



# The Iowa FLY-OUT

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## Kicking Off a New Year of Fly-Outs Around Iowa

In November, we met in Grinnell and broke out our Iowa airports map and haggled over our 2023 fly-outs...

- Vinton VTI (Jan 14, Sat)
- Mount Pleasant MPZ (Feb 19)
- Ankeny IKV (Mar 19)
- Prairie du Chien WI (Apr 16)
- Ottumwa OTM (May 21)
- Mason City MCW (Jun 15, Thu)
- Carroll CIN (Aug 20)
- Greenfield GFZ (Sep 17)
- Storm Lake SLB (Oct 15)
- Iowa City IOW (Nov 19)

We'll be criss-crossing the state - east to west, north to south. We'll be hopping the border into Wisconsin... maybe importing some 'special items' from WI. Mark your calendar for a *3rd Thursday Burger Burn @ MCW*.

Last month, we had a great turn-out in Vinton, hosted by Macy Arbuckle. Macy's

mom treated us all to some great home-cooking for lunch. She pulled in a crowd of about a dozen members attending, including a 'zoomie' from FL.

Many thanks to the Chapter for pulling off a surprise birthday cake for me too.

Best of all though - hearing everyone's updates from around the Chapter and meeting our newest members - Mary-Ellen and Katrina Pfeiffer (mother-daughter student pilots); Raynee and Trinity LaGrange (twin student pilots @ Iowa Lakes CC).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at MPZ in February.

~ Minnetta Gardinier



Jan 2023 - VTI

Vinton Veterans Memorial Airpark  
Vinton, IA

## Our New Newsletter - Share Your Stories!

It's time to get our newsletters going again. When I joined The 99s in 2006, we enjoyed the bimonthly *Iowa Chapter Newsletter*, by Kirschen Seah and Sarah Barber. After a lapse, Stef Dreher (now Goza) picked it up for a short time, christening it the *FLYowan*, but she moved to Alaska and is making a difference up there. So we have been dormant again in this area.

So to start off the new year, I share with you our new

newsletter - **The Iowa FLY-OUT!** It's success will rely on **contributions from our members**. Just keep it short and sweet - a few words and/or a few photos.

The goal - Highlight the last meeting, preview the next meeting, include a member spotlight, toss in a few photos and short news items. Last but not least - **Print out a copy and leave it at our Iowa airports**. Help get the word out about the Iowa 99s.

## Member Spotlight – Jeneanne Visser, Chapter Chair

I am your current Iowa Chapter Chair and a North Central Section Director. I've been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 2011. I joined shortly after earning my Private Pilot Certificate in April 2011.

I had wanted to learn to fly as long as I could remember. My first flight was in my uncle's 172B from the family farm grass strip when I was about 6. I also spent a few hours flying with a family friend in his Mooney in my early teens, but being a pilot didn't seem like something attainable for me at the time.

Fast forward to my early 50's and the desire to learn to fly was still there. Eleven months after my discovery flight I earned my PPL while working full time at a demanding job.

Since then, I've earned my instrument rating and high performance and tailwheel endorsements. I've soloed a C172, PA28-181, PA32-300 and a 1941 Stinson 10A. I've been lucky enough to participate in the Air Race Classic three times as co-pilot with fellow 99 Minnetta Gardinier, with a top finish of third. I've met so many friends from all over the

world through aviation, but most of those opportunities happened because I joined the 99s and made the choice to participate in our chapter and section. No regrets!!



## February FLY-OUT: Mt Pleasant Municipal Airport MPZ



**Brenda Frye** will be hosting our February fly-out to Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport (MPZ). She is planning to offer a presentation on VFR flying:

### **The Joy of Flying VFR**

Sunday, February 19

Touchdown: 11:00 am

Lunch: Noon @

The PRESSbox Grille & Bar

Meeting @ FBO: 1:30 pm

### February FLY-OUT

*The Joy of Flying VFR*

Brenda Frye

We'll revisit some aviation basics and strengthen our foundational skills.

Learn more about such topics as:

- pilotage & dead reckoning
- flight planning
- VFR over the top

## Scholarship News

by Jenny Myren, Scholarship Chair

Looking for a scholarship opportunity?  
Here's an overview for what's out there...

General information is provided below.  
Visit the various websites for full details.

Feel free to contact Jenny Myren, Chapter  
Scholarship Chair, with questions.



