



NORTHERN FLIGHTS



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As I began to write this article for the Chapter newsletter, the word CHANGE kept coming to mind. Change is a part of life that sometimes we welcome, sometimes we fear. Sometimes change is difficult, and sometimes it's pretty seamless. My daughter and I always joke about how we fear change, and how we don't do well with it. We eventually adjust, but we usually do it kicking and screaming.

The MN Chapter of the 99s is experiencing Change. After 9 years of strong, dependable leadership, Patti Sandusky has stepped down as Chapter Chair. We have appreciated Patti's calm and professional leadership. We've looked up to her, knowing that she will know what to do. She has built this Chapter into a growing and nurturing group of women who enjoy each other's company, work well together, respect and mentor each other, and share in the passion of flying.

As the new Chapter Chair, I realize I have big shoes to fill. Patti and I have met together to discuss duties, procedures, and my fear of change (haha). She has been so willing to mentor me, answer my bazillion questions, and encourage me. Patti has graciously agreed to continue doing many of the behind the scenes duties she's always done. I am so thankful to be able to call on her for help. Together we will try to make this change as seamless as possible. But it is change, and things won't be exactly the same. I will do my best to lead the Chapter in a positive manner. I hope that we can introduce new activities, new projects, and continue to create a positive environment for meeting and developing friendships in this wonderful world of aviation.

You have elected almost a whole new leadership team. (Thank you, Tracy Davenport for being "Everlasting Treasurer and Airmarking Coordinator." I know there will come a time for change there too, but please not yet! You do such a wonderful job and we depend on your expertise!)

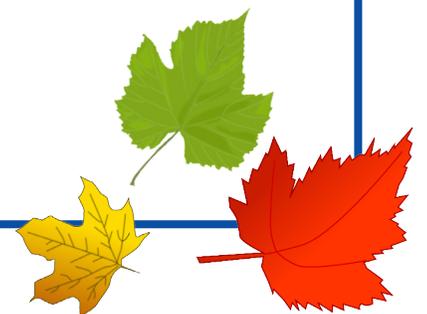
Robyn Stoller is your new Vice Chair. Robyn has done amazing things already with our website. She is hard working, and very knowledgeable and professional, and she is a visionary. She has great ideas, and knows how to make them happen. I know that she is going to be a very valuable part of this new leadership team. I look forward to working with Robyn to help bring new ideas and events to the Chapter.

Our new Secretary is Kate McDonald. She is a transplanted 99 from the Arkansas Chapter. Kate recently joined our Chapter and came to her first meeting at Faribault. We were having elections!!! And we needed a new Secretary! And the room was really quiet, with no one volunteering! And then all of a sudden, Kate spoke up and said "I'll do it! I did it in Arkansas." Well, how exciting was that?? Kate is enthusiastic and a hard worker, and will be a great asset to the team.

In addition to the new leadership, we have Melissa Aho, who does our Facebook, Twitter, and reports to the 99 News (International), and Waypoint (Section) publications. Thuy Pieper puts together our Chapter newsletter, Kjersti Kittleson is our Membership Chair and Events coordinator, and Mikaela Sandager is our Outreach Chair. Elaine Morrow is the Chair for Tree of Hope and Director for International Endowment Fund. Marcy Drescher continues to be the Scholarship Chair. These people have done an outstanding job over the years, and are such an asset to the Chapter. We appreciate all that they do.

So as we all pull together to be your new Leadership Team, may the inevitable Change be positive, exciting, interesting, and help all of us to grow, enrich friendships, and further our love of aviation!

*Sincerely,
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FLYING ACTIVITIES

Nov. 4 MN 99s Free Seminar
& Silent Auction for 99s Scholarship Fund
in an EAA Building, Anoka County Airport,
8815-8825 Airport Rd NE, Blaine, MN

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)

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, please contact Patti Sandusky at 612-308-4291 or pilotpatti@hotmail.com



When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

— *Leonardo Da Vinci*



**Free Seminar
& Silent Auction for 99s
Scholarship Fund**



Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

How to Work with ATC and FSS as a VFR Pilot

Discussion of ATC procedures, radio communications, how to request Flight Following, clearance through Bravo Airspace, filing flight plans through FSS & more. Attendees earn FAA Wings credit.

SILENT AUCTION follows seminar –

Donate your gently used pilot supplies & bid for a good cause!

ALL Proceeds benefit Minnesota 99s Women Pilots Scholarship Fund

FREE EVENT!

EAA Building, Anoka County Airport, 8815-8825 Airport Rd NE, Blaine, MN

Volunteers needed for the November 4th seminar/silent auction. This is also a great opportunity for student pilots to pick up used aviation supplies for a low price, as well as contributing to the Scholarship Fund.

If you are unable to attend the seminar, the AOPA article below covers the same topics of getting Flight Following and talking to ATC.

TRAINING TIP

By Machteld Smith AOPA

SAY GOODBYE TO MIC FRIGHT 'ASK ATC' COMES TO THE RESCUE OF COMMUNICATION JITTERS

It's not unusual to feel intimidated keying the mic when you're first introduced to radio communication, especially when talking to air traffic controllers. The seemingly rapid-fire instructions coming in over the airwaves can be startling at first, and it's not always easy to recognize when an ATC instruction is for you, not another airplane.



