



NEWSLETTER OF THE INDIANA DUNES NINETY NINES

Struts and Strokes



The Importance of Learning About and Applying for Scholarships

By Janice Welsh

In 1990 when my husband and I learned to fly, we just wanted to be able to fly to Pennsylvania to see family, rather than an 8-9 hour drive in a car. Little did we know how valuable this new skill would be.

Don't Hesitate. We had a very motivating ground instructor/Ninety-Nine mentor who told us to start right in on the instrument rating after obtaining our pilot certificates; so we did, without question.

Involvement. By the time I received my instrument rating, I was highly involved in the Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the chapter and section level, chairing Flying Activities committee and serving on the North Central Section board as director.

Building Time. By 1995, I had my instrument rating and over 200 hours. It was time to think about the commercial certificate and possibly becoming a certified flight instructor (**a career goal in aviation**). I had my Advanced and Instrument Ground instructor licenses (**moving forward with skills**) and was really enjoying the teaching aspect of aviation. My mentor suggested that I apply for the

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Ninety-Nines

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship the fall of 1995 for my commercial certificate with the goal of CFI. There again, **without question**, I applied. **(Another key is “don’t hold back”, “just do it”).**

The process was a few less pages back then, but the 99s were still looking for involvement at the chapter level and looking at what I had been doing short term to work toward my goal and what was my ultimate career goal in aviation.

When I was notified of being awarded the scholarship to pay the amount for which I had asked, it gave me the vote of confidence that I needed. I received notice of the award in May of 1996, started right in on the commercial and took my check ride July 1, 1996. We flew to the International Conference a week later in Oklahoma City where I received my AE Scholarship Certificate and medallion.

The following year in 1997, I was teaching Ground school to fund my training and took my checkride for the CFI.

Now 2016, I am AE Scholarship chair (for the past 10 years) at the North Central Section. I am honored to hold such a position in order to give back. I am there now to believe in other women and help them achieve their aviation goals.

One other opportunity I have been able to give back, is through the Civil Air Patrol as an instructor. Currently, I am an Instructor pilot and am working with two local cadets to earn their Wings and June 10-18, my husband, Larry, and I will be spending several days in Mattoon, IL at Johnson Flight Academy instructing cadets, along with 6 other CAP instructors, to solo; all THANKS to the Ninety-Nines, Inc. for believing in me enough to award a scholarship.

There are many, many, scholarship opportunities out there through Ninety-Nines, Women Aviation International, AOPA, Sportys, Richard Santori Memorial Scholarship (North Central Section), just to name a few.

Scholarship committees are also looking for completeness and correctness of the application itself. When you apply, please, please have someone proofread, edit and assist you so that you can present an impressive document, crossing all t’s and dotting all i’s (so to speak). Learn how to sell yourself on paper. You have the skills, let the committee know this.

We read April Graham’s story last month. She has been persistent, goal oriented and showed us in 3 short years she achieved her goal of a lifetime. Was it easy? NO! Hard work, determination and sacrifice got her there. We are so proud to have her part of our chapter. “Reach for the moon and you will land among the stars”.

Janice Welsh

NCS AEMSFC Chair

Capt, CAP IN-144

Ninety Nines News

Get well wishes to Karol Valek, husband of IN Dunes member, Joy Valek.



Congratulations to Emily Schott who graduates from Valparaiso high school on June 10th! She is headed to Purdue in the Fall!

New Horizons

Harry Jennings, husband of IN Dunes charter member Barbara Jennings passed away May 15, 2016. Barbara was the first chairman of the IN Dunes and Harry was one-hundred percent supportive of the 99s.

