

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

ALL-OHIO 99 NEWS

A huge thank you to our Scholarship Chairwoman Betty (a previous AEMS awardee) for assisting our scholarship candidates in preparing their applications! Betty sent this message:

JUN WINS AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP!

“It is with great pleasure that I share with all of you All-Ohio Chapter members that we have a new AEMS (Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship) winner in our chapter!”

“Jun Oikawa was notified that the AEMS Trustees and outside judges selected her a winner. Jun applied for an Academic Scholarship which is for up to \$10,000 towards one year of a college degree in aviation or aerospace. Jun is enrolled at Sinclair College in Dayton. She did an excellent job putting together her application and I am sure her involvement in the chapter helped tremendously.”

“She is currently Chapter Membership Chair, she designed the chapter logo to print on items, hosted a chapter meeting at her local airport, helped at one of the Air Race Classic stops, and helped paint a compass rose with the Scioto Valley Chapter. And I’m sure you’ve seen her photos in the newsletter many times when she attends the meetings. Be sure to congratulate Jun at a future meeting or activity or send her an e-mail at her e-mail address.”

GABBY IS AWARDED A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP!

Gabby received \$1,000 to assist her as a Student Pilot 99s Member towards completion of an initial pilot certificate. It was announced at the North Central Section (NCS) Spring Meeting banquet this past weekend in Iowa. Gabby has taken on the duties of Public Relations Chairwoman for the All-Ohio Chapter and has volunteered for several 99s events.

The Memorial Scholarship offers two scholarships to members of the NCS under the auspices of the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. One scholarship in the amount of \$2000 is to assist a 99 in the completion of an additional pilot certificate or rating and the other is \$1000 to a student pilot member. The application is usually due around March 1 so anyone interested should be looking for that information in early 2026 next year.

Congratulations to Catherine (Cat) on receiving her private pilot license on 24 April. She reports she wore her 99s polo shirt for moral support and it was an amazing experience. Great news, Catherine!

There were no new members so far this month.

Unless otherwise noted, all photographs in this newsletter are by our Official All-Ohio Photographer Kathy. Thank you to Kathy and Deb for their invaluable news assistance!



We met for lunch at J.P.'s Ribs at Bolton Field near Columbus on April 13th. That is quite a place, with photos of many stars and celebrities on the wall behind the tables probably because their private jets found it a more convenient airport than the international one. Our chapter held a Buckeye Air Rally there a few years ago and it was sponsored by the café. Top row: L-R: Recently retired FAA supervisor Valerie brought her mother, Miss Lillian, to the meeting. Then, Debra took the opportunity to ask Alex (aircraft maintenance instructor) about the fine points of taking care of her aircraft. R: Kay told her mentees about her many air races and unexpected things that happened. L-R: Sarah, Kay, and Ev. Middle row L: Ev made a selfie of herself and Kathy and she wore the top that she crocheted at the last meeting. Middle: Jun and her boys Jessie and Lucas. Lucas is making the peace sign, which is understandable because his dad is in the military. L: CFII Peg brought new member CFII Kylie to the meeting. They had lots to talk about, since they both are flight instructors. Bottom row: After lunch we drove to the other side of the airport to the Columbus State Community College School of Aviation Maintenance where Leota earned her rating. L-R: Instructor Alex outlined the course of study at the school. Middle: New private pilot Ev Leota and CFI Jessica about her checkride and they told her about flying in Alaska. Leota is returning there soon and Jessica will continue to be a flight instructor at OSU Don Scott Airport. End photo: Jessie marveled at the size of one of the engines used for instruction. Photo courtesy of Jun. Thank you to Leota and Deb for arranging this!



Join Peg and Sam Ballou & Ballou Skies Aviation celebrating recent awards:

*Wright Brothers Award
 *Best Flight School and
 *Best Instructor for the
 Great Lakes Region
 Sunday, May 4th

Please note that this is not our usual second Sunday meeting but we are meeting on the first Sunday because the second Sunday is Mother's Day..

Crawford County -Bucyrus, Ohio Airport (17G)

Feel free to bring a side dish/dessert, but not necessary.

All Ohio 99s (Women pilots) meeting 12 noon-1pm

Lunch Reception 1-4 pm. Hamburgers on the grill

For additional information/RSVP, call 419.563.6899



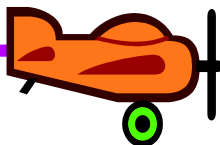
How to Access the 99s Directory

1. Go to <http://www.ninety-nines.org>
2. Click on the member login box. If you don't have a login yet, set one up.
3. Click on Directory in list on top right, type in All-Ohio Chapter in the Chapter box and click on Search. Note: You can search on any of the boxes. It's an easy way to find a specific member, find members nearby or a member in an area you will be visiting.
4. An alphabetical list of all of our members will come up.
5. If you want to send an email to all the members of All-Ohio click on Save as Excel. Once you have the Excel spreadsheet copy the email column and paste into the address of your email. Please do let the Chair know before sending out a mass email.
6. Remember that you cannot use information in the Directory for commercial or political reasons.

Please check out our All Ohio 99s YouTube Channel for some really cool videos about our members and our Facebook page. Click on these links and enjoy!

- [All Ohio 99s – YouTube](#)
- [All-Ohio Ninety Nines – Facebook](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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www.ninety-nines.org

NC SECTION WEBSITE: NCS.org

OUR WEBSITE: <http://allohio.ncs99s.org>

All Ohio 99s - YouTube

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Night Witches

In the aftermath of World War I, women living in the newly established Soviet Union (USSR) gained the right to volunteer their service to the military and undergo military flight training alongside male pilots at Osoaviakhim. By the end of 1943, three years after the Nazi invasion of the USSR, an estimated 8% of Soviet military personnel were female.

While female pilots were originally held back from frontline battle and were instead relegated to serving as flight instructors, the Soviet military soon implemented three all-female bomber regiments headed by famed Soviet pilot, Marina Raskova. The most recognizable of these regiments was the 588th, known as the "Night Witches" (Nacht Hexen). The women gained this nickname due to their night missions flying secondhand bomber planes.



Russian commemorative stamps for the crew of the Rodina. From left to right: Polina Osipenko, Marina Raskova, and Valentina Grizodubova. IWASM, 2010 (4 x 3)

airforce Service Pilots program. Both the British and American programs were categorized as civilian organizations, but while the American iteration of the ferrying group was completely female, ATA pilots flew in co-ed squadrons.



From left to right: Polina Osipenko, Valentina Grizodubova, and Marina Raskova. Painting by Ukrainian artist Alexander Tynduk. IWASM, 2010 (4 x 3)

Polina Osipenko, Valentina Grizodubova, and Marina Raskova became famous in 1938 for the "Flight of the Rodina," when they flew from Moscow to the Far East hoping to set the longest distance record of over 5,000 kilometers (approximately 3,106 miles). The flight was unsuccessful in its goal, as extreme cold, radio failure, and low fuel forced Raskova to parachute to the ground while Osipenko and Grizodubova crashed. All three crew members survived and made their way back to Moscow, where they earned the title Hero of the Soviet Union. All three women flew in the all-female bomber regiments during the war.

Thanks to Leota for this article she photographed at IWASM at Burke Lakefront Airport after last month's meeting!

Few know about the "Night witches" (In German, "Nacht hexen,") who were Russian women pilots who bombed the Nazi forces after dark. They used darkness to cover their bombing raids in old bi-wing aircraft behind German lines. They could sneak over the lines on the way in, but suffered heavy casualties on their way back because the enemy knew they had to return to their own battle lines for fuel and safety.

There are several fascinating books about the group's exploits and I recommend them.

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