

# The Crab Pot



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## Upcoming Chapter Events

Topic: Maryland 99s Chapter Meeting - August  
Time: Aug 14, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time  
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9739925140?pwd=NDIEekNXVXIjJCcHROZDNPS2UxUT09>

Meeting ID: 973 992 5140

Passcode: Cessna150

OR join us in person at Harford County (0W3) (FBO)!

## Upcoming Regional Events

The Mid Atlantic Fall Section Meeting will be hosted by the Maryland 99s.

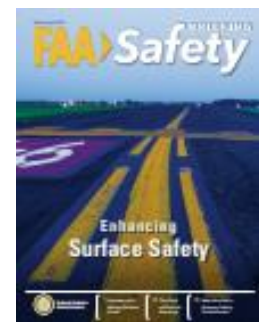
Check the 99s Calendar Website for Upcoming Events:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/calendar.htm>

## Publications

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/pdf/newsmagazine/20210102.pdf>

[https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2021/media/MarApr2021.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2021/media/MarApr2021.pdf)



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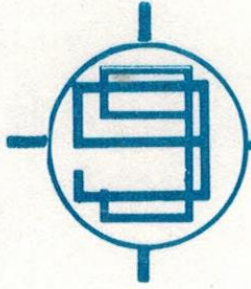
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## Chapter Newsletter Input

✂ Send us your latest flying destinations, restaurant recommendations, or any new ratings/endorsements!

## Chapter Information – NEED INPUT

Members have asked for distribution of emails to other members. Email addresses are available from the 99s website, but it takes time to search. Members are



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### Maryland Chapter, Inc.

### June Chapter Meeting Recap / Chapter News

**Attendance:** Jane Toskes, Georgeanna Rokos, Haley McCullough, Donna Sewell, Anita Ammon, Christine Pullman, Shannon O'Brien, Joanna Williams, Alice Li, Joy Halcott, Carol Christian, Sophia Dengo, Julian McCullough, Leslie Hoffmeister, Stephanie Baynes.

NOTE: The Chapter member list is available on website in members only section ([ninety-nines.org](http://ninety-nines.org))

Members discussed **distribution of emails to other members**. It was noted that emails are available from the 99s website, but that it takes time to search and download. The consensus was that a request should go out to all members indicating that, barring objection, emails will be distributed to ease communication. Anyone who does not want their email to go out to the chapter should contact Maria E. prior to July 30, 2021.

Donna Sewell provided the **Membership report**:

Currently, the MD chapter has total membership of 42. We have 2 charter members still in the chapter – Doris Jacobson and Georgeanna Rokos. We also have 10 student pilots.

Alice (Zheng) Li provided the **Treasurer's report**. We have a total of just under \$5000 in 2 accounts. Chapter dues are now due for this year. They are voluntary. \$20 suggested. Payments can be made to [lizhengzju@gmail.com](mailto:lizhengzju@gmail.com) through Paypal, Zelle, or mail to 9844 Middle Meadow Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. In the past, the Chapter gives \$25 donations to: the International Women's Air and Space Museum, the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum, the National Intercollegiate Scholarship Fund, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. All are aviation oriented. All voted in favor of making the donations again this year.

**Updates as to members:** Next week is Shannon O'Brien's checkride—in NY—Good Luck, Shannon!

One of the chapter founding members, Doris Jacobson, now lives in Texas. Donna talked with her last week. Had a bad fall and after a lengthy rehab stay is now at home. The chapter sent her a bouquet. She also received notice from HQ for 50 continuous years as member of 99s.

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**Next month we will not have chapter meeting** because of the international meeting on Sat Jul 10 at 12 Eastern. The national will request participation credential emails; look for them. The international meeting will discuss proposals—13 proposed amendments –lots of background on them. They may do away with delegate voting. Contact Jane if you would like to have a say in how proposals are voted on—as she is our delegate at the meeting. If anyone wants else to attend the international meeting and vote—we did take a poll at our meeting and had no takers—have fun, Jane! It was decided Jane would vote for all of us—

**Our Chapter will meet again in August**, likely at OW3—we will be very busy getting ready for airmarking and hosting the fall section meeting.

