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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Top Left: Deb Henrichs came prepared with a list of questions to ask her guest speaker, Nick Herridge, about how he prepared to become an airline pilot and what the job is like. **Top R:** Kathy Samuelson had interesting details to tell Kay Johnson about her career as a CFII. **Lower L:** Deb Henrichs welcomed Jofi Jose, an aspiring student pilot; and Jenny Herridge, an ICU nurse and spouse to Nick, to the meeting. **Lower R:** CFII Peg Ballou and CAP Captain Lisa Blair flew in to the meeting. Peg was her son James flight instructor and he started his airline career with Republic, and has since moved up to Spirit Airlines.

Congratulations to Abby Burdue for her military promotion from enlisted to second lieutenant!

Welcome to new member: Nicole Apple, Dayton student pilot.

MEETINGS

Sunday, November 13th, Patty Wagstaff, pioneering aerobatic pilot, will speak to the Lake Erie Chapter. The dinner will be in person at Kent State University or one can listen to Wagstaff via Microsoft Teams. Details on both are on the meeting page in this newsletter. We will meet at Ruby Tuesday's in Mount Vernon on December 11. We will ZOOM for the January and February meetings.

Photographs courtesy of Kathy Samuelson, Official Photographer of the All-Ohio Chapter of the 99s.

**SUNDAY NOV 13TH MEETING ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
OR IN PERSON AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
There is no actual business meeting in November**

For November we have been contacted by the Lake Erie Chapter with an invitation, which our members voted to accept. You can join their chapter in person for their awards banquet or join Microsoft Teams for the Wagstaff presentation.

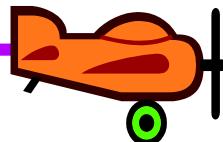
“Our chapter has a fun and inspiring afternoon planned on Sunday Nov.13, and we wanted to let you all in on the fun. We are hosting our annual “Pilot of the Year” banquet at Kent State University (College of Aeronautics and Engineering) with special guest Patty Wagstaff. For most of us, she needs no introduction. Suffice it to say Patty won the National Aerobatics Championship three times and was the first woman to win this title. Patty will be our keynote speaker (virtually by Microsoft Teams) at the event and have a Q&A after her talk. We would like to open up our event to all NCS99s who can attend in person or on Microsoft Teams. Tickets for the in-person event are \$30 each and are on sale on the LE website <http://www.lakeerie99s.org> Tickets are non-refundable after Nov.1. For those who want to attend virtually via Teams, respond with your name and e-mail in the reply section at the bottom of our website stating you would like an invite to the virtual banquet and you will receive an invite for the Teams meeting before the event. Cost to attend virtually is free and you can participate in the Q&A. The Lake Erie Chapter would love to extend a warm welcome to any NCS members who would like to attend, either in person or virtually. Be sure to wear your 99s pin, made by the Chicago Chapter.

Warm regards, Lee Ann Baggott, Chair, LE

Right: Linda Blodgett and Chris Creamer learned a lot about the ins and outs of being a new regional airline pilot from our meeting guest speaker, Nick Herridge.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Our Chairwoman Deb Henrichs arranged a guest speaker, Nick Herridge. Nick and his wife Jenny generously shared their time to tell how Nick climbed the ladder from student pilot to First Officer on Republic Airlines.

Nick became interested in flying when his dad took lessons at OSU Airport. Nick identified a desire to visit foreign capitals. THE EDUCATION; He enrolled in Aeronautical Engineering at OSU but changed to Flight School in the Part 141 Program. He stated that OSU Airport is an excellent place to learn because it has controlled busy airspace. Comparing Part 61 and Part 141, he noted that in the former the CFI decides how to tailor instruction to individual students and in the latter there are more regulations and a stricter FAA approved curriculum. He finished the OSU Part 141 program with a commercial rating and then earned his CFI.

CHOOSING AN AIRLINE TO ASPIRE TO: To help choose one's target airline, there are aviation fraternities. AHP sororities organize tours at various airlines. Nick toured the Republic Airlines headquarters. He joined the cadet program and had a mentor at the airline for a contact. He became an ambassador which helped co-ordinate his career with Republic. Delta and United Airlines have very strong unions to protect the workers.

BUILDING THE HOURS: With his CFI, he moved to Roswell, NM and taught a year (after becoming engaged to Jenny, who was finishing nursing school) to get his minimum 1250 hours needed to pilot for the airlines.

MOVING UP TO THE BIG AIRLINES: Some airlines have flow programs from small airlines to the larger ones: Envoy, PSA, and Piedmont are small feeder airlines for American Airlines. Endeavor is a feeder for Delta. Pilots commit to four years with a small regional airline before moving up to American Airlines. Republic Airlines has no flow program and feeds to any airline. A pilot can upgrade in two or so years, which is less time to wait for a promotion. An ATP requires 1000 hours as PIC. To be eligible to upgrade one must do an oral exam, and recurrent training. A type rating costs \$8-10000. Nick aspires to be a 170, 175 captain which requires 200 hours and a recommendation letter. Captains must be alert to economically fly, as the major airlines keep track of the fuel usage and rate the captains on how well they save fuel.

