



# NORTHERN FLIGHTS



Official newsletter of the Minnesota Ninety Nines Women Pilots

July 2017

Another beautiful flying summers in Minnesota – thunderstorms and crosswinds mixed in with some great sunny weather! A number of our members volunteered to work the Air Race Classic that flew through Bemidji! Cheryl and I were co-head timers and thanks to Melissa Aho, Robin Giguere, Elaine Morrow, Jan Moll, Robyn and Fred Stoller for volunteering. We had a great time! It's always fun to spend time with such great people! It was also fun to welcome Tracy Lovness as she flew the timing line along with old and new friends. It's always exciting!

We had a great meeting at the Faribault Airport on July 8th followed by glider rides! Thanks to Chris Larson for not only hosting the meeting but offering to do the rides! Christ just received her commercial glider rating – CONGRATULATIONS! Congrats also go to Jan Moll on completing her first solo! A great accomplishment for both! Check out our Facebook page for the latest pictures!

The fall NCS Section meeting will be hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter and is going to be held at the Wisconsin Dells September 22-24th. The registration form and schedule are contained in this newsletter. Early registration deadline is August 20th. For those with families this is a great opportunity for fun

especially since we are getting discounted room rates for the days of the meeting. Also, since this is so close to home hopefully more of our Chapter members will be able to attend.

This will be my last column as Chapter Chair. It has been a long ride for me – 2 years as Vice Chair and 9 years as Chair – but it's time for new ideas and to give my brain a rest. I have loved heading such a great group of women and will continue to be active in the Chapter and the North Central Section. We've grown to be a very active Chapter and in case you didn't know we are the second largest chapter in the North Central Section!!

I want to thank the other officers Cheryl, Robyn and Tracy for supporting me over the years and I know the new slate of officers will do a fabulous job – mainly because they already have! I also want to thank our hard working committee chairs, Thuy (Newsletter), Melissa (Chapter Reporter/media accounts), Kjersti (Membership/flying activities), Robyn and Elaine (Website). Without these wonderful members our Chapter wouldn't be as informed, active, or effective.

As always, I wish you happy flying.

Patti



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## FLYING ACTIVITIES

**Aug 18-20** airmarking at Red Wing

**Sept 22-24** North Central Section Meeting -  
Wisconsin Dells

**September 30/October 1** at Air Lake (KLVN)  
MN 99s Chapter Business Meeting, MSP Center tour -  
more details to come.

**Dec. 2, Sat.**, Tree of Hope, Maple Lake (KMGG),  
Assemble toys for children in Minnesota hospitals  
over the holidays. Contact Elaine Morrow by email  
or phone 952-913-2356.

**Dec 9** Business meeting/ Holiday Party,  
at Flying Cloud (KFCM)

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Mikaela and  
Phill Sandager on the arrival  
of their daughter Margo Joy!  
Born July 2, 2017  
6 lbs 14 oz

## MN 99s SHIRTS

New MN 99s shirts are  
available. They have the new  
logo embroidered on them  
and they are made with  
100% Pima cotton which  
are soft and comfortable.  
The shirts are \$32.00.  
If you are interested,  
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## Christina Larson – Commercial Glider Milestone

*Submitted by Megan Esau, EAA*



Congratulations to Christina Larson, EAA 1214108, who passed her commercial glider checkride on July 9, only a year and two days after her first glider solo.

Chris said although she grew up around aviation, gliders weren't even on her radar until she was gifted a glider flight for her birthday two years ago.

Christina Larson, new commercial glider pilot; Don Ingraham, proud CFG and the owner/operator of Cross Country Soaring; Jackson Kranz, towpilot.

"Dad loves airplanes and would take my sister and me to airports and air shows whenever the opportunity arose," she said. "I loved watching aerobatics, but flying military jets or aerobatic maneuvers seemed out of reach for me. I'd ridden in small planes as a child but their speed and comfort for travel paled next to the commercial jets I'd flown in. It wasn't until I had experienced flight in a glider that I found a means of flying that was both within reach and sheer fun — steep turns! Thermalling for altitude!

Chandelles and wingovers!"

Chris said she absolutely loves to share the joy and magic of flight with others, and she plans to continue introducing friends and family to soaring flight, in addition to working toward her CFI.

"I have formally instructed in many settings, from martial arts to veterinary medicine, because I love seeing people light up when they figure something out for themselves," she said. "Becoming a certified flight instructor with a glider rating, of course, is my ultimate plan, to combine two of my favorite ways to give my service to others."

Soaring is such an important part of her life that Chris even writes an occasional poem to illustrate its magic, and shared one example with EAA: ~Lifted Heart~

Nose up, a skip sidelong,  
In front, the hot towplane  
And then free of Earth.  
Seeks the sky as its berth.  
Crab out, hug the centerline,  
Climb behind to the left.  
Rise up, head to windward,  
See the rope does have heft.  
Look right, drop the towrope,  
Your lead spirals down fast.  
Silence falls, curves around,

The twinned dance doesn't last.  
Lifted heart, play your tune  
With those clouds up ahead.  
All too soon, with the gloaming,  
The bright wings need to bed.  
Set the trim, check the air brakes,  
Clear the sightlines below.  
Make the turns, ride the rails,  
Close with tar swift yet slow.