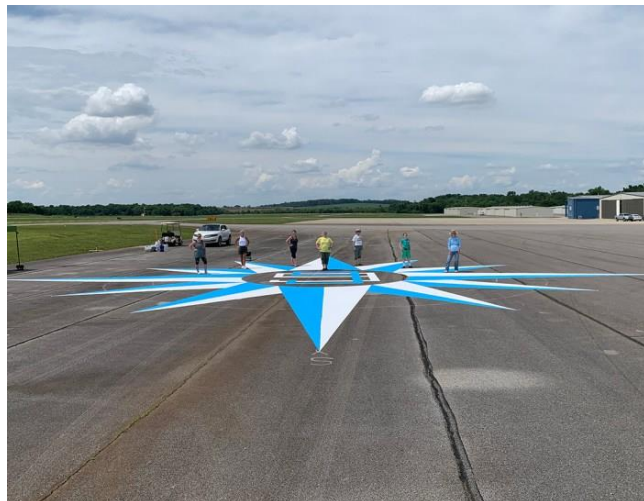
**The Fall Section Meeting** will be officially hosted by our very own MD Chapter. The date is Oct 16 for meeting itself at Martin State Airport and vicinity. There will be a social on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at the Glenn Martin museum on the grounds of the airport. On Saturday morning, the schedule will be a chapter chairman’s meeting and then another meeting lasts until noon. In the past, about 20 members attended. There will be a van for those landing at MTN to the hotel. Rooms are \$129 for a queen with sofabed. The meeting room will be \$300.

The afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be an A-10 visit, tour, and opportunity to fly the simulator are all still available. Previously we discussed a BWI tour, Guinness tour—and they are all possible. Joanne Niles had offered to fund the Friday night social pizza—Donna volunteered to contact her.

Sophia Dengo has volunteered to run the event, along with Joy—as co-chairs. There should be an honoraria for Doris and Joy as life members.

**Airmarking—at OW3**

**Sept 25, 2021**



**Airmarking.** Stephanie Baynes is running the **Airmarking** at OW3. We have design, permission from OW3, and the date of Sept 25. Civil Air Patrol will help paint, with Sugarloaf 99s. We will get the paint. The design is 80 feet from tip to tip –located by the fuel tanks.

## Member News. Their Achievements. Your Inspiration.

### Member News:

**Shannon O'Brien** has provided a link to her 1st solo flight on her YouTube channel. She gives a shoutout to the Ninety Nines Maryland Chapter at the end of the video and in the description.

Link: <https://youtu.be/odjo9feMAfY>

Like many of our membership, flying has always been her passion. Both of her Grandfathers were in aviation who worked as aircraft mechanics, one pursued a career in the NTSB and the other served in the U.S. Air Force. He also had his private pilot certificate who thoroughly enjoyed general aviation and co-owned two airplanes. She went on her first flying lesson in 2011 with her grandfather after graduating from college:

“I remember the exact moment we reached rotation speed, our wheels of the Cessna 172 lifted off the ground and tears immediately fell from my eyes. A love for flight was born that continues to grow and deepen as the years go by.

After 5 years working for the Federal Government and earning my Masters Degree, I made the decision to walk away from my desk and follow my heart straight to the runway and became a Flight Attendant for Delta Air Lines based in New York City. Flying around the world meeting so many inspirational airline and former military pilots over 6 years, I was determined to follow my heart to the flight deck. This past year after retiring from 8 years of competing in the Miss International pageant system and collecting and delivering military appreciation letters across the borders of America, I hung up my sash and crowns and picked up the 2021 FAR/AIM in hopes to now serve the country. I'm working on my private pilot certificate full-time and am hoping to earn a pilot slot in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Eventually I would love to be a Delta Air Lines pilot and continue traveling the globe with a pair of wings for the best airline in the world. I am also honored to be a 2nd Lt in the Civil Air Patrol Andrews Composite Squadron and am looking forward to my onboarding experience as a Civil Air Patrol pilot. This has been the most special chapter of my life and I'm eternally grateful for the army of support around me. I'm so excited for all the adventures on the horizon to unfold and to forever celebrate the Ninety Nines Maryland chapter of female pilots as we continue spreading our wings, advancing our ratings and sharing our love of aviation in our community!”