What Our Members Are Doing



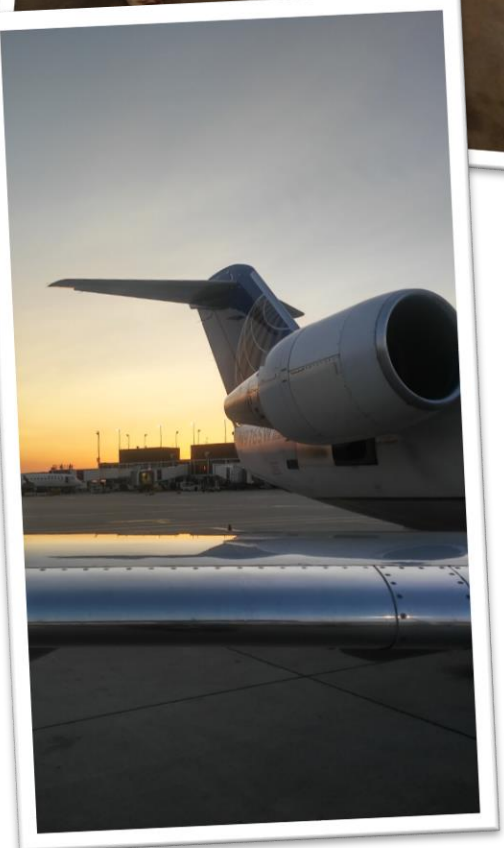
Maggie, Marcia, Diana and Janice at the Region Flyers open house.



April "hangar flying" with our newest member, Jessica Pontinen. Jessica flies for Sky West (welcome Jessica!!!).

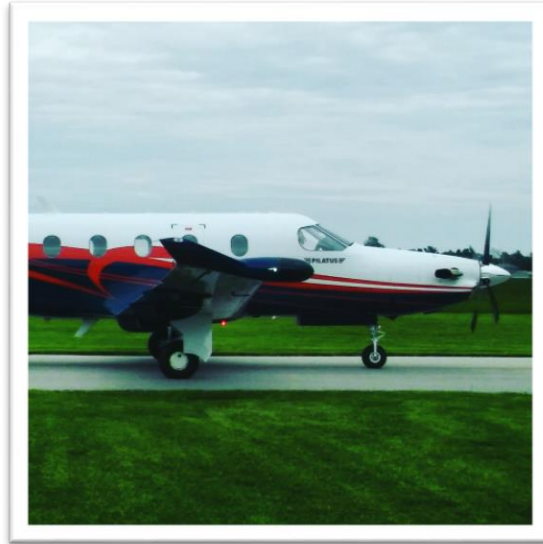
Marcia Nellans & Lewis Wiese attended the AOPA Rusty Pilot's course in FWA

Picture of the CRJ-200 taken by Jessica Pontinen when she was walking around O'Hare the other day.





Jessica, flying with her brother, Noah. He was fascinated with the tractors, irrigators, and farms he saw from the sky (he loves tractors!).



A PC-12 NG
Jessica
Richardson
spotted at
Rochester
(KRCR)



Happy 40th Birthday Indiana Dunes Chapter!!!

We were chartered on May 15, 1976 with twenty-two 99s on the roster. We bid farewell to the IN chapter (centered around Indianapolis) for formed our group.

We now have twenty-five members and excited to have several student pilots on-board.