But with patience and experience, basic communication skills improve and interaction with ATC tends to smooth out. However, lingering concerns and misunderstandings about controllers' roles and the services they provide can hinder pilots from fully engaging with ATC.

Are you prepared for 3rd Class Medical Reform? We can help. Join AOPA today! For example, some pilots may worry about contacting ATC to request VFR flight following services because they think the controllers are too busy to help. Others are under the unfounded impression that declaring an emergency with ATC will have dire consequences—and they hesitate to confess their situation, when doing so would offer welcome assistance at a critical time. So it's time to dispel these myths and encourage improved communication and more productive engagement between pilots and air traffic controllers. Enter the AOPA Air Safety Institute's popular Ask ATC video series, which is getting a makeover.

The Air Safety Institute recently partnered with the FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) to develop a new series of short videos that clarify ATC's role and the assistance controllers can provide. In Ask ATC: Bothering ATC, the first installment in the updated series, ATC specialist Sarah Patten debunks the notion that talking to flights squawking 1200 is an inconvenience. Other videos offer pilots advice on how to participate in ATC services like receiving traffic advisories, flight following, and airspace clearances. They also cover communications during emergencies, air traffic controllers' see-and-avoid limitations in nonradar environments, and the best way to contact ATC when they seem too busy for GA aircraft. You'll also learn to overcome feeling intimidated, and Ask ATC: Fast Talkers explains how to communicate with controllers when they talk faster than you can comprehend.

The videos are featured on Air Safety Institute and AOPA channels such as YouTube and Facebook, and through NATCA's website and the FAA's website.

2017 TREE OF HOPE



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Read about us in the *Minnesota Flyer* magazine – Oct and Nov Issues.

Tree of Hope Date	Saturday – December 2, 2017
Time	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snow Date	Sunday
Collection Site	Maple Lake Municipal Airport, Minnesota (7 miles west of Buffalo, MN)

WHAT IS THE TREE OF HOPE? Since 1990, the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to over 39 Minnesota hospitals by the aviation community, including EAA chapters, Flying Clubs, Minnesota 99s, Zuhrah Shrine Flyers, WAI, and MN Pilots Association, and the general public. It started when we found other toy collections did NOT give to hospitals at holiday time, and often the families could not afford presents with the financial costs of seriously ill children. All expenses are covered by the coordinators and volunteers, so 100% of the donations go to gifts for hospitalized children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Collect unwrapped new toys
- Donate money to purchase gifts- 100% of donations go to toys for the children
- Volunteer to help collect, package, and deliver the toys!

Monetary donations can be made **all year long** by check, made out to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (address below). Donations can also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope web site via the *Donate* button.

WHAT DO WE NEED? Gifts for children—infants to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital—a toy, game, craft items, etc., and gift cards are appreciated for teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome, helping them temporarily forget their fears and pain.

WHEN AND WHERE? Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake, Minnesota, Airport on the first Saturday of December to see volunteers in action – or volunteer yourself – labeling and packaging the gifts for over 39 hospitals. Refreshments provided!

If there is no collection box near you, gift donations can be dropped at the Maple Lake Airport, or call one of the contacts below to make arrangements for pickup. **Donations are accepted all year long!**

Tree of Hope Contacts

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MSP Center Tour and Girls in Aviation Day



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RING IN THE HOLIDAYS!



Join the MN 99s Holiday Potluck & Meeting

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Minnesota 99s will celebrate the festive season with a holiday potluck and business meeting on Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m., at Flying Cloud Airport, Eden Prairie, MN 55347 (Location TBD).

This is a perfect time to enjoy great food and conversation with other Minnesota 99s. We are happy to have received many new members this year and look forward to welcoming them at our fun holiday potluck and meeting. Bring a favorite dish to pass (appetizer, entree, or dessert) and ring in the season with your fellow 99s. See you there!

PUMPKIN POPCORN BALLS

Fun and oh-so delicious, these Pumpkin Popcorn Balls are made with marshmallows for the ultimate soft and chewy treat! Perfect for Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Serves: 12 medium size popcorn balls

Ingredients

8 cups + 1 cup plain popped popcorn
1 lb marshmallows
½ cup Challenge butter
1 tsp vanilla
orange food coloring (optional)
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice (optional)
green laffy taffy, green tootsie rolls, green starburst - leaves
pretzel rods broken into pieces and/or tootsie rolls - stems
butter and/or cooking spray for hands

Instructions

Melt the butter and marshmallows together in a large pot.
Once the marshmallows are fully melted, turn off the heat and add in the vanilla and food coloring. I start with a couple of drops and then add more as needed.
Add 8 cups of popcorn to the marshmallow mixture and stir until popcorn is covered. If there appears to be a lot of extra marshmallow mixture stir in the additional one cup of popcorn now.

Butter or grease hands.

Grab a handful of popcorn and start forming it into a ball.

Place the pretzel rod or tootsie roll in the top of the ball and squeeze firmly to make sure the popcorn ball sticks together. The popcorn balls can be any size you choose.

After all the pumpkins have been made, smush the green candies and cut into leaf shapes using scissors.



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



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WEBSITES

<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/