

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

November-December 2020 Newsletter



Pictured above: Donna Benz, Chris Kettunen, Darlene Grant, Sherri Spagnola, Lee Ann Baggott, Bernice Barris, Dodie Jewett, Kimberly Hill, Lori Manthey, Jennifer Syme and Nancy Wood at the 2020 Pilot of the Year event.

## Greetings from Lori:

This year has been one for the record books. The pandemic has disrupted all our lives and caused the cancellation of the International 99s, North Central Section in-person conferences, EAA Air Venture, the Cleveland Air Show, and many other aviation-related events we anticipate and enjoy. Through the year we adapted, as other organizations have done, to Zoom conference calls and kept in touch, remotely.

Our intrepid band of lady pilots had many bright spots too! We met in person together in March for our Memorial Church service and lunch, in July at Germack Airport in Alan Kettunen’s hangar, in September at Dodie’s house on her spacious porch, and in October at the Shoreby Club’s outdoor patio for our elegant Pilot of the Year event. We had our first fly-in in many years at Carroll County Airport, which is hopefully the first of many future Lake Erie 99s fly-ins! Many of our members flew this year, adjusting protocols to maintain safety (flight and health) in the cockpit. I am grateful for the opportunity to share fun times and friendship with our Lake Erie 99s.

I’d like to give a shout out to our accomplished Pilot of the Year, Dr. Lee Ann Baggott, and to the winner of our Fledgling Award, Kimberly Hill. Congratulations! Special recognition goes to our honored Legacy Builders, who have given 35 years or more to the Lake Erie 99s and have some amazing flying stories to share. These pilots are Bernice Barris, Alice Henry, Dodie Jewett, and Evelyn Moore. Thank you for your service!



Pictured above: Nancy Wood, Lori Manthey, Lee Ann Baggott and Kimberly Hill

### **News from the FAA**

The FAA website [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) is a plentiful source of information, resources, guidance, stories and great advice at <https://www.faa.gov/pilots/> including checking the weather and filing a flight plan with Leidos (free and legal). WINGS credits are available for recurrent training. Complete the flight training with your instructor, and request that your instructor sign off on your WINGS credits on the FAAST Team website. [https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pub/learn\\_more.aspx](https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pub/learn_more.aspx) during your training flights) You can find schools at <https://av-info.faa.gov/PilotSchool.asp>, folks you fly with and find other pilots at <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/airmeninquiry/>

### **Fun Flights:**

Lori, Kim and Lee Ann flew from Cleveland (CGF) to Akron (AKR) to Put In Bay (3W2) and back, on a CAVU (clear air, visibility unlimited) day for camaraderie and lunch! We were musing how nice it would be to hold a fly-in future meeting of the Lake Erie 99s, actually on Lake Erie!



## Quick access to LE99s Dates, Reminders and Announcements

**Local meetings** are usually the second Sunday every month, in person or phone. Frequently held at members' homes during normal times, but during the pandemic stay-at-home, will be by Zoom and/or teleconference, and we'd enjoy hearing from **YOU!**

**605-472-5681**, passcode **717-761#** Please MUTE your phone unless you are speaking; it will give all of us a better meeting experience.

**Date: November 15, 2020, 1 PM** **Hostess: Lori (Zoom)**

**Dec 14: by Zoom** **Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: by Zoom**

**Details:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4270180006?pwd=QzN1Myt5bkVxWkJcGhhTVdpeEROQT09>

Meeting ID: 427 018 0006

Passcode: LakeErie99

Dial in number: Conference Call In: 605-472-5681, passcode 717-761#. **Please MUTE your phone unless you are speaking; it will give all of us a better meeting experience.**

Our Chapter's **Standard Operating Plans (SOP)** are currently being reviewed. Suggestions and input are welcome. Spearheading this effort are Donna, Nancy, Evelyn, Christine, Kimberly and Bernice. Thank you!

Meghan is updating our Lake Erie 99s **website and facebook page**. <http://lakeerie.ncs99s.org/> Thank you Meghan!

**National 99s meeting:** Save the date: July 7-11 2021, Long Beach CA on the Queen Mary

**Scholarships** to get us flying: There are many scholarships with the next application deadlines in March 2021; now is the time to look at the applications and get the flying hours and other qualifications in to be a candidate, and reach out to your LE99s mentors to help sponsor you and submit a strong application. Nancy Wood is our point person. Meanwhile, fingers crossed for our fall applicant Kim! Please see prior issues of this newsletter for details.

**Lake Erie Chapter: Officers: Lori Manthey, Chair; Donna Benz, Vice Chair; Kim Hill, Secretary; Nancy Wood, Treasurer**

### **A Holiday Wish from Lori:**

As we head into Thanksgiving and the Holiday season, please be safe and take care of yourselves and your families. I am looking forward to a bright and hopeful New Year, as we plan for the Spring Section Meeting for the North Central Section in Akron/Canton.

**Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and peaceful Holiday Season!**

By this time next year, hopefully the pandemic will be behind us!

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,

Lee Ann

Pictured below: the 2020 Pilot of the Year Banquet at the Shoreby Club