LIVING THE DREAM: Nick reported that Republic Airlines flies to the Bahamas, Canada, and Cozumel. He flies 75 hours in the average month. He can bid on days to work, days off, and routes, but less than 5 days in a row are an FAA regulation. Reserve pilots fly less. Seniority dictates whether pilots get their preferences. When scheduling, there are 13 lines of 27 preferences. To learn this complicated system new pilots have union representatives and mentors to help. They receive sick days and vacation.

Pilots must report at least 45 minutes before boarding starts. The First Officer does the pre-flight walk around. The fuel weight must be calculated based on the aircraft weight and destination. The pilots check the route and inform dispatch if they approve the route. Dispatch does have the final authority while on the ground. The captain and dispatch both sign off on takeoff. Once in the air, the pilot does. (DEB HENRICH HAS A DISPATCHER LICENSE!) If there is turbulence at lower altitudes the pilots can change it, usually between flight levels 340 to 370 but they can go at high as 400. If there are any problems, they contact dispatch. There is a mandatory minimum number of hours of rest between flights. Sometimes the crew goes out to eat in an overnight city but mostly there isn't enough time to sightsee and there is no alcohol 12 hours before flights. The post flight walk around is done by the First Officer, unless the take over crew is there within thirty minutes of landing and then they do the walk around.

SURPRISES: Nick was not expecting to be assigned so many hours as a new hire. 70 to 100 regional captains move up to the major airlines every month and 60% move on, many to Southwest Airlines. So there is a captain shortage and the current ones are used a lot. They are hiring 48 new pilots a week. Republic assists flight attendants who aspire to becoming airline pilots with Lift Academy. In Nick's class only 5 of the 48 were women. Peg Ballou's son James started as a Republic pilot and now flies for Spirit Airlines. Nick reports it's exciting to land at a new airport or on a shorter runway. Blue skies and tailwinds, Nick!

Peg Ballou sent this newspaper article about the Port Bucyrus Airport Day which was upcoming at the time.

Plans "take flight" for second annual fly-in at Port Bucyrus Airport By Rhonda Davis, CCN Correspondent October 7,

BUCYRUS—The second annual fly-in at Port Bucyrus Airport on Saturday, Oct. 15 will promote aviation – and pay tribute to a pioneer in the field. The fly-in will again feature a full day of activities for young and old alike, beginning with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. But this year's event is also designed to honor the airport's founder, Lauretta Schimmoler. Schimmoler, who is buried in Bucyrus' Holy Trinity Cemetery, was the first woman in the country to manage an airport. Plans are now in the works to finally recognize her achievements by raising money for a monument at the airport, said Fred Fischer, one of the organizers. "We just want to work in concert with the Bucyrus Historical Society with all the artifacts they have for Lauretta," said Fischer, who is also heading up the fly-in. "It's something I'm pushing to get done to promote her accomplishments. She's done some pretty cool things." Although the project is in the formative stages, Fischer said a non-profit – Lauretta Schimmoler Museum Inc. – has already been formed with a logo and a website. Initial plans call for housing a small museum in the airport's administration building, he said. Schimmoler will be recognized during the fly-in with a presentation on her life by Peg Ballou and the showing of the movie "Parachute Nurse," in which she had a role. It was Schimmoler's idea to train nurses to fly, leading to the establishment of the Aeriel Nurse Corps. Plenty of planes will also be on tap, including a crop duster, an AT-6 trainer, and a TBM Avenger, a World War II Navy bomber due to arrive at 8 a.m., Fischer said. The B-25 "Champaign Gal" from Urbana, Ohio, is expected to touch down at 9 a.m., with tours following. Helicopter rides for \$50 a ticket will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and hot air balloons will be launched at 4 p.m., weather permitting. Those flying in can take shuttle buses for tours of the T & OC train station, the Copper Kettle Works, Cooper's Market, Pickwick Place, and Crossroads Candles. The pancake breakfast by the Bucyrus Kiwanis Club, runs until noon. The meal is \$8, with children under 10 eating free. In addition, the Sons of the American Legion will serve bratwurst and other food beginning at 11:00, Fischer said, and visitors can enjoy kettle corn and other fare from food trucks. Fischer said a dedication ceremony will be held at 10:00 in front of the administration building for, the airport's new taxiway extension. The \$2.1 million improvement project, completed in August, was funded by a grant awarded by the FAA. The fly-in runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Parking is free, but donations are being accepted for the museum project, Fischer said. "It should be a fun-filled day for all those attending. Come out, enjoy the day and learn a little about aviation."



**It's a beautiful fall
in the neighborhood!
Left are volunteer sun
flowers with surprise
Tradescantia blooming
long after the usual time.**

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