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*Established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, International Organization of Women Pilots®, are represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly "for the fun of it!"*

## Fall 2024

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** We met in the Honeysuckle Restaurant in Titusville for good eats and lots of hangar flying. The **very best news** of the day was that **Christine Keefe** earned her instrument rating just the day before. Congratulations!!!! That's Christine proudly holding up her newest certificate below.



*Big smiles and congratulations for Christine.*

## World travelers:

**Sandy Parks** : In April, my mom (91), sister, and I took a girls trip to London, Stonehenge, and Bath. We had a grand time although were nearly blown away at Stonehenge with incredible winds and wind chill for an April day. In London, we stayed downtown in a gorgeous old hotel and took in all the sites and museums. One of my pilots sons living in Germany, flew in for a weekend with his two little ones (1 & 3) so the youngest could meet great-grandma. We all had a blast seeing dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum and eating in a classic English pub.



*Sandy Parks, Mom, and sister, Julie*

**Ellie Hoffman**: Our Spaceport past chair, Ellie Hoffman, had the pleasure of making a bucket list trip come true for her 70th birthday. She and several friends took a European river trip on the Viking Udin! They visited the Black Forest, Strasbourg, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Cologne, Kinderdijk, and Amsterdam. They really loved Amsterdam and Schans Zaanse. They toured several windmills and saw over 20 castles along the Rhine. It was the trip of a lifetime and she was able to secure a private tour of the Bridge. Once they learned she was a 99, she was invited to sit in the Captains seat! Truly an amazing experience!"

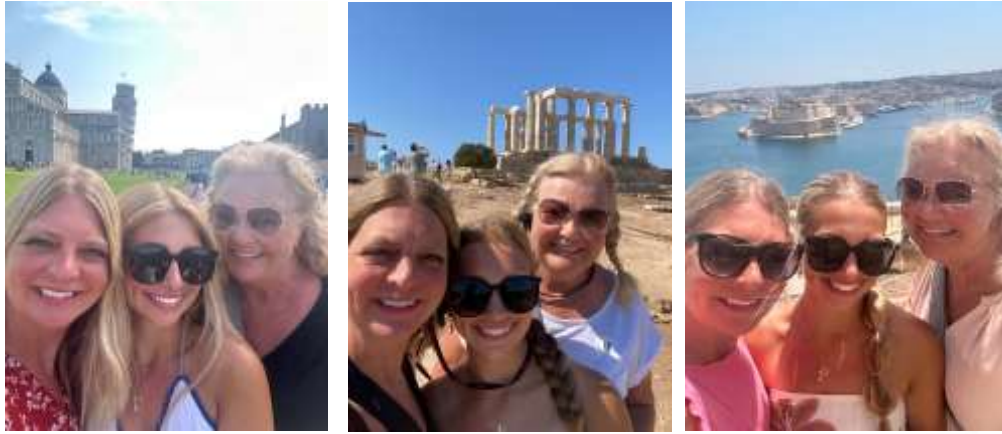


*Private tour of the bridge of the Viking ship "Udin". Once the Captain realized that I am a pilot, we had an in depth discussion of all the pilot's controls. Awsome! I'm sitting in his chair.*

**Marcelaine Wininger** : Marcelaine helped her daughter and granddaughter spend their inheritance in August!

The three generations "gurlz club" flew to Rome to tour the Vatican and Colosseum before boarding a ship at Civitavecchia for a ten-day cruise that included shore excursions at eight Greek and Italian ports!

The once-in-a-lifetime trip was an international education for the fourteen-year-old granddaughter who made friends on board from all over the world.



*Three generations at the Leaning Tower, Temple of Poseidon, and Valetta, Greece*

**Carol Gosling:** I had a lovely trip to Ontario, Canada, 3 weeks with my long-time friend Mavis of 63 years, and had a lot of catching up as I had not been to visit since 2019, although we do phone often.

First off my luggage didn't arrive with me, but did arrive the next evening delivered to the door safely. I had to shop for some things to see me through, nice to have to buy new items.

The weather was cooler so I enjoyed that, did a lot of visiting with her sons, David and Andrew and their wives and her two grandchildren. Had a BBQ at the house of David that is where the photos were taken.

We did have a cream tea, scones with jam and clotted cream, typically English at a tea shop. Had a Swiss Chalet chicken dinner, one of my favorites to visit while in Ontario, also a visit to The Mandarin, a Chinese restaurant, I have to eat some of the food I can't get in Florida.

Mavis and I did visit around Barrie, that is on Lake Simcoe, people do swim in the lake and we walked around part of the lake on my visit. I had fun and enjoyed my trip.



