

Struts & Strobes

April meeting - Goshen, Indiana

When: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Where: Goshen, Indiana Airport (KGSB) Fly or Drive

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Why: Come learn about air racing from Margaret Wint, Indiana Dunes Member. She will share her adventures of flying the in the Air Race Classic, an all-women air race. Margaret flew the ARC 5 times since 2012 and flew the Air Race Classic Derby in 2021. You do not want to miss hearing the details of this adventure.

There will be light refreshments and a whole lot of fun meeting with other women pilots and student pilots.



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Party time at SWA

Jessica Richardson is in the final weeks of her Southwest Airlines training! Congrats Jessica, you're in the home stretch!

Her update: "Training is going well! I'm the only girl of a class of 44, but the guys have been awesome. We vote to nominate our classmates for three awards, Warrior's Spirit, Servant's

Heart, Fun Loving Attitude... and the guys nominated me for Warrior's Spirit for putting up with them all ha ha!! Picture is from the new hire party we threw for the class behind. Each class does this for the upcoming class."

Update: As of the publishing of this edition... Jessica has graduated and is a 737 First Officer! Way to Go!

"Use your fear... it can take you to the place where you store your courage."
Amelia Earhart

Important Aviation Dates

2023 International Ninety-Nines Conference Jordan—Oct 27-Nov 2, 2023—Hosted by Arabian Section

Air Race Classic
 6/20/23-6/23/23

KGSH—Rotor and Ribs
 7/8 & 7/9

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
 7/24/23-7/30/23

Sewing the "seeds"

Margaret has been busy sewing away. Wonderful aviation totes and pouches in different aviation fabrics. They make great gifts for your aviator friends or simply great to carry your charging cords and other travel needs.

The inventory will be fully stocked for the Spring Section meeting!



And the winner is!

Congrats to **Ashley Thorsen!** Winner of a Women in Aviation Scholarship.

WAI has selected 31 WAI members across the country to attend Harvard University Emerging Leaders Professional Development Course in May 2023.

"I was selected for the Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders, a two-day, on-campus/on day virtual professional development program hosted by WAI and conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education. This unique scholarship opportunity is generously funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation...So I get to go to HARVARD UNIVERSITY and study with other industry leaders who are ALL WOMEN!!!" Here's a list of other women who won."

<https://www.wai.org/how-to-apply>

New Horizons: Christine Murdock

Christine passed away peacefully on March 4, 2023 at the age of 99. As reported earlier, after Rawson, at the age of 100, passed away in December, Christine went to live in Texas with her daughters.

Christine was a life time member of the 99s. She was a vibrant and enthusiastic women. She was small in stature, but lived largely. In her 80s, she went skydiving, zip lining and always encouraging. She was dedicated to the Indiana Dunes Chapter.

“I remember Christine helping teach a companion ground school. Energetically showing the participants sectionals, tapping with her pointer and making sure they all understood. She was always smiling and very passionate about aviation and teaching others.” Tricia DB

“I would often tell her that I wanted to be just like her when I grow up.” Janice W.



March Meeting



New faces, smiling faces and a great turn out at Alpha flight for the March meeting.

Mrs. Indiana-American 2023 and New Member Ashely Cosme

Ashley Cosme, a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter, was crowned the 2023 Mrs. Indiana-American at the annual Mrs. Indiana pageant held on March 4th, 2023, in South Bend, Indiana.

Much of Ashley's early years in life were spent running around in her Dad's hangar, holding the flashlight while he fixed and fine-tuned his plane, and watching planes coming and going from the Porter County Regional Airport in Valparaiso, Indiana.



Ashley mentioned her connection to aviation during the pageant and said, "aviation was a huge part of building my bio for the pageant, as well as helping me discover what I truly wanted the judges to know about me. In one interview I had to say one word to describe myself and of course I said, EXPLORER! I also won the overall Interview Award and I believe that my stories of exploration, in the sea and in the sky, helped me earn that distinguished honor." Ashley claims that it was her Dad's love for flying that created a unique perspective of life that has fostered understanding, curiosity, and geo-inquiry thinking.

Ashley is a science teacher at Crown Point High School, as well as a student pilot. Ashley's pageant platform and mission during her reign as Mrs. Indiana-American is to empower the next generation of Girls in STEM. Ashley sponsors girls ages 14-18 in a group called Girls Empowered by Math and Science (GEMS). Ashley will be completing a state tour where she will be visiting Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classrooms, Girl Scout troops, and airshows to inspire young girls and help them find their own passion and path in STEM.



