

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



September-October Newsletter

Greetings

It is truly wonderful being able to listen to the stories of a smart, funny and talented group of women with great enthusiasm, not just about flying, but about life and everything around them! Our meeting Aug 16 had a fabulous turnout of just such women. It was definitely the “high point” of my week. It seems that we are all relieved to be resuming life as (almost) usual, and this resourceful bunch are somehow managing to juggle everything; life goes on.

LE99s Chapter News: “Our Own Gals”

Lori passed her Biennial Flight review (BFR) with T&G Flying Club at BKL.

Lee renewed Cirrus Pilot “Black Diamond” status (index of total and recent time, flight and avionics training, certificates, IFR and actual instrument time, actual instrument approaches)

Air marking (Chris) is on hold for the pandemic. Stay tuned.

If you have an aviation achievement you’d like to share, call Lori 216-202-9778, so we can shower you with well-wishes and if you’d like, include your achievement in our annual report to the Ninety-Nines!

News from: The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

In addition to the scholarships below, the Professional Pilots Leadership Initiative (PPLI) mentors women in furthering their aviation careers and leadership abilities. Also check out

GoogleGroups 99s forum for sharing flying experiences, posting questions, and connecting!



Scholarships

It's scholarship application season. Go for it! Our chapter's veteran members Donna and Nancy have success in and enjoy mentoring our newer members to get flying \$ \$.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship (available Sept 1st) <https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm> . The Ninety-Nines established the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1940 to honor her memory and perpetuate her ideals and love of flying. The Scholarship Fund has paid \$11M and helped over 800 women to advance and succeed in aviation and aerospace. In memory of Vicki Cruse, 99.

FLY NOW AWARDS: DUE OCTOBER 1ST Semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 toward a recreational, sport or private pilot certificate. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements of holding a student pilot certificate, have been an official Student Pilot Member three months prior to the application deadline, have logged 5 hours in the six months prior to the application deadline and show financial need. Deadlines: April 1 and October 1 each year. Membership join date must be no later than January and July 1 of that year. <https://www.ninety-nines.org/fly-now.htm> So far, Kim Hill is applying from our chapter. Good luck Kim!

Lake Erie 99s have our own Bernice Barris Scholarship (LE99s Only, \$1000 each, deadline Mar 30) <https://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/SectionChapter%20Scholarships/LakeErieApplication.pdf> Thank you, Bernice for your unflagging support of the 99s for over 40 years! Donna and Charlene won these in 2019.

The North Central Chapter has several scholarships, including Richard Santori <http://www.ncs99s.org/scholarships/> \$2000 for an additional rating, \$1000 to complete private pilot. Other awards: Spinning prop, Governor's service, and 49 ½ award. See their website, applications due March 1 yearly. <http://www.ncs99s.org/>

AOPA Scholarships for all training levels are available at <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/flight-training-scholarships>, deadline March 15 yearly, you can apply even with a free 6 month flight student AOPA membership!

The Ninety-Nines, Inc also has a registry for scholarships that are awarded by various individuals, organizations, Chapters and Sections. The registry is at: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarship-registry.htm> Much more info, with specific requirements, qualifications and deadlines are online.

FAA is another large source of scholarships, at https://www.faa.gov/education/grants_and_scholarships/ Women in Aviation also have \$\$\$ available at <https://www.wai.org/education/scholarships>

News from Our Flying Community

A virtual Zoom happy hour was held by **Women in Aviation Cleveland** (est. 2013, Leah Hetzel, president) on Aug 20th, good conversations were had by all.

American Winds flight school, at Akron Fulton Airport, is owned and run by a woman pilot! Denise Hobart, owner and a former 99, has been in business there for 17 years. Kim plans to work on her private pilot certificate there.

FAA

The FAA website www.faa.gov is a cornucopia 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. You can get WINGS credits for recurrent training (your instructor can grant WINGS credits on the FFAST Team website 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 Destinations

Franklin PA, (Venango Regional, **KFKL**) is in Ohio west of Pittsburgh, with a good Italian restaurant, Prima Barones 4PM-9PM Tues-Sun (pandemic hours). Also see <https://www.aopa.org/travel/destinations>

If you go to a memorable or fun flying destination, especially in the Northeast Ohio area, help spread the word and email Lee at labaggott@att.net to let our membership know, Support our local aviation businesses to help them get through COVID!

Events

Lake Erie 99s Fly-In, organized by Donna Benz, to **Carroll County Airport (KTSO)** for lunch and pie **on Sept 12 at 1 PM**, rain date Sept 19th. It is renowned for great desserts and pies. Nothing fancy, JUST FOR FUN!! **253 Airport Rd. SE, Carrollton, OH**

Pilot of the Year Celebration, Saturday Oct 17, 2020, tentatively at the 100th Bomb Group. This will be a great time! Kim is leading the planning committee. There was much enthusiasm at the last meeting re: Kim's ideas of a formal attire event reminiscent of celebrations of yore, honoring our legacy builders Bernice, Dodie, Evelyn and others. The Banquet room at the 100th overlooks the airport and has an outdoor patio. Tickets are expected to be \$45-55 per person, with 20% deposit to hold the slot. Planning committee is Kim, Nancy, Lori and Lee. More details soon.