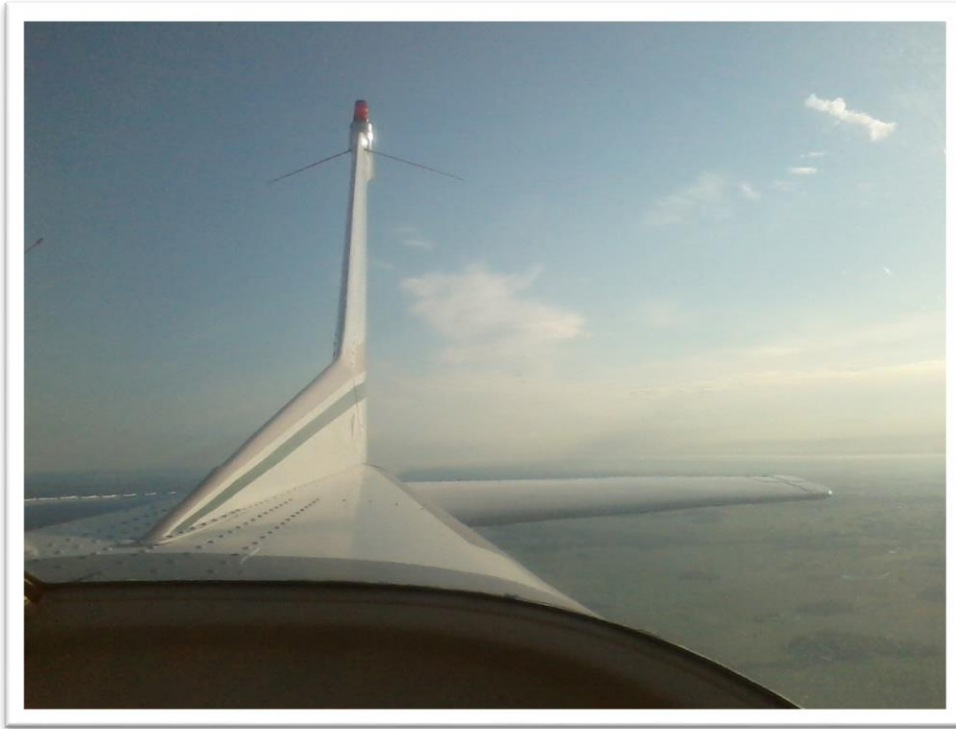
Our membership and circle of ladies interested in aviation continues to grow, largely in part due to our new format of fly-outs to FBOs.

Current or not, join us in the fly-outs and share the flying as we have a CFI in each plane.

Do you have a picture, a story, or anything you'd like to share?

Big or small...we'll take them all ☺ YOU are who makes this newsletter fun and interesting!

Email Jessica Richardson at jessicaerichardson@yahoo.com and she'll include it in the next newsletter!



Member Highlight:

Joy Valek

How I Became a Ninety-Nine

What will be in the next chapter of my autobiography? I'm 48; my two daughters are married and living on their own; I have just received the final papers of my divorce. It was time to make a "Bucket List"! Among other topics, my list included travel, learn folk dancing, learn to ride a motorcycle, learn to swim, fly in a hot air balloon, learn to fly an airplane, and get a tattoo. And I vowed to never give up my 'independence' and get married again.

I never did get to the folk dancing nor learn to swim. I traveled to Mexico, Spain, and the Canadian Rockies - all memorable visits. I had so much fun working as a volunteer with the ground crew on a number of hot air balloon races, and got my ride that way.

I took the motorcycle course offered by ABATE and got an endorsement for motorcyclist on my driver's license. Then I took \$600 and set out to buy a used motorcycle. I could just envision the looks on my students' faces as I arrived at school in the mornings!

The first two cycles I took out for a trial run, I ended up pushing back to the dealer's; engine problems that I had no idea how to handle. I envisioned spending the day at school with helmet squashed hair and being blown off the road by trucks. I decided this was not for me and went straight to the airport with my \$600 and started lessons.

I am a scholar. I am not physically nor mechanically inclined. Not even technically. I could pass the written work with ease - but putting it into practice was the most difficult thing I had ever tried in my life. I joined the Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99s, and if it had not been for their encouragement, I would never have gotten my certificate. I wanted to be like them. I wanted to be one of them! If I didn't get my license within two years, I would have to drop out. This spurred me on.

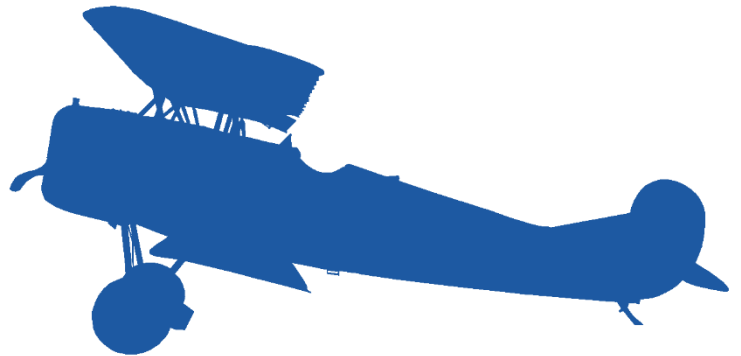
Due to money - that is, the lack of money - I did not fly often enough to show progress. I lacked confidence. I had trouble with crosswind landings. I changed instructors, which helped a lot. It took me the two years to reach my goal, but I made it. I was more proud of that than the honors I had received when I graduated HS and college, and still am.

