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2019: A Hallmark Year for MN 99s

Happy 70th Birthday to Us!

2019 for the Minnesota 99s was a wonderful year of activities, events, experiences, accomplishments, bonding and getting to know each other better.

Our year began with a meeting at ANE in March, where we included members via conference call because of inclement weather. That was a good experience and hopefully will be an option for other meetings. Emily Wishard was presented with a Chapter Scholarship for use in her Private Pilot training!

Emily was also recognized in April at the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering in Buffalo for her scholarship. We staffed our booth at that event and Cheryl presented a seminar on "What VFR Pilots Should Know About IFR Operations."

The Chapter did several tours this year including Minneapolis Tracon/Tower, Flight Standards District Office, and the National Weather Service. Each one was interesting and educational.

In June we had a good turnout for our business meeting at ANE. Joelle Petersen gave a 10 minute talk on her flying experiences in Alaska, which had us all wanting to hear more. Trudi Amundson gave an outstanding presentation on the "11 Dangerous Things Pilots Do."

The summer was busy with 4 airmarkings. Maple Lake, Brainerd, Pine River, and Hutchinson all are sporting new compass roses or airport names! We have 3-4 coming up in 2020 and hope that some younger members can learn the art and share the good times. These events are truly good bonding experiences and we have such a feeling of accomplishment when we are finished.

Mankato Air Show had us working very hard for two days selling concessions to raise money for the Chapter. We had a great time and raised \$270.

Patti, Jan, and Cheryl volunteered at Fairmont MN for the Air Race Classic. This was the third year in a row that the race was scheduled to come through Minnesota.

One of our biggest highlights of the year was the 99s International Conference in Dayton, OH in July. Eleven Minnesota members attended and ran the registration table. I can't thank everyone enough for pitching in and representing our Chapter. We were able to attend seminars, visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force, see a preview on a new movie about the WASP, attend a reception at the Aviation Hall of Fame and see many other interesting sites in Dayton. The awards banquet under the wing of a C-130 in the museum was a definite highlight.

Over 1500 youth were in attendance at Girls in Aviation Day in September. We were there with a life size cutout of Amelia Earhart and a cardboard cutout of an airplane that kids could have their picture taken next to, complete with airline pilot hats. What a fun day that was!

November 2 was the 90th birthday of the International 99s! We celebrated by attending a seminar at Flying Cloud, where we got to hear the rest of Joelle's story about retracing her grandfather's logbook by flying his flights in Alaska. What a heartwarming story she tells and what an experience she had. We also celebrated our Chapter's 70th birthday that day with lunch at Green Mill and a birthday cake!

Tree of Hope's 30th anniversary was a record breaking success this year with enough toys to deliver to 42 hospitals, all Minnesota Ronald McDonald houses, several women's shelters and an orphanage. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated toys to this worthy cause.

Our year ended with our annual Holiday Party and December business meeting at ANE. Ellen Quist won the Chapter Award for most Minnesota airports landed at. Jan Moll got the Chapter Award for most events attended. We had a great turnout and were able to view a slide presentation that I put together for our Chapter's 70th birthday. I hope to get it uploaded to YouTube soon and put the link on the website. It was a labor of love, and I thank all of you who sent me pictures. I plan to keep it updated and reload to YouTube.

I would be remiss to not mention the many accomplishments and experiences of our members. Congratulations to all! If I have missed anyone, please let me know!

First solos: Brenda Peick, Debs Bobka

Private Pilots: Brianne Forman, Andrea Fox

Instrument Rating: Ellen Quist, Majel Baker

Commercial Certificates: Carmen Kivistö, Ellen Quist

Beech Jet type rating: Aura Austin

Mountain flying experience: Brenda Peick (on her honeymoon!)

Alaska flying experience: Laura Herrmann

Looking forward to another great year of flying, friendship, and fun with this great group of women in the Minnesota Chapter of the 99s. You are truly amazing women and should be so proud of yourselves! I feel very fortunate to know you all and to call you friends.

Happy New Year!

Cheers,
Cheryl



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FLYING ACTIVITIES

Rusty Pilots presented by AOPA Ambassador Andy Miller and hosted by Thunderbird Aviation"

Topic: A Rusty Pilots Seminar

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 09:00 Central Standard Time

Location: Thunderbird Aviation / Flying Cloud Airport,
14091 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Feb 21 – Behind the Scenes tour of MSP airport

March 7, meeting and lunch at 11:00 at TGIF Bloomington (Killebrew Drive), followed by 1:00 tour of Northwest Airlines History Museum, 3rd floor Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bloomington

April 24, 25 GMAG Buffalo Airport

June 6, 9:00 am meeting Osceola airport, followed by glider rides (\$50 per ride) and lunch from the old fashioned hot dog wagon at Osceola Airport

Dec 5 – Tree of Hope, St Cloud Airport (KSTC)

Dec 12 – Holiday Meeting and Lunch , TBD

CONGRATULATIONS



Aura Austin attended CAE in Dallas from December 9-23 and obtained her PIC type rating in the Citation II (CE-500 series)!

Aura received a scholarship for SIC from the Minnesota Business Aviation Association, but paid for the extra upgrade training for PIC. She was sick for 9 days of the training, but persevered and completed her training.

The above picture shows Aura after hearing "Congratulations, Captain" from her instructor.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Information on the **Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship**, administered by the Chicago Chapter, will come out in the spring, with a March 1 deadline for application.