Resources

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

Meghan has graciously volunteered to update our Lake Erie 99s **website and facebook page**. <http://lakeerie.ncs99s.org/> Thank you Meghan, we're all looking forward to seeing your postings!

Education

The Ninety-Nines Inc have many educational free webinars such as "How to pass your commercial oral and flight test," Grow your career, and more. <http://www.ninetynines.org> **AOPA** has great safety seminars online at <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-institute/safety-to-go-downloads>

FAA Wings can be used for biennial flight review credit, and are FREE! https://www.faa.gov/WINGS/pub/learn_more.aspx



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Quick access to LE99s Dates, Reminders and Announcements

North Central Section: Virtual annual meeting at 10 AM Sept 26, 2020, via Zoom. Details to follow on the Waypoint newsletter and NCS website

Spring 2021 NCS meeting: to be hosted by the Lake Erie 99s in Akron, proposed dates are April 23-25 or April 30-May 2, 2021. Thanks to Lori, Evelyn, Sherri and Nancy for all your work and patience as the date and venues have been shuffled multiple times due to the pandemic. We'll ask Kara to update the video promo in advance of the meeting.

Photo op! Let's do this!! Brittany Lewin of the Wisconsin chapter and NCS public relations committee chair, will make a 2 minute music video of all the chapters members to show at the Sept 26 virtual meeting. **Submit photos** by Sept 5, 2020 to Brittany at leftseatlady@gmail.com and identify yourself as a Lake Erie 99.

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

Local meetings are usually the second Sunday every month, in person or phone. Frequently held at members' homes, but during the pandemic **Zoom** is a frequent format. Nancy bravely tried to host what promised to be a lovely outside meeting Aug 16 in Hudson, but the weather did not cooperate! Thanks Nancy! Thanks Lori & Zoom!

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

Zoom: Lori will announce the Zoom details by email prior to the meeting.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Hostess:</u>	<u>Details</u>
Sat Sept 12, 1 PM	Donna Benz FLY IN,	Social only, KTSO, details above
Sunday Sept 13, 1 PM	Dodie Jewett and Jennifer Syme	5863 Deerview Lane, Medina OH
	44256, in the backyard with social distancing.	
Sat. Sept 26, 10am	Virtual North Central Section	Zoom, details TBD
Sat. Oct 17, time TBD	Lake Erie 99s, Pilot of the Year, 100 th Bomb Group,	20920 Brookpark Rd.
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Sun Nov 8, 12:30	TBD	TBD
December	Lake Erie 99s - Holiday party	TBD

HerStories, Inspirations and Housekeeping Information

Stories: **Meghan** shared some of her flying stories at the Aug 16th meeting on how she progressed in her career as a helicopter pilot, and some of her experiences piloting for Mercy St. Vincent in Toledo. The expertise required to find and land in many tight and unimproved spots, sometimes at night, for patients in need awed those listening...Meghan, you're our hero! She is wearing PPE in addition to her flight suit and night goggles during these pandemic days. Be safe Meghan! You're awesome!

Donna is fledging nicely to the class C and D airports in the area. She is becoming a familiar voice on the airwaves in NEOH. Way to go Donna!

"My favorite airplane" and the Sept-Oct. challenge photo: postponed due to pandemic.

The BiMonthly Challenge: Congrats to Rona, who won the August challenge photo by identifying Cleveland at night, after recognizing the brightly lit Brown's stadium!

Cameo:

American Winds Flight School www.americanwinds.edu; www.teachmetofly.com

Owner: **Denise Hobart** Location: Akron Fulton Airport (KAKR)

During my chat with Denise, she recounted that she and her husband owned and operated this FAA part 61 and 141 flight school for 17 years. Denise is a pilot, former 99 and has been the owner-president of American Winds for the past 4 years.

Her school teaches everything from private, instrument, commercial, multi, CFI, CFII, MEI, and add-ons for instrument and helicopter to fixed wing transition. The school is approved for VA funding via chap. 53, post 911 and vocational rehab paths. She does this with a fleet of 10 aircraft, including Cessnas (152 and 172s), Pipers, (Arrow, Apache and Seneca) 8 of which have new engines and all have new interiors in the past 2 years. The planes are hangered in a new facility that opened in the past year. She offers extensive ground school opportunities, new classes start in October, counting toward training for various certifications. She stated her school has a very high first time pass rate.

American Winds, through an affiliation with on-line Liberty School, also offers 4 bachelor degrees; consisting of 3 pilot paths and 1 aviation management degree. They offer the FAA

knowledge tests onsite. She has 4 FAA examiners she works with to help students complete their testing timely, and fosters an atmosphere of instructors and advanced students mentoring and respecting beginning students on their learning paths. The school offers flight training 7 days per week, and is open 6 days per week. She missed a tentative open house Aug 22, so is invited to this month's LE99s meeting, please welcome this woman who is committed to mentoring women in aviation. 🙄

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. There are now over 5000 women members in 44 countries. The Lake Erie Ninety-Nines is a Chapter of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.



Wear your masks and get those vaccines soon,

Blue Skies,

Lee

Photos:
Dawn view eastward toward Ithaca
Mt. Washington, NH (yes, from the ground...I cheated)
Brian, who is Lee's masked 49 ½