Did I get the tattoo? Those who know me well know the answer. The newer members will just have to wonder!

And as for my vow to never marry again - I remarried at age 67 to my wonderful mate whom many of you know: Karol Valek. NEVER SAY NEVER!

“Flying With Kids” Webinar

On Monday, June 6 The Ninety-Nines will be hosting the webinar, *Flying with Kids*. If you are a parent, grandparent, or you give rides to kids, watch this webinar to find out tips from the Mommy Pilots, who have researched a myriad of ideas on keeping kids occupied and comfortable while flying.



Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7212264486818288642>

Children bring a whole new challenge to your flying. Come hear how Liz and Emily have met the challenge. The “Flying with Kids” webinar will combine the group’s previous forum topics into a single, cohesive presentation to benefit those flying with children and families. Mommy Pilots is a group of like-minded individuals committed to safety, education, and to finding ways to ensure aviating parents stay in the air. For this webinar, the group will share tips on equipment like headsets and seat restraints, tips for helping infants to kids with equalizing ear pressure, sun protection, kid-friendly passenger briefs, long cross country trips /overnighters, emergencies, ramp safety, and in-flight entertainment. For those who attended past SE Section meetings, this webinar may serve as a reminder; for those who have not yet experienced a Mommy Pilot discussion, the webinar will introduce many useful tips, whether for your own children or for “piloting” children in general.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Upcoming Events

(see following pages for more events and details!)

- **June 4, 2016** 8:30am – 12:30 pm Companion flyer Course; contact Janice Welsh to help 219-448-9536
- **June 6, 2016** FREE webinar, “Flying With Kids”
- **June 18, 2016** Mentone Flying Club pancake breakfast and airplane rides at Fulton County airport. All money raised through airplane rides are donated to Operation Quiet Comfort [operationquietcomfort.org]. Breakfast served 7-10 a.m. Rides run from 9-noon.
- **June 19, 2016** Biannual Business Meeting and **Fly out** to Mishawaka Pilot’s Club Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast
- **June 20-23, 2016** La Porte Airport Aviation Camp; Heidi Handtke and Janice Welsh are helping with this; we could use one more person to prepare a 15-minute talk about the 99s.
- **June 21-24, 2016** Air Race Classic
- **June 24, 2016** 4:30- 8:00 La Porte Airport Community Day event “My Enemy, My Friend” General Dan Cherry speaking of his experience as a fighter pilot in Viet Nam; we are having a 99 booth (see next page with flyer).
- **July 5-10** International Conference Ottawa, Ontario Canada (Janice and Margaret are driving)
- **July 25-31** EAA Air Venture “Let’s Go”
- **August 2, 2016** Free Ground School at the Rochester Airport FBO (KRCR). Will meet every Tuesday night, 7-10 p.m. for 10-12 weeks.
- **August 14, 2016** Chapter Gathering at La Porte Aero Club Drive/Fly In Breakfast
- **September 16-18, 2016** Michigan Air Tour
- **September 17, 2016** AOPA Airport Fly In; Battlecreek, MI **our chapter is manning the International 99s booth**; Janice is contact person; sign up to help; Michigan chapter is supporting this also
- **September 23-24, 2016** Fly out to Fall Section Meeting Dubuque, IA
- **September 24, 2016** Porter County Pilots Burger Bash; conclusion of summer-long Poker Run and results
- **October 15, 2016** Fly out
- **November 19, 2016** Speaker
- **December 3, 2016** Christmas Gathering/Fly out

Please contact Janice or Tricia with your fly out ideas; it would be good to have an educational or historical venue at or near the fly out airport as Grissom Museum was so worthwhile.