You would have enjoyed flying with Ruth Roberts – Minnesota WASP pilot

Robyn Stoller



Who was Ruth Roberts? What did she fly and when? Between now and Memorial Day, we will feature stories of 6 Minnesota Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who served in World War II flying many kinds of aircraft.

Over Memorial weekend, you'll have an opportunity to lay a wreath at the resting places of these six amazing women, to honor their service and contributions to advancing women in aviation. This article features Ruth Roberts from Mankato. Ruth was one of the early graduates of the WASP program, in the '43-W-6' class of 84 graduates on October 9, 1943. More than 25,000 women applied to the WASP program which had pre-requisites of a private pilot certificate and 500 flight hours. Only 1830 women were accepted into WASP training and 1074 women graduated.

So, who was Ruth Roberts? Ruth was born in Mankato in 1915. Her dad was an attorney. As a young man he served in the 13th Minnesota Infantry during the 1898-99 Philippines combat. Her grandfather was an officer in a New York regiment during the Civil War. Ruth enjoyed sports and played basketball while at Mankato High School.



By 1940, at age 24, Ruth had earned an undergraduate degree. She was working full time as a 'retail store auditor or clerk' according to the 1940 census.

We don't know details of Ruth's initial pilot training but know she earned her private pilot license in April 1942 and flew the required hours before applying to the WASP program. Ruth completed WASP training at Avenger Field



BT-13



in Sweetwater, TX, graduating on October 9, 1943. In 1943-44 she flew 3 different aircraft that we know of – PT-17, BT-13 and the AT-6. She served at two Army Air Bases, Romulus in Michigan and Cochran in Macon, Georgia. We believe she ferried planes and flew cargo flights from those bases.

While stationed at Romulus, Ruth was ordered to attend Officer Training School (OTS) in Orlando during which time she felt compelled to write a letter to the editor of Time magazine regarding inaccuracies in an article on women pilots. The article titled "Battle of the Sexes" stated WASP members were being sent to OTS before Congress had approved the funds and also stated women pilots were grounded several days out of every month due to menstruation. In her letter Ruth wrote "very few women have ever found it necessary to be grounded because of any affliction peculiar to their sex."

When the WASP program was discontinued in 1944, Ruth came back to Minnesota and earned a Ph.D. in Psychology with a focus on linguistics from the U of M. She was a counselor in the Student Counseling Bureau working primarily with foreign students and students who had difficulty reading. She retired as an Associate Professor in 1980 after 32 years. Ruth was described by friends as a strong, independent woman who actively supported nature and the arts with her activities and resources. She was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed her cabin on Lake Saganaga at the end of the Gunflint Trail where she spent summers canoeing, hiking and birding.

Ruth passed away on March 10, 2006 and is laid to rest at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. In 2010 she was awarded posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal. Ruth was a dedicated and successful pilot who helped pave the way for future women pilots. Would you have enjoyed flying with her? Absolutely!

Registration Opens for 2020 Air Race Classic

Flying Magazine



Registration for the 44th edition of the Air Race Classic has opened. The all-women's cross-country air race takes place from June 23 to 26, 2020, flying from Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Terre Haute, Indiana, and several stops in between.

The course will cover 2,646 miles, and racers have essentially four days to complete the nine legs, which have stops in Pierre, South Dakota; Sheridan, Wyoming; Sterling, Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Ada, Oklahoma; Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Mount Vernon, Illinois; and Tullahoma, Tennessee. The racers fly in pairs (or threesomes), and though at least one pilot must possess a current instrument rating or at least 500 hours of pilot-in-command time, the race is flown under VFR conditions only. The requirement has created interesting outcomes in past years, when weather turned fickle along the route.

At each stop, there's a bit of excitement for racers and spectators alike, as the airplanes perform a high-speed flyby to record the fastest time for the segment. While faster aircraft may cover the course in a couple of days, others take all four to accomplish the mission. Because the race uses a detailed handicapping system, all racers fly on a level playing field, regardless of the overall speed of their mounts.

Prizes include cash stipends for the winners, and "leg" prizes for those who clock the best time for each segment—and medallions and trophies to mark the milestone event. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020. Up to 60 teams can be accepted.

Fall & Winter Events



MSP Flight Standards District Office Tour (FSDO)



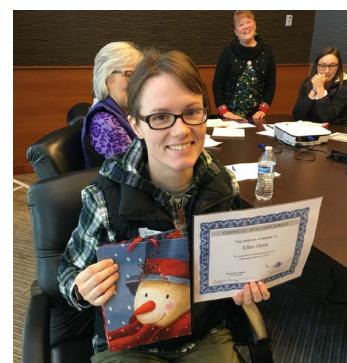
Minnesota Ninety-Nines 70th Anniversary



Tree of Hope - 30th Anniversary



Holiday Meeting & Party



Game day dip

From: browneyedbaker.com



Ingredients

1 pound ground beef
1 pound ground sausage (your favorite variety)
16 ounces Velveeta cheese (cubed)
10 ounce can Rotel
8 ounces cream cheese (cubed)

In a large skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef and ground sausage until no longer pink. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a paper towel-lined plate to drain.

Spray a 4 to 6-quart slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray. Add the cooked beef and sausage, cubed Velveeta, Rotel and cream cheese, and stir to combine. Cook on high for 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the Velveeta and cream cheese are completely melted and creamy.

Serve with your favorite tortilla chips.

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/>

<https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/online-learning>

<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>

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