

Lake Erie 99s: “Flying for the Fun of It”

July-August 2020 Newsletter



Greetings

Hello to all the Lake Erie 99s. Hope this finds everyone and their families well and being thankful for what we have even as life is restricted during these strange times.

LE99s Chapter News: “Our Own Gals”

Donna Benz is now a certificated Private Pilot! Congratulations!!!

Warm Welcomes:

To our new members Kimberly Hill of Garfield Heights and Christina Halli of Erie PA.

Please reach out and welcome them at challi@roadrunner.com and hillkkhillkk@gmail.com. We hope to hear/see you (again) soon at a meeting.

Kimberly volunteered to be our new Secretary, so thank you for stepping up!

It was great seeing everyone at the last virtual ZOOM meeting. Turnout was fantastic, and it was wonderful to catch up. Thanks Lori for facilitating.

Fun Flights: Lori is flying over Lake Erie these days, working toward a BFR, and “flying for the fun of it” in a T&G Cessna 152.

Lee flew her Cirrus to Maine in June. Pictured are Mt. Katahdin, the 2nd highest peak on the Eastern seaboard after Mt. Washington, and Casco Bay (near Portland ME). It

was great to see Erie, Ontario, the Finger Lakes, Hudson River, Green Mountains, Connecticut River and White Mountains on the way. It was VFR or VFR-on-top, calm and beautiful, and I have never seen the sky so blue, without the usual jet contrails.

Much better than 13 hours of driving!

Here is a reminder that most flight schools offer intro flights for ~\$100, with 1-2 days notice; this is a great way to fly in a new area if you are traveling by car or commercial flight. I've had delightful flights over New Orleans, Hawaii, Los Angeles and other places that way, and the instructor may have you fly, if you show your license.



News from: The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

The 99s **“Don’t Rush”** entertaining video on their website includes our honorary member Heidi Theile, and highlights how we all fit flying into our busy lives. Just keep at it!

The **Air Race Classic** was held virtually June 22-28, including a virtual banquet June 28th.

The **Professional Pilots Leadership initiative (PPLI)** of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. deadline is July 31. It provides structured mentoring by/to other 99s interested or already involved in all pilot professions, to help start and/or advance your flying career. Apply at mentoring@ninety-nines.org and get more information and a fact sheet at careers@Ninety-Nines.org

National Virtual meeting July 11, 2020. The LE99s delegates to this meeting are: Lori Manthey, Nancy Wood, Donna Benz, Laurie Bruce, Sherri Spagnola. To attend the online annual meeting on July 11, you must be credentialed by July 7. at <https://99snet.net/Landing/Index>

News from Our Flying Community

Fun Destinations: The Tin Goose diner is open again 7a-7p, indoor and outdoor dining, mask is not required. It is a short flight to KPCW, at the end of Rwy18. This is a scenic flight with a great view of Cleveland over the lake, past Cedar Point. You

can also arrange a land route with ATC through Class Bravo if you would prefer staying over land. The Tin Goose itself is an authentic 1950s-style diner with friendly staff and aviation-imbued ambiance. It is the home of the Ford TriMotor airplane, a nice little museum and curio shop, and there are many aviation activities during the summer. See their website at tingoosediner.com

Resources

COVID-19 update: Here is a summary of the **current** general recommendations from FAA, local flight schools and CDC. Most flight schools are open, with enhanced disinfection and customer self-checks, requirements for social distancing and wearing of masks for student and instructor throughout the flight and while inside buildings. No "ride along" passengers currently allowed for lesson flights. It is recommended self-quarantine for 14 days after your last known exposure to a COVID-19 patient. If you have new COVID-19 symptoms (see CDC list), you should stay at home for 14 days. Bring and disinfect your own headset, bring mask, disinfectant wipes, handwash/sanitize frequently, especially "high touch" items. Practice good personal cough/sneeze hygiene. Do your preflight planning at home and arrive prepared for flight, and check for restrictions and services at arrival airports in other states. Many have reduced hours, and many states have 2 week self quarantine requirements on arrival, the "hot spots" are constantly changing. If you are providing essential services, bring your paperwork with you.

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Quick access to LE99s Dates, Reminders and Announcements

North Central Section annual meeting CHANGED TO VIRTUAL Sept 2020. We will host the Spring 2021 meeting, date to be confirmed (late April or early May).

Lake Erie Chapter:

Congratulations to the officers for our chapter: Inducted July 1

Slate of officers: **Lori Manthey, Chapter Chair**

Donna Benz, Vice chair

Nancy Wood, Treasurer

Kimberly Hill, Secretary

Dues: \$20 Send to Nancy Wood for the June2020-July 2021 year if not already done.

Local meetings are usually the second Sunday every month, with adjustments during the pandemic. We are doing phone or ZOOM meetings which allow a call in feature.

Sunday July 12, in-person meeting, 2020 arrive by 12:30PM for social, 1:00 business. Hope you can join us!

Who: Chris Kettunen hosting Where: Germak Airport (7D9) (PLEASE WEAR A MASK)

how to access remotely by telephone: call 605-472-5681, pass code 717-761 (free call). There is no ZOOM meeting for Jul 12. There will be a few masks if needed.

Please RSVP Chris at 440-969-1360 or email tredwaychris@yahoo.com

Directions to Germak Airport in Geneva: Take I-90 to exit 218 – Take Rt 534N a short distance to turn right onto Clay Street, which is the first street on the right – go approx. 2 miles past the Mini Ranch Trail where you see the end of the runway (19) and a small airport sign on the right. If you get to Sexton Rd, you have passed it.

Sunday Aug 16 (moved from Aug 9) Nancy Wood. to be held at an outdoor park to be determined, with a dial in option at 605-472-5681, 717-761#

Sunday Sept 13 Dodie Jewett and Jennifer Syme Tentative; Location TBD

Inspiration, more fun and Housekeeping Information

Dues: Send \$20 check to Nancy Wood, Treasurer, at 31 Clinton St, Hudson OH 44236-2899

LE99s Officer Duties:

Chair: carry out the collective wishes of the membership and be their representative on matters of Chapter policy; to appoint all Committee Chairs and fill offices not otherwise provided for in the Standing Rules; and to cooperate with the Section Governor and the International President in every possible way.

Vice Chair: assist the Chapter Chair in the performance of her duties, to preside at Chapter meetings in her absence.

Treasurer: to receive Chapter dues, keep a current membership record; receive and record all monies due the Chapter, be accountable for all deposits and pay all properly approved claims and bills.

Secretary: keep an accurate account of all transactions of the meetings; write all communications; file all papers and documents pertaining to transactions of the Lake Erie Chapter; issue notices of special meetings, and perform such other duties that pertain to the office.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. The Lake Erie Ninety-Nines is a Chapter of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Many thanks and warm wishes to Pilot Evelyn Moore for her long service, wisdom and mentoring in the production of this newsletter. -Lee Ann

The answer to the **June Challenge:** The photo in the June update Newsletter was of **Ashtabula at night**. The shoreline is distinctive, as is the intersection of Rt 11 and 90 at the left of the picture. Evelyn Moore won a Panera gift card for the closest guess!

Here is the **August Challenge:** Can you identify this city on Lake Erie? First correct guess, or the closest best guess, wins a gift card from somewhere. Email Lee Ann with your answers at labaggott@att.net, and please send info about your fun flights and destinations, ratings, flying photos, lessons, favorite

destinations, etc. for the next newsletter. Next time I would like to include pictures of your favorite airplanes, and if you'd like, why it is your favorite!



Lake Erie 99s August Challenge: mystery destination photo