Shannon is eternally grateful for the support of the Ninety Nines Maryland chapter as we continue spreading our wings, advancing our ratings and sharing our love of aviation in our community—

## More Member News

**Joy Halcott** has recently become a Life Member. AND has earned her Ground Instructor Rating. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**Lauren Brenneman**, who is on a track to become a professional pilot, has accomplished several of her aviation goals leading to her future career. Besides obtaining her Certificate from CCBC for the Professional Pilot Program, she's earned her Private Pilot License, Commercial Rating, and Instrument Rating and has completed all her Written Exams for Single Engine Airplane Pilot and Flight Instructor and Ground Instructor. **Lauren scored 100 % on her FII (Instrument Flight Instructor Written) !** Lauren's also been working towards her Tail Wheel Endorsement and is now starting Aerobatic Training. Can't wait to hear what plane she'll be using for her Multi-Engine Rating. **CONGRATULATIONS, LAUREN !!!**

*MD 99s Members, please let us know what aviation goals you accomplish--Solo? Stage Checks? Writtens Passed? Experiences? Cross-Countries?*  
 Contact: Maria ([mdesgirt@comcast.net](mailto:mdesgirt@comcast.net)); Donna ([DSUWALL@aol.com](mailto:DSUWALL@aol.com)); or Jane ([planejane49@gmail.com](mailto:planejane49@gmail.com)) We love to cheer you on !

## Aviation Love Stories/ Member Bios

**Haley McCullough** has been kind enough to share her story:

“Here’s a little bit about myself: I’ve been flying with my dad in a Cessna 172 since I was about 4 years old. I’ve basically grown up in that plane and have so many amazing memories from it. I started taking lessons at Brett Aviation when I was still in high school, but I was only 15, so I couldn’t drive yet. Scheduling became hard, and I had to wait until I was older before I could really get serious about my training. Now at 19, I’ve been able to keep track of my own schedule. I’ve been taking lessons down at Martin State with Kara Murano since the beginning of May. It’s been so great!! I’ve definitely fallen in love with flying, even more than before. It is an honor for me to be able to fly the Cessna 172 that I’ve grown up in. I try to practice with Kara three times a week. Sometimes my dad and I will go up for pattern work as well. I went up to practice the pattern with my dad on Sunday and I have another lesson with Kara tomorrow morning.

School-wise, I’m a sophomore at Penn State University. I’m majoring in Public Relations, and double-minoring in Media Production and Business. I hope to also achieve a Sports Journalism certificate but the time I graduate. This summer, besides working on my private pilot’s license, I’m working two jobs. The first as a lifeguard, and the other as a research assistant at PSU.”

Our best to Haley as she continues on her amazing journey!



## More Aviation Love Stories/ Member Bios

**Alice Li** came to the US from China. In China, she always knew she wanted to fly since she was 10 or 11. The standards in China were very high—first physical ones, males only, height requirements and no glasses were permitted. You also had to be in the military to be trained, as there is no general aviation as there is in the US. Aviation is highly regulated, and she did not qualify. When she came to the US, she started at flight school, saved up and started training to be a pilot. She started when she was 16—it took 2 yrs for her to get her license. Unfortunately, she has not flown for 2 yrs—but wants to try to go back and get her instrument rating. Alice's drive and persistence are tremendous and we hope that she soon gets back in the air!

