

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

ALL-OHIO 99 NEWS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MEMBER CHERYL ROSE HARDING

On January 26th our chapter lost a loyal member of almost twenty years when Cheryl Harding lost her final battle with cancer. She had experienced colon and breast cancers earlier and it recurred recently. Despite being hospitalized over Christmas, she never let on to our members. Don reported that she flew to New Horizons peacefully at home with her family present.

Cherry and her 49 1/2, Don, were married in 1963 and have three sons. She was a USAF military wife. Cherry will be remembered for the happy twinkle in her eyes, her sweet smile, and kindness. Cherry joined the All-Ohio Chapter in 2005 after deciding to stop at the Ashland County Airport one day while out driving with Don. She inquired about learning to fly and proceeded to earn her private pilot's license, then an instrument rating, and started on her commercial rating. She and Don named their late Labrador retriever, who she missed a lot lately, Piper. Cherry was our chapter chairwoman from 2006 to 2009 and Pilot of the Year in 2008. Cherry's quiet, calm demeanor



was misleading, as she was a determined achiever. While active in our chapter, she also served as president of the Ashland Airport Pilot's Association and was active there. She was also an EMT. She retired after years as a rural postal carrier, often joking about how cold her arm got from reaching out the car window. She loved horses and was generous when asked for her advice about the perfect horse barn design.

Blue skies, Cherry!

L: Cherry and Don in 1963.

R: Cherry at a 2012 meeting.



A big 99s welcome to our newest members:

Student pilot Lindsey

Student pilot

Meetings: The February 11th meeting will be at Bolton Field, hosted by Debra. The March 10th meeting is open for hosting. Please volunteer.

Photos in this newsletter (unless noted) are by our Official All-Ohio Chapter Photographer Kathy. A big thank you to Kathy and Debra for their invaluable assistance on the monthly newsletters!

Agenda February 11, 2024

Approve Minutes of December 10, 2023 (meeting cancelled in January)

Treasurer's Report

Move money into scholarship fund to keep perpetually funded at \$1,000?

Membership Report

Membership Update

Mentor Updates – New Members: Lindsey (student), mentor

Tabitha (student) – Lisa

Meetings

February 11 – Deb to host at Bolton

April 14 – Kathy at Newark-Health

July 14 – Vickie at Wadsworth

October 13 – Kay at Newark-Heath

WE NEED PEOPLE TO HOST MEETINGS!!! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS RUT OF THE SAME OLD AIRPORTS.

Committee Chair Reports

Scholarship – Betty

Web Site – Val

Public Relations – Claire

Fund Raising – Jun

Old Business

Logo – Deb and Jun

Member Biographies – Peg and Lisa

Ideas for NCS Spring 2026 Meeting – All-Ohio hosts

Springfield (Deb Henrichs researched) – Visit NWS station & Wilmington Air Park FBO (simulators), hotel is Holiday Inn Roberts Center with attached restaurant and meeting space. GA airport Clinton County.

Batavia – Needs Researcher. Potential ideas visit Sporty's Pilot Shop, Tri-State War Bird Museum, Jungle Jims, Clermont Count (GA), Cinci/N. KY International

Port Clinton (Lisa, Peg & Roberta will research) – Peg provided info on October 8.

Hocking Hills – Needs Researcher. Hocking Hills Lodge, John Glenn Astronomy Park

Cleveland – Researcher Margaret provided information at Sept 16, 2023 meeting of places to visit. Cleveland Airport has rail into town.

New Business

NCS Spring Section Meeting – Kansas City, MO, April 26-28. Info in Waypoint

<http://www.ncs99s.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/waypoint-WINTER-JAN-24.pdf>

Membership by geographic area – distribute?



L: Congrats to Jun, who passed her IFR checkride and is starting her commercial! She is shown with her DPE “on a super cold day (minus 16 degrees C). I was dressed in ski pants and a uniform jacket



(with a down jacket inside). The DPE, Rich Stepler, was looking like a teddy bear in his winter gear. Lol.” **R:** Jun in her simulator. “My husband, Rich, is working on building me a home simulator! I was able to practice holds on this simulator before I went to my checkride. It was helpful. But, somehow the Garmin wouldn’t let me do “direct-enter-enter” so I can’t load approaches for waypoints. (It only loads the approach for the final destination on my flight plan) so we are trying to fix that part.” Photos courtesy of Jun Oikawa.

Kudos on a job well-done to Abby, who reports, “I passed my final T-1 check ride and I start KC-135 school in February! Hard to believe just a year ago I was strutting around in the C-150 and now I’m going to something with 4 engines and 400,000 pounds! Say hello to all the 99s. Abby”

Peg found this article by Russ Niles: “Women Account for 12% of New Canadian Pilots” <http://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/women-account-for-12-percent-of-new-canadian-pilots/> “A total of 12% of new pilot licenses issued in Canada in 2023 went to women, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide (IWOAW). The Montreal-based organization said 13% of recreation-oriented licenses, 12.3% of commercial tickets, and 8.1% of airline transport permits went to women. Women have historically represented 6% to 7% of pilots, but groups including IWOAW have been active in the last decade promoting aviation as a career for women and the needle is starting to move, the organization noted.” “IWOAW is making preparation for its annual campaign to introduce women and girls to aviation. This is the 15th anniversary of the Fly It Forward Challenge in which pilots donate their time and aircraft to give free flights to girls and women to have never flown in a small aircraft. There are also information booths with female role models at many of the events. The organization said that it has flown 22,400 Canadian females in the last 15 years and “the tangible impact of the initiative is uplifting.” This year’s events are planned for March 4-10.” Thanks, Peg!

Ohio couple get Master Pilot Awards for safe flying

Pilots Gayle Gorman Green and Richard Green of Mansfield, Ohio, earned the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot award for 50 years of safe flying, one of the few husband and wife teams to achieve the honor. Green is a retired US Air Force officer and former commander of the 179th Airlift Wing, while Gorman Green was CEO of airfield lighting company Manairco and comes from a family of aviators, with her parents and older brother also earning the Master Pilot Award in 2006 and 2022, respectively.

Full Story: [Richland Source \(Mansfield, Ohio\)](#) (12/30)