Pancake Breakfast

June 18, 2016

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

\$5.00 per person

[kids under 5 eat free]

Airplane Rides

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[weather permitting]

All proceeds from airplane
rides will be donated to
Operation Quiet Comfort



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www.mentoneflyingclub.org



Janice is looking for help with our booth at this event...even if just for an hour :)
Set up is 4:00 p.m. Contact Janice at jwelshcfi@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY AVIATION NIGHT
SPONSORED BY THE LAPORTE AERO CLUB
FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
FREE

In 1972, Dan Cherry and John Stiles were Vietnam Phantom F-4 fighter pilots.

Thirty-six years later, General Cherry sought out and reconnected with a North Vietnamese MiG-21 pilot, Lieutenant Nguyen Hong My, and subsequently authored a book "My Enemy, My Friend". Come hear General Cherry and John Stiles tell their remarkable story.

More details can be found on the website of the LaPorte Municipal Airport, <http://laportearport.com> or by calling 219-324-3393.



My ENEMY-FRIEND

A STORY OF RECONCILIATION FROM THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Friday

June 24

4:30 – 8:00

FREE

219/324-3393

<http://laportearport.com>

diane@laportearport.com

4:30 – 6:30 static display including:

- ✓ *Blackhawk Helicopter*
- ✓ *Vultee BT-13*
- ✓ *Stearman*
- ✓ *Rocket (Brett Shuck – 2013 Reno Air Race winner)*
- ✓ *Cropdusters*
- ✓ *Home builds*
- ✓ *Food for Purchase*
- ✓ *Girl Scouts Cookies for Troops*
- ✓ *More*

6:30 – 8:00

- ✓ *Boy Scout Flag Presentation*
- ✓ *VFW Medal Awards*
- ✓ *Aero Club 40th Anniversary Celebration*
- ✓ *Summer Aviation Camp student recognition*
- ✓ *General Cherry and John Stiles*

*These events take place
inside a hangar rain or shine.*

Click here for more info
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POKER RUN

ALL SUMMER

PORTER COUNTY PILOTS ASSOCIATION

MAY 1ST. – Ending with BURGER BASH SEP. 24TH. 2016

Official “playing” of hands Sept. 24th. 12 Noon at VPZ - Burger Bash

Chairman: Richard Kalamir – (leave message) ph: 219-476-1508

MAY 1ST. – SEP 24TH. 2016

Ending with the BURGER BASH 12 Noon Sep. 24th. 2016

See attached guidelines / rules and participating airports

PORTER COUNTY PILOTS ASSOCIATION IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE
(PERSONAL OR PROPERTY) RELATING TO THIS EVENT.

For more information, Please visit:
<http://www.portercountypilots.org>



If you fly to an airport and the personnel do not have a card envelope, please notify the chairman on your return.

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POKER RUN WINNING HAND GUIDELINES

All hands must be paid for before the opening of the envelopes.

1. Ace is high, NO wild cards, no jokers
2. In case of a tie, tie will be broken by chairman
3. No 5 (five) of a kind is allowed – ie... 5 (five Kings), will be considered as a 4 of a kind with King high
4. Winning combinations from highest to lowest
 - a. Royal Flush – A, K, Q, J, 10 of the same suit
 - b. Straight Flush – five cards in sequence of the same suit
 - c. Four of a kind – four cards of one rank
 - d. Full House – three cards of one rank with two cards of another rank
 - e. Flush – five cards of the same suit
 - f. Straight – five cards in sequence, different suit
 - g. Three of a Kind – three cards of one rank
 - h. Two Pair – two cards of one rank and two cards of another rank
 - i. One Pair – two cards of one rank and three other cards
 - j. No Pair – related by the highest card in the hand

Guidelines – PCPA Fly / Drive Poker Run

SEPTEMBER 24th. 2016 | at the Burger Bash

Chairman Richard Kalamir 219-476-1508 | skykingrk@hotmail.com

Procedures for the Poker Run were designed to give pilots an opportunity to fly to more airports, take work - schedule into consideration, take advantage of good flying weather and FLY – INS organized at the selected airports.

