters, as well as being her husband Chuck’s Citation copilot.

Bev worked tirelessly behind the scenes on Ninety-Nines safety seminars, flew air races, hosted many meetings, and was always ready to help out where needed. She worked with the FAA and the Illinois Department of Aviation to host safety seminars and promoted aviation safety in all aspects.

Her holiday and hangar parties for the 99s were legendary. A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 27th, in the Greenhill hangar at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Many members of her family, friends, and 99s were present and spoke lovingly and warmly of their experiences and memories of Bev. She was a longtime and valued Member of the Chicago Area Chapter, and she will be greatly missed. Her caretaker, Sue, spoke of how much the 99s meant to Bev - how much she looked forward to receiving, reading, and rereading the monthly newsletters, and how much the friendships she made over the years meant to her. About 20 CAC Members were present at the memorial - a tribute to Bev and her service to our organization. We will miss her, and we extend our condolences to her family.

Dorothy Bolander (1930-2014)

Dorothy Estelle Argo was born in Atlanta GA, one of seven children of Asa and Mae Argo. She grew up in a number of states, and graduated at age 16 from high school in Sandstone MN. She then enrolled in the nursing program at Abbott Hospital and received her R.N. degree there. While a student nurse, she met David Carl Bolander, and they married in 1950. The couple had four children and resided in Edina, Tucson AZ, Minnetonka, and Mendota Heights before moving to Stuart FL.

Dorothy had many interests, but aviation was one of her favorite activities. She and her husband were both licensed pilots, and she earned a commercial pilot's license in 1969. She was active in the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, and made many close friends there. She also enjoyed golf.

Dorothy began her career with Carl Bolander & Sons when she was thrust into running the construction company while her husband David was recovering from throat cancer. Dorothy ran the company and oversaw the relocation of the company headquarters from Minneapolis to Saint Paul. Upon David's return to work, Dorothy acted as the company's EEO officer and was heavily involved in Bolander's affirmative action and equal opportunity efforts as well as working with the Association of Women Contractors (AWC), the Minneapolis/ St. Paul Urban Leagues and others.

In 1982 Dorothy founded and operated SKB Environmental, a construction and demolition waste disposal facility in Inver Grove Heights. In 1989, she secured her place as one of the foremost environmental advocates by permitting and constructing the first state-of-the-art lined waste disposal facility in the state of Minnesota for construction and demolition (C&D) waste. Dorothy expanded the company into the largest privately-held disposal and recycling firm in Minnesota. She continued to run SKB Environmental until her retirement in 2005.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 63 years, David, her children Bruce, Richard (May), Kristine, and Susan, her grandchildren Daniel, Katherine, Tyler, Eric, Natalie, and Michelle, and her siblings David Argo (Margaret) and Linda Malone (Carl, deceased). She was preceded in death by her siblings Mary, Frances, Donald (Sharon), and John. Dorothy will be remembered for her warm smile, her confidence, and her graceful competence with every task, large or small. She was pure class mixed with pure determination, and she will be greatly missed.

~ published on September 28, 2014 (Minneapolis StarTribune)
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Schedule of Host Chapters for NCS Meeting

Scioto Valley - Spring 2015
Minnesota - Fall 2015
Greater Kansas City - Spring 2016
Iowa - Fall 2016
Women With Wings - Spring 2017
Wisconsin - Fall 2017
Michigan - Spring 2018
All Ohio - Fall 2018
Aux Plaines - Spring 2019
Three Rivers - Fall 2019
Indiana - Spring 2020
Chicago Area - Fall 2020
Greater Cincinnati - Spring 2021
Northwoods - Fall 2021
Lake Erie - Spring 2022
Greater St. Louis - Fall 2022
Indiana Dunes - Spring 2023
Kentucky Bluegrass - Fall 2023

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Our NCS Chapters by State

Illinois Aux Plaines, Chicago Area
Iowa Iowa
Indiana Indiana, Indiana Dunes, Three Rivers
Kentucky Kentucky Blue Grass
Michigan Michigan, Northwoods (Upper Peninsula of MI)
Minnesota Minnesota
Missouri Greater Kansas City, Greater St. Louis
Ohio All-Ohio, Greater Cincinnati, Lake Erie, Scioto Valley, Women with Wings
Wisconsin Northwoods (Northern WI), Wisconsin
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