Nose up, roll to Bravo,  
Keep flying the wings.  
Be prompt, clear the active,  
Bound by gravity's strings.  
Debrief, of a peace  
Known to pilots all kin.  
It's for sure, true as breathing,  
You'll seek the skies once again.

Congratulations again, Christina, and good luck from EAA as you continue working to share The Spirit of Aviation with others!

## History Channel's Amelia Earhart Story

By Stephen Pope July 11, 2017



Critics and historians have thoroughly debunked an image that possibly showed Amelia Earhart alive in the Marshall Islands in 1937.

That grainy black-and-white photo purportedly showing Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan alive on an atoll in the Marshall Islands with Earhart's Lockheed Electra being towed by a Japanese ship? Nope, not even close.



It took Internet sleuths little time to discover the very same photo in a Japanese travelogue published a full two years before Earhart and Noonan went missing on their ill-fated flight from New Guinea to Howland Island on July 2, 1937.

Scores of media outlets reported on the existence of the photo after NBC News “broke” the story last week. But it all unraveled after the History Channel aired its documentary Earhart: The Lost Evidence on Sunday night.

It immediately became apparent that NBC and the History Channel embellished the supposed “evidence” that was the basis for the two-hour special. For instance, NBC never divulged the fact that the History Channel’s facial recognition expert flipped a photo of Fred Noonan to a mirror image to make it align with the person in the “newly uncovered” photo, or that Noonan was photographed departing New Guinea in his trademark dark shirt and pants while the male figure photographed on a dock on Jaluit Atoll wore a white shirt and pants.

Could Noonan have been offered dry clothes after the pair ditched in the ocean? Sure. But extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence, and the History Channel’s story just didn’t add up even before a Japanese military history blogger, who goes by @baron\_yamaneko on Twitter, revealed that the photograph “was first published in Palau under Japanese rule in 1935, in a photo book ... So the photograph was taken at least two years before Amelia Earhart disappear[ed] in 1937 and a person in the photo was not her.”

The photo book was digitized and published online by Japan’s National Library. The publication date is listed in the traditional Japanese style as “Showa 10” — that is, 1935.

The blogger also identifies the ship in the image as the Koshu, which the Japanese seized in World War I, rather than the Koshu Maru, which was launched in 1937.

NBC’s Tom Costello, who first reported the story last week on the Today show, told Flying NBC News is aware of the report and has reached out to the History Channel for comment.

## TRAINING TIP

By Dan Namowitz, AOPA

### CALL WAITING

“Radar contact, proceed on course,” the departure controller says when you switch over from the tower frequency after takeoff on your solo cross-country.

It’s reassuring to know that your radar target appears on the controller’s scope, and you are hopeful that when you exit the controller’s area you will be “handed off” to the “center”—that is, the air route traffic control center (ARTCC) that controls en route airspace—for continued traffic advisories.



Having a VFR flight plan on file is another component of the safety precautions your instructor requires you to take for your solo flying. But now you recall that in the excitement of making your “go” decision, finalizing your navigation log, and departing, you have yet to contact flight service to activate your flight plan.

Do so at the first good opportunity—but don’t just switch from the frequency on which you are now communicating without a word to that helpful departure controller. She may be about to alert you to conflicting traffic, and if you don’t acknowledge the traffic advisory, she will keep trying to call you until you respond, adding congestion to the frequency and creating unnecessary uncertainty.

A better plan is to advise the controller that you need to go off her frequency to give flight service a call—a request that will likely be approved with instructions for you to report when you are back up on her frequency.

Be sure to acknowledge receiving those instructions before switching frequencies to contact flight service. “If you select the new frequency without an acknowledgement, the controller’s workload is increased because there is no way of knowing whether you received the instruction or have had radio communications failure,” reminds Section 4-2-3 of the Aeronautical Information Manual.

(Can you think of an exception to the expected practice of advising before leaving a frequency on which you are communicating with air traffic control? It is when switching from ground control to the tower when you are ready to request takeoff clearance.)

One more tip before you switch over: It’s a best practice to use a second communications radio, or to set up the flight service frequency on a radio with standby frequency capability, if you are so equipped. If neither is possible, write down the frequency on which you are getting your traffic advisories before you reset your radio.