1. **Eligibility:** Only players who physically visit (fly to or drive to as PIC or passenger) the designated airports will be eligible to participate in the poker run. **NO ONE** may pick up cards for anyone who did not fly to or drive to the airports. There will be **NO** hands drawn at the Burger Bash except for a tie breaker.
2. There are 8 selected airports that will have boxes of cards for pickup available from May 1st. – Sept. 24th. @ the Burger Bash. Pick your card from box. You will need to fly to a minimum of 5 different airports to be eligible to play. **DO NOT OPEN CARD ENVELOPES UNTIL SEP 24th.**
3. Each hand will consist of 5 cards from 5 different airports (cards and envelopes will be stamped with the airport identifier). If a player has multiple hands, each 5 card hand must be selected (ie. hand #1, hand #2) before opening of the envelopes at the Burger Bash.
4. Cost per person for per hand is \$10.
\$100 will be the donation to winning hand. Additional hands **FOR THE SAME PLAYER** ie... 2nd / 3rd will be \$5 each. Payments for hands must be made at Burger Bash before any hands of cards are opened.
5. Official opening of the hands will be at the Burger Bash, Sept. 24th. @ VPZ at the designated time under the direction of the Chairman, Richard K. Envelopes that are opened (unsealed) before official time at the Burger Bash will be disqualified. If an emergency occurs and a player is unable to attend the September Burger Bash, he may send his cards with a "proxy" person to open his hand.
IF you are not a member of PCPA and will be attending, please RSVP to Chairman – we will need a party count.
6. September Poker Fun Finale Burger Bash starting at 12:00pm with lunch. Meat and beverages will be provided by the PCPA. All PCPA members, spouses, guests and significant others (who did/or didn't go on the Poker Run) are encouraged to come and enjoy the Burger Bash.
Members and guests may bring a side dish to share and enjoy the camaraderie and entertainment.
7. Check the Winning Hand Guidelines with tie breaker information and vital info about selected airports.
8. If you fly to an airport and the personnel do not have a card envelope, please notify the chairman on your return.

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	POKER RUN AIRPORT	PHONE NO	HOURS	FLY IN	COURTESY CAR	RESTAURANT
RZL	RZL - Jasper County Attn: Brad Cozza	219-866-2100	M - Sat 07:00-16:30	July 9th. 11:00 - 14:00	Yes	NO FUEL New Fuel Farm 6/30/16
RCR	Fulton County Attn: Sharon Rogers	574-223-5384	Daily 08:00 - 17:00	June 18th	Yes	On Field
MGC	Michigan City Attn: Jessica, Manager	219-872-0121	Mon. - Sun. 08:00 - 17:00	July ?	Yes	1/2 mile Off Field
OXI	Starke County Attn: Pam	574-772-5001	Mon. - Sun. 08:00 - 18:00	June 11th. EAA 104	Yes	
C65	Plymouth Attn: Dave Latimer	574-935-5152	Mon. - Fri. 08:00 - 17:00 Sat. 08:00 - 16:00 Sun. 10:00 -	Labor Day Sunday Blueberry Festival	Yes	1/2 mile Off Field
PPO	La Porte Attn: Diane Swartz	219-324-3393	Mon. Fri. 07:00 - 17:00 Sat. & Sun. 08:00 - 16:00	Pancake Breakfast: Aug. 14th.	Yes (Call Ahead)	1 1/2 mile Off Field
C97	Lowell Attn: Kevin Bailey		Daylight Hours / No Nights	Cardbox in trailer, on table. Honor system.	NO	
501	Kentland Attn: Chuck Clausen	815-383-2634	Mon. - Fri 08:00 - 17:00		Yes	West of town