The next Mrs. American pageant will be held on August 25, 2023, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ashley will be competing among 50 other amazing women who are vying to win the coveted title of Mrs. American 2023.



Time to celebrate

Christina Churley had her first solo on 3/14/2023 out at KVPZ.

“It took me a little bit of time and work to get there, but the second those wheels left the ground it was all worth it. **What. A. Feeling.** I’m so honored to be a part of the Aviation community and that I get to exist up there in a world that so few get to see with their own eyes. It still blows my mind.”



Congrats to Christina!

Let's do lunch!

Join Sweetwater Aviation and some of their passionate aviation friends every Friday for a FREE lunch at some of their favorite destinations. April—Oct

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Goshen Municipal Airport (KGSB)

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Sweet Aviation, Smith Field Airport (KSMD)

3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Indiana Flight Center, Elkhart Municipal Airport (KEKM)

4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

LaPorte Municipal Airport (KPPO)

5TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Fulton County Airport (KRCR)

Lunch is free, and menu items change weekly. If you're driving in, feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share! Bring a friend and join your fellow aviators every Friday, all summer long!

Questions? Please contact us for more information.

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Scholarship Opportunities

FAST: Female Aviators Sticking Together.

2023 Scholarships are available. Window is open April 1-30th. Check them out.

Fastpilots.org

AOPA.org

EAA.org—Opens Nov 2023

NCS Section Meetings

The **spring section meeting** is right around the corner. Hosted by Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter

Radisson Hotel Louisville North

Clarksville, IN

Saturday, April 29, 2023.

9:00am—11:30am (Eastern Daylight Time)

If you can't attend in person, consider registering for the business meeting via Zoom. For zoom, you must register by April 28th, 5pm Eastern.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-6grzgoGteLx4ew6-Xvkv8ee81aKcJ8>

Questions, contact ncszoom@ncs99s.org

Fall Section Meeting: Dublin, Ohio. Hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter. Sept 29—Oct 1, 2023

Visit the section website for more information on all these events. Ncs99s.org

The section meetings are a great way to meet members from our region of the United States and learn more about the Ninety-Nines.

An added bonus.... Your first section meeting registration is free! Apply for the opportunity to meet your fellow Ninety-Nine sisters and network.



Chapter Calendar

- April 15, 2023:** Goshen (KGSB)
Host: Margaret Wint
Annual Chapter Meeting
- April 28-30, 2023:** North Central Section Meeting. Clarksville, IN
Hosts: KY Bluegrass Chapter
- May 20, 2023:** Elkhart (KEKM)
Co-hosts: TJ Shaum/Marilyn Horvath
Program: TBD
- June 17, 2023:** South Bend (KSBN)
Host: Ashley Thorsen
Meet on GA North side of Airport
Possible Tower tour
- July 15, 2023:** Lansing, IL (KIGQ)
Host: Tricia DeBlock
Lunch: Lynnise Que's
- August TBD:** La Porte (KPPO)
Air Fair 2-day event
- August 12, 2023:** South Bend (KSBN)
Aviation Day Booth "Get to Know the 99s"
All Members

- September 16, 2023:** TBD Girls Aviation Event
All members
- October 21, 2023:** Auburn (KGWB) Fly In
Host: Marcia Nellan
- November 18, 2023:** La Porte (KPPO)
2023 Recap and Planning 2024
- December 2, 2023:** Holiday Gathering TBD



February Meeting—KVPZ

Indiana Dunes 99s

The Indiana Dunes 99s is a chapter of the Ninety-Nines who meets at local airports across Northern and Central Indiana and lower Michigan on the third Saturday of each month.

The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots, and women holding a Sport Pilot Certificate or higher.

The Ninety-Nines promote advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Members Highlights

The Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99s

New members include:

Kendall Lock	Joined	2/4/2023
Peighton Metcalf	Joined	3/13/2023
Marie Puls	Joined	3/3/2023

Welcome New Members!

Recent Anniversaries: (Alphabetical Order)

Jan-April

Nancy Ash	Joined	2/3/1992
Pam Flemming	Joined	4/3/1967
Marcia Forcey	Joined	4/19/2002
Sierra Hutchens	Joined	2/22/2022
Katherine Magon	Joined	4/24/1978
Tonya McDonald-Waugh	Joined	1/2/1996
Jessica Richardson	Joined	1/21/2016
Emily Schott	Joined	2/12/2015
Jan Topp	Joined	4/12/1993

Indiana Dunes 99s

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