## North Central Section 99s 2017 Fall Meeting

22-24 September 2017

*Migrate to WI*

*Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter*

**The Wilderness Resort - Glacier Canyon Lodge**

**The Western Territory & Water Park (Wisconsin Dells - DLL)**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017** (Optional – early arrivals)

TBD

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

- Noon – 5:00 pm Registration Convention Center Lobby
- Noon – 5:00 pm Fly Market & Silent Auction Open (Tundra DE)
- Noon – 4 pm Hospitality Room OPEN (TBD)
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm NCS Board Meeting (TBD)
- 3:00 – 9:00 pm **Dells Trolley and Wine Tour with dinner at Sarento's (Fish fry or 3 other options)**  
**Pre-registration required – separate charge \$70 per person**
- 9:00 – 10:00 pm Hospitality Room OPEN (TBD)

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Registration Convention Center Lobby
- 7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast Buffet (Sandstone 1)
- 7:30 – 8:30 am Chapter Chairs' & Vice Chairs' breakfast gathering (Sandstone 1)
- Chapter Treasurers' breakfast gathering (Sandstone 1)
- 9:00 – 11:30 am Business Meeting (TBD)
- 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Dells Boat Tour \*\* includes Box lunch**  
**Pre-registration required - separate charge \$25 per person**
- 11:00 – 12:00 Fly Market & Silent Auction OPEN (Tundra DE)
- 12:00 pm** **Box lunch available for registered attendees.**  
**Lunch on your own, if not fully registered**
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm FFAST and other presentations –Dells Attractions on your own - TBD
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm Cash bar OPEN (Sandstone 1)
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Plated Banquet & Speaker (Sandstone 1)  
Speaker TBD
- 9:00 – 11:00 pm Hospitality Room OPEN (TBD)

**Sunday, September 24, 2016**

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast (Sandstone 1)
- 7:00 – 11:00 am Transportation to MSN (*sign up before Saturday 5pm*)

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*Times and events are subject to change.*

**North Central Section 99s 2017 Fall Meeting  
22-24 September 2017**

**Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter – Migrate to WI**

**The Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI (DLL)**

**Registration**



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (street, city, state): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

First-time attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Pilot Member: \_\_\_\_\_ AE Scholarship recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Office(s) / Committee(s):**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
 International: \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Office(s) / Committee(s):**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
 International: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>REGISTRATION:</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
FULL* registration (postmarked by August 20)	\$99	_____	_____
LATE registration (postmarked after August 20)	\$119	_____	_____
Friday Trolley Tour ** with dinner	\$70	_____	_____
Saturday 99s Group Boat tour of WI Dells **	\$25	_____	_____
_____			
Fly Market Table (99s Chapter)	\$15	_____	_____
Fly Market Table (Other Vendors)	\$30	_____	_____
Banquet entrée: ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian			
Box luncheon: ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Veggie			
Meal requests (e.g., special dietary needs): _____			<b>TOTAL: \$</b> _____

\* FULL registration for 99s & guests includes Breakfast (Sat, Sun), Banquet (Sat), Saturday box lunch, Welcome packet, Hospitality Room, access to Fly Market vendors, and transportation to/from MSN/DLL airport if needed.

\*\* Friday Trolley Dinner & Saturday Boat Tour are à la carte addition and NOT included with the full registration package.

**PAYMENT:** Checks payable to Wisconsin Chapter 99s. Mail to – Darcy Kulesha, 6706 Riverdale Lane, Greendale, WI 53129

**HOTEL: THE WILDERNESS RESORT - Glacier Canyon Lodge - THE WESTERN TERRITORY & WATER PARK**

45 Hillman Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 800-867-9453 [www.WildernessTerritory.com](http://www.WildernessTerritory.com) |

Room rate: Thurs. \$99.99/ Fri. \$109.99/ Sat \$129.99 (single/double occupancy) – **must reserve by Tues Aug 23, 2017** for rate.

All room rates include the Water Park passes.

Rates quoted do not include the applicable state and local taxes (currently 12.25%) in effect at the time of check in, and a taxable

\$17.95 nightly Resort fee. Final charges will include these amounts.

Ask for Wisconsin 99s Organization at Glacier Canyon Lodge, **Leader #574123.**

**FLY IN:** Commercial – Madison Airport (MSN) Day \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Flight# \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_  
 GA Private – DLL Day \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ N# \_\_\_\_\_ # passengers \_\_\_\_\_

Shuttle and rental car information TBD

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## Business Meeting, Faribault airport



Thank you gift for Patti's dedicated leadership through the years.



Patti's wearing the Ninety-Nines Sweater that has been handed to each Chapter Chair



Patti, past Chair handing the gavel over to Cheryl, new Chair



Meeting attendees beside a glider. Far left is Chris Larson, glider pilot



Meeting attendees beside the new airport signage named after the late Liz Strohfus, WASP



Kate McDonald happy for her glider ride.



Jan Moll, excited for her glider ride.

## PILOT RESOURCES

We have talented flight instructors willing to provide their services. Please feel free to reach out to any of the ladies below to tap into their aviation experience.

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Feel free to send any additional resources/websites you would like to be seen here in the future to Thuy at [aviatrix99@mac.com](mailto:aviatrix99@mac.com)



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<http://minnesota.ncs99s.org>

<http://www.mnpilots.org/>

<http://www.ninety-nines.org>

<http://avmedmn.com>

<http://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/flashcards/>

<http://www.faa.gov>

Safety seminars <https://www.faasafety.gov/spans/events/EventList.aspx?statecd=MN>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/avoffice/aviationaz.html>  
Click on Aeronautical chart

<http://www.eaa.org>

[http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/aopa/flashcards\\_201310/](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/aopa/flashcards_201310/)