Mary Arbuckle (center), 2022 IA 99s Checkride Scholarship winner; Jenny Myren (left) and Jeneanne Visser (right)

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ELIGIBILITY</u>
99s - <a href="#">AEMSF</a> <sup>1</sup>	Adv. flight training	Up to \$20,000	Jan 1	99s member for one yr
99s - <a href="#">AEMSF First Wings</a>	First flight certificate	Up to \$6,000	Apr 1 / Oct 1	99s member for 3 mo
99s NCS - <a href="#">Santori Scholar</a>	Private & advanced	\$1,000 / \$2,000	Mar 1	99s member in N Central Section
99s Iowa - <a href="#">Checkride Award</a>	Any level	\$500	Jun 1	99s member in Iowa Chapter
99s - <a href="#">Fran Bera Private Pilot</a>	Private pilot	Up to \$12,000	Dec 7	99s member for 3 mo
99s - <a href="#">Adela Riek Scharr Schol.</a>	Aviation-related prog.	\$1,000	Sep 1	Females enrolled in college studies
<a href="#">R Collins Writing Prize</a> <sup>2</sup>	Writing prize	\$5,000 / \$2,500	Mar 7	Pilot/student pilot, age 24 yrs or less
EAA - <a href="#">Ray Aviation Schol.</a>	Private pilot training	\$10,000	Apr 1	EAA member 16-19 yrs (15 yrs, glider)
IAPG - <a href="#">Aviation Training</a> <sup>3</sup>	Private pilot training	\$2,500	Apr 15	Iowa residents, age 16-24 yrs
<a href="#">Jane Berg Tailwheel Schol.</a>	Tailwheel endorsement	\$2,000	Apr 15	Females
<a href="#">F.A.S.T. Scholarships</a>	Various	\$200+	Apr 30	F.A.S.T. members
<a href="#">Whirly Girls</a>	Helicopter, various	\$8,000	Oct 1	WhirlyGirls member
<a href="#">WAI Scholarships</a> <sup>4</sup>	Various	???	Oct 12	WAI members
<a href="#">ISA+21 Scholarships</a> <sup>5</sup>	Advanced training	\$5,000+	Nov 1	Female commercial pilots

<sup>1</sup> AEMSF - Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

<sup>2</sup> R Collins Writing Prize - Richard Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots

<sup>3</sup> IAPG - Iowa Aviation Promotion Group (in honor of Chuck McDonald)

<sup>4</sup> WAI - Women in Aviation International

<sup>5</sup> ISA+21 - International Society of Women Airline Pilots

## Iowa Chapter - The Ninety-Nines, Inc.



Charles Schulz' wife flew in the *All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race* (AWTAR) with her daughter (1975). AWTAR was run by The 99s thru 1976. Schulz published a number of Peanuts cartoons highlighting the air race. In 1977, the *Air Race Classic* began and is now the longest running air race.

### OFFICERS (2022-2024)

Chapter Chair: Jeneanne Visser

Vice Chair: Brenda Frye

Secretary: Minnetta Gardinier

Treasurer: Sam Claypool

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Ninety-Nines

Inspiring Women Pilots  
Since 1929

## – THE NINETY-NINES –

In Cleveland at the Terminus of the 1st Women's Air Derby in 1929, a few racers gathered to discuss forming an aviation group to support and mentor women aspiring to fly. They invited all the women pilots at the time - about 115 - and a few months later, ninety-nine had joined. They called themselves *The Ninety-Nines*. Today, nearly 100 years later, we have nearly 7,000 members around the world.

## – OUR MISSION –

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

## – IOWA 99s –

We usually meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month (except July and December).

Visit our [web site](#) for information and our calendar.

[Email](#) us if you have a question.

Make plans to join us at one of our monthly fly-outs.



## 2023 Air Race Classic - Ottumwa, Stop #2 by Minnetta Gardinier

The 2023 Air Race Classic (ARC) starts in Grand Forks ND and ends in Homestead FL. It's a day VFR, cross-country all women's air race - 4 days, 2358 nautical miles - tracing its roots to the 1929 1st Women's Air Derby.

### Stop #2 - Ottumwa IA

Fifty race planes carrying 100+ pilots, co-pilots, and crew will be flying the timing line full power, full throttle. Iowa 99s are managing the stop with a small army of volunteers. Join us!

Volunteers needed - time the racers over the timing line, marshal planes to a tie down spot on the ramp, welcome the racers with a cold bottle of water, help out in the FBO with refreshments / snacks,

rides to area hotels for anyone spending the night in town.

Stop Chair - Kim Claypool (OTM)

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Head Timer - Deb McGee (Iowa 99)

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For ARC information:

[www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org)

Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa 99) and Cheryl Daml (Minnesota 99) will be flying as the MN/IA Maniacs.