*Carol, Andrew, David and Mavis.*

**Donna Wilt :** Dennis and I drove almost 9000 miles from Sabastian, west to California, north to Washington state and then southeast back home through the middle of the country. Our trip was amazing, awe inspiring, and just plain fun. We visited friends and family including:

Emerald Coast Chapter 99 Carol Voss at her home on Roy E Ray Airport in Bayou La Batre, Alabama

Past Spaceport 99 member Margaret Napolitan in Lake Charles LA

Mount Shasta chapter 99 Barbara Boot in Corning CA, the woman that sold me her C-152, Yellowbird

Recent Florida Tech graduates now working at Garmin in Olathe KS.





*Donna and Past Spaceport 99 member Verba Moore in Biloxi MS*

Some of the most memorable places we visited included:

WWII museum in New Orleans

Sedona AZ

Reagan Presidential Museum in Semi Valley CA

Pacific Coast Highway north of Big Sur

Museum of Flight in Seattle WA



*World's first fighter aircraft 1914*



*Yosemite National Park*

**Spaceport Board of Directors:** Judi Oswald, Marcelaine Wininger, Donna Wilt, Sandy Parks and Ellie Hoffman met in July to plan the upcoming year. That is not an easy job!

### **Scholarship Winner:**

This year's winner of the Blackwell-Walker Scholarship is Brandy Hernandez. Brandy is transitioning from helicopter to fixed wing. Brandy is a member of the Air National Guard. She earned her instrument rating just a day before learning that she had won this scholarship. Brandy will use these funds toward her Commercial Multi Engine rating.



## Meeting schedule for Sept. 2024 thru June 2025:

We still plan to meet the second Saturday of the month for most meetings.

- September 14– Rep from Piper – Carly Shukiar, Fleet Sales Manager
- October 12– TBD – if you have an idea, contact Judi at [oswaldrj@gmail.com](mailto:oswaldrj@gmail.com)
- November 9– \*Paint compass rose – Valkaria Airport
- December 14– Toys for Tots pancake breakfast– Merritt Island Airport
- January 11– Holiday party
- February 15– KSC – Mimi Hanley
- March 15– Don Wilson – President's plane – part 2
- April – Sun 'n Fun / Section Meeting / no chapter meeting
- May 10– Spruce Creek- Leo Murphy, Night Witches (Change dates because of Mother's Day?)
- June 14– Induction lunch
- Fall 2025–SE Section Meeting will be hosted by Daytona 99s

\*November Rose Painting – Most people should come around 10AM. A few come at 8 to help with set up.

## Fall First Wings Application is due Oct.1

The Fall First Wings Application is available in the "Members Only" section of The Ninety-Nines website.

Fall First Wings Applications are due to the chapter by October 1st. Anyone intending to apply should work with their AE chapter chair and locate a mentor as soon as possible.

Applicants should read the instructions carefully and review the application tips included on the website. Applicants are encouraged to ask questions. Your AE chapter chair is your first resource.

Leonia Hunt, [leoniahunt@gmail.com](mailto:leoniahunt@gmail.com), is the Spaceport 99s AE chapter chair.

## Possible new 99s Chapter:

As you know. our chapter covers a sprawling geographic area, including Orlando and Clermont.

Subsequently some of our 99s from the Orlando and Clermont area find the drive to our Spaceport meetings difficult or impossible.

Our Executive Board/Board of Directors has been discussing this dilemma... and in the interest of FOSTERING aviation and MENTORING women pilots, we would like to offer you an opportunity to participate in the chartering of a new Central Florida Chapter.

The chartering members would determine where and when the new Central Florida Chapter would meet and who the charter officers would be.

Bobbi Lasher has stepped away from her role as our Membership Chair. Our new chair is Clermont resident Marcelaine Lewis. Marcelaine chartered the Northwoods Chapter in 2007 and was an original member of the Maui 99s. She has agreed to assist the new chapter in their paperwork and initial organization.

Remember our 99s mission: *Promote advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight! This is the spirit that Spaceport is reflecting in offering this opportunity to our members for more convenient 99s participation and fellowship.*

If you have ANY INTEREST in participating in the new chapter chartering, please contact Marcelaine at [Marcelaine@up.net](mailto:Marcelaine@up.net).

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**SAFECON at Lakeland is Oct 14-19.** With the central location of the SAFECON competition being at KLAL Lakeland Linder Airport (Home of Sun 'n Fun), I would like to see a big turnout from the 99s throughout the week. A women competitors' social is planned for Wednesday of that week at 4:00pm at the 99s House and sponsored by the 99s to inform the women of our mentoring, scholarships, and camaraderie available to all members. Your presence would be invaluable. The greatest need for judges (and you don't have to have experience or even be a pilot!) will be Tuesday-Thursday. Please visit the Region IX SAFECON website: <https://nifa.aero/event/region-9-safecon-2024/>

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That's all for now. See you at the September meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.