*Dear Alice (Our Treasurer),*

*In 2009, as Chairman of the MD 99s at that time, I was contacted by FOX Studios in Hollywood. At first I thought it was a joke, but it was real. They were getting ready to release the film about Amelia Earhart called AMELIA starring Hilary Swank playing Amelia Earhart and her leading man was Richard Gere. The Baltimore area was one of the cities across the country where the Studio would premier the movie and they wanted our 99s Chapter's help with the promotion and the opening night premier which took place at the Theaters at White Marsh. The Hollywood Studio sent us lots of posters—both small and very large ones—along with flyers for advertising. We displayed the posters all over the Baltimore metro area and, of course, at all MD airports as well as distributing the flyers. We were responsible for taking reservations and distributing all the tickets for the viewing at the White Marsh movie theater and being on hand the night of the premier to welcome everyone. What an exciting time that was!!!*

*Recently in reorganizing some of the 99 things I have stored, I came across one of the smaller posters and immediately thought of your Amelia. I thought you might like to have it to put in her room now or save it for her until she's older when she may want to hang it in her room.*

*Wishing you and Mike and Amelia all my best,*

*Donna*



*Alice and her husband, Mike, had the poster framed and took pictures with their daughter Amelia who already is playing with airplanes—a future 99????*



## Special Feature/Historical Article

*Special Feature submitted by Donna Suwall (as a landmark date, June 15, 1921, passed 100 years since Bessie Coleman received her pilot's license)*



### **This is why Bessie Coleman went to France to learn to fly**

From the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) – a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Montreal, Canada

*IWOAW is celebrating 100 Years of Female Pilots of all Races as part of Women Of Aviation Week 2021.*

*“You n--- women ain’t never goin’ to fly, not like those women I saw in France,” her brother John told her in front of her clientele at the barbershop where she specialized in manicure care. She smiled and replied; “That’s it – You just called it for me.”*

She applied to almost every American flying school to no avail. Coleman’s flying dreams were put on hold until she met Robert S. Abbott, editor and publisher of the Chicago Weekly Defender.

He suggested France as a training spot for her because, as he put it, the French still possessed a kind of “aero mania” and were more liberal in their attitudes toward women and “people of color.”

*Aviation was born in France. The world’s first human flight took place in Paris, France in 1783 when Étienne Montgolfier lifted off onboard the Montgolfier Brothers’ balloon. Unlike the Wright Brothers who refused to train or sell airplanes to women in the*

early 1900s, the Montgolfier Brothers in the late 1700s were eager to share flying with whomever was willing to try. Less than a year after the 1783 first flight, Marie Élisabeth Thible of Lyon, France, became the first woman to fly. In 1798, Jeanne Labrosse of Paris, France, became the first woman to pilot an aircraft solo. In 1799, she made the world's first female parachute jump.

*By the 1920s, French men had indeed acquired quite a reputation for training women and anyone else who wanted to learn to fly. Nine of the first ten women in the world to earn a pilot licence did so with a French man as an instructor.*

Hélène Dutrieu (#4) of Belgium travelled to France to learn to fly. So did Hilda Hewlett (#10) of England and many other women across Europe.

Those who could not travel to France often learned from French expatriates. Harriet Quimby (#10), the first American woman to earn a pilot licence in 1911, studied at the Moisant flight school owned by the French-Canadian-American Moisant Brothers. Amalia Celia Figueredo of Argentina trained with Frenchman Paul Castaibert.

*At that time, learning a new language just to be able to fly was easier than fighting off blatant discrimination.* That is why Bessie Coleman learned French at a language school on Chicago's Loop while working to save money for flight training.

One of France's most famous flight schools, l' école d'aviation des frères Caudron au Crotoy managed by French pilots and plane designers Gaston and René Caudron, accepted her training application. On November 20, 1920, she set sail towards France.

For the next seven months, she walked each day to the flight school and learned to master tailspins, banking and looping the loop. On June 15, 1921, she received international pilot's license No. 18.310 and became the world's first non-Caucasian woman to hold a pilot licence.

### In appreciation...



Sophia Dengo recently ordered some great new decals for us—and for the Fall Section Meeting—nice job, Sophia!