

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

**ALL-OHIO 99 NEWS****Recognizing ground-breaking member, Valerie Palazzolo.**

She has been a pilot since she was 19. In 1987 she was hired by Northwest Airlink (soon to become American Eagle airline) and became the first women ATR Captain with Eagle. She has ATR-42/72, DO-28, DC-9/MD-88, and Boeing 747 Captain and Flight Engineer ratings. She has been a FAA Aviation Safety Inspector and Manager for 30 years, She exemplified the excellence and accomplishments of women in aviation world-wide.

**Hi! My name is Valerie Palazzolo**

- National FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Manager and fellow Pilot
- Direct the effort of 100+ FAA Safety Professionals (FPMs) and through them, more than 3,000 safety volunteers (FAASTeam Reps) across the country
- Devoted more than 42 years in aviation and a 99s member for over 41 years
- Will acquaint you with the accomplishments of acclaimed women who share a passion for aviation safety



**MEETING SCHEDULE:** The April 14th meeting will be on Zoom. Kathy will e-mail you the details for getting into the group, and they are printed in this newsletter. The May 9th meeting will be at the Subway at MFD, Mansfield Lahm Airport. The June 13th meeting will be at Bolton Field.

Welcome to our new member: student pilot Zoe Molnar, [zoeraemol@bex.net](mailto:zoeraemol@bex.net) from Toledo

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## **NEWS FROM THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER**

There is currently a project to renovate the old control tower at CMH. You can read about the project: <https://youtu.be/gELwjPxSIJQ>

An interesting aviation attraction to visit is the International Womens Air and Space Museum (IWASM) at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland. It is close to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Honor Flight is a group that commercially flies military veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials and museums of interest to former military members. It is free to the veterans and a goal is to make sure the older veterans have the experience and share their stories.

Peg's student contact Suzette Biela has passed her private pilot check ride and is 3/4 through IFR ground. Congratulations to Suzette for a great job! Peg's private pilot student Chad soloed on March 27th. Peg's student Brad passed his checkride March 3. Her student Sam soloed on March 13 at the age of 16. He tried to solo on his birthday, February 28, but the weather did not cooperate. Peg reported that the written test results are now reported as pass or fail, with no numerical score. She posted flying photos on Facebook and said people reported feeling uplifted.

**MEETINGS:** Kay volunteered to host the in person May 9th meeting at the Subway at MFD. The June 13th meeting will be at Bolton Field hosted by either Kathy or Deb. The July 11 or August 8th meeting will be hosted in Bellville. Please volunteer to host any meeting available.

### **CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Debra Henrichs will be investigating the final details on our chapter scholarship to pay for a check ride, so contact her at 614-226-4308 or [debraair@yahoo.com](mailto:debraair@yahoo.com) if you are interested in applying.

### **CHAPTER WEBSITE**

Valerie is considering noting Ohio women in aviation to our website for Womens History Month. Examples are: Jerrie Mock, Joan Mace— member who is in Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and was accepted as a WASP just before they were disbanded, and Jeanette Jenkins— who was a WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilot). It was pointed out that Valerie is a ground-breaking pilot herself, as a commercial airline pilot and FAA official. Thanks a lot to Val for doing this time-consuming job!

### **AIR DERBY**

Please contact Deb if you want to participate in the 99s virtual air derby or learn about it.

### **NORTH CENTRAL SECTION SPRING CONFERENCE**

This will be a Zoom meeting with two minute videos from chapters showing the past year's activities. Ours includes monthly meetings, sharing the Air Bear Program with German 99s, and having Val as our webmaster. Thanks a lot to Kathy for doing this! The NCS Fall Meeting will be in the actual woods in Wisconsin. Don't forget your insect repellent!



Another outstanding job of preparing s student for the private pilot check ride was in evidence on March third when Peg’s student, Brad (L), became a private pilot. Also, Peg endorsed solos for Sam on March 13th and Chad ® on March 27. Great work, Peg! Photos courtesy of Peg.

Peg has a question which she will answer at the April 11th meeting: “What happens to Class B Airspace when they go ‘ATC zero’?”

And from Peg, a cool website to visit: “My daughter sent me this article on a female sky writer.”

<https://www.si.edu/newsdesk/snapshot/writing-words-sky>

Kathy and other members noticed this in the AOPA Magazine, ”Why is it that no U.S. registered aircraft bears registration N16020 nor will any aircraft in the future have that registration?” Answer: “In agreement with the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots, the FAA permanently retired N16020, the registration number of the Lockheed Electra 10E in which Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan disappeared during their ill-fated attempt to fly around the world in 1937.”



Above: Our members who Zoomed in to the March 14th meeting: Top L-R Peg Ballou, Kathy Samuelson, Roberta Jones. Middle: Debra Henrichs, Maggi Mullholand ad Kay Johnson hiding behind her hands. Lower: Valerie Palazzolo zooms, and two members on the phone.