

The Crab Pot



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Chapter Newsletter Input

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

Upcoming Chapter Events

Maryland 99s Chapter Meeting – Sept 11

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Place: 0W3, Harford County Airport, 3538-H9 Aldino Road, Churchville, MD 21028 (in the classroom in the FBO) OR Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9739925140?pwd=NDIEekNXVXlnYjJkYHROZDNPS2UxUT09>

Meeting ID: 973 992 5140

Passcode: Cessna150

Sept 25, 25 is our compass rose painting –help us paint a new compass rose at Harford County Airport (0W3), 9AM till sunset

Upcoming Regional Events

The Mid-Atlantic Fall Section Meeting is on!!

Dates: October 15-16-17, 2021

Location: Residence Inn at White Marsh (just off I-95 at MD Route 43)

Fly In Airport: Martin State (KMTN), transportation is available from the hotel and the airport FBO (410-682-8810)

Check the website: meeting.maryland99s.org

-Link to eventbrite to register and pay for the meeting events

-Call the hotel to register (before September 10th for special room rate)

Covid Policy: Masks recommended, hand washing and social distancing appreciated.

Local mandates (if any) will be observed.

Please forward this to your fellow 99s!! Let your entire chapter know. Spread the word--
We are excited and look forward to seeing many of you!

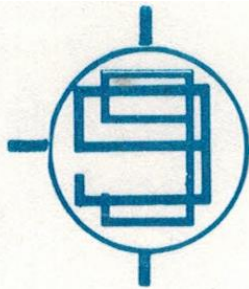
Publications

[https://www.ninety-](https://www.ninety-nines.org/pdf/newsmagazine/20210102.pdf)

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https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2021/media/MarApr2021.pdf





The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Maryland Chapter, Inc.

Chapter News- Prep for the Fall Section Meeting

Members in attendance: Betty McSorley, Sophia Dengo, Naomi Koehler, Abby Awosana, Shannon O'Brien, Stephanie Baynes, Joanna Williams, Lauren Daffin, Reagan Buzzard, Mary Anne, Aish Shrestha, Christine,

The primary purpose of our last meeting was to nail down details for section meeting. To recap decisions made: Ticket prices are \$60 after 9/14, \$50 early-bird, \$10 for the pizza social, and \$20 for kids and 49.5s.

- We'll be using Eventbrite to sell tickets to the section meeting and also to keep track of who's going to the A-10s and the Guinness Brewery.
 - This is our Eventbrite link for Section: --- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-ninety-nines-mid-atlantic-section-fall-meeting-tickets-167737151335>
- We have a T-shirt design specific to our chapter for sale now: <https://www.customink.com/g/etu0-00cg-3tqr> These are just for the Maryland ladies, to wear to compass rose or the Section meeting.
- Fundraiser active for the new Ginny Scholarship: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/md99s>

Hotel

- The conference will be held at the **White Marsh Residence Inn**. We have a block of 20 rooms available, but may be able to add more as needed.
- Hospitality / snack table -- need a volunteer to set it up & break it down

Registration

- Swag bags get picked up here
- Need volunteers to run registration:
 - Friday 3pm - social hour (2)
 - Saturday morning 7:30 - meeting start (2)

Friday night social

- Need confirmed time for the event
- Need volunteers to do the following:
 - Order pizza
 - Set up (2)
 - Break down (2)
 - Need confirmation as to the **donation to the museum**

Saturday breakfast

- The hotel provides a light breakfast; we'd talked about supplementing.

- If yes, we need volunteers to set this up and break it down after

Saturday lunch

- Joy had the great suggestion of doing a grocery/Costco tray thing instead of catering it
- Need volunteers to set up & break it down
- **Currently have two potential speakers/need gifts/honoraria for them**
- **Need a volunteer who will greet the speaker and make sure they know where they're going**

Saturday afternoon activities:

- We'll have a variety of things. A-10s and Guinness tour are by reservation, so there will be choices in the Eventbrite for that. Coordination/volunteers to direct/drive to the areas.

Saturday dinner

- This is a pay-for-yourself event, but we need to pick a restaurant and get a headcount to make a reservation
- **Need 2 drivers from hotel to restaurant**

Sunday send-off

- Low-key. Hotel will do breakfast again, we can put out whatever snacks we have left and maybe get some donuts
- Volunteers to say goodbye to our new friends

Swag bag:

- **Maria** has ordered some bags we can stuff. We will have 50
- **Stickers** exist -- both the blue 99 logo and our MD 2021 logo. Considering ordering another round that doesn't have the year on it.
- **Patches** -- the initial run has disappeared into the ether, but I can order another. If I remember correctly, it was \$150 for 50 patches. **Are we ok with this expense?**
- Need a volunteer to reach out to AOPA for ~ stuff ~
- Need a volunteer to reach out to 99s for ~ stuff ~
- Any other orgs we want to ask for swag? Pilots N Paws? WAI?
- Plus we can toss a bottle of water and a snack in each one
- **Need volunteers to stuff swag bags**
- I'd like to put a welcome note or postcard of some sort in the bag as well, with our website and socials and the schedule of events for the weekend. If someone can write the welcome note, I can do the rest.
 - Need to find the print cost for this

Costco / grocery runs: We'll have to make a proper list, but:

- paper goods if MaryBeth needs an assist
- hotel snacks & water (also for swag bag)
- drinks for Friday night
- sat breakfast
- sat lunch
- **Stephanie** said she'd be down to do a Costco run; who wants to join her? **Joy?**

The meeting itself

- Will be run by governor and section officers.
- Need an emcee, timekeeping & notetaking
- There should be an honoraria for Doris and Joy as life members.

Raffle

Recommend raffle via Onsite in cash via Venmo and Paypal

- Possible raffle items
 - The 99s int'l site has some cute wings that are \$8 apiece; I've inquired as to availability and shipping. Figured we could get a couple and have those as a prize
 - A fundraiser t-shirt? (Would anybody like to donate one?)
 - Reagan's mom had some great suggestions -- a lap quilt and a pedal plane were among them

Publicity, etc

- Our PR chair Shannon and Sophia are working together on: social media (instagram, facebook)

Airmarking—at OW3

Sept 25, 2021

The picture is the location of the future compass rose at OW3, and a few of our precise painters



Airmarking. Stephanie Baynes is running the **Airmarking** at OW3. We have design, a layout, paint, permission from OW3, and the date of Sept 25. The Eventbrite for the Compass Rose -- we're using this to help us get an idea of how many people will come, so we know what we need from a tools & refreshments perspective: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-99s-paint-a-compass-rose-tickets-166208765893>

Member News. Their Achievements. Your Inspiration.

“Welcome to Oshkosh!” by Sophia Dengo



I've been to Oshkosh twice -- 2019 was my rookie year, and this year was my first flying in as PIC. I've loved it, so of course I want to encourage everyone I know to go as well. Here's what I've learned so far:

Flying In

Flying the approach into OSH is a rite of passage, and for good reason. It's an intense thing to do after flying several hours, when you're tired and hot and just want to get there already. There are innumerable articles on getting ready to fly in, so I won't rehash them, but I will add:

- **It's all in the preparation.** Most articles touch on this, but it's worth emphasizing. There's a massive NOTAM, which you should study. You can also watch YouTube videos and look at satellite views of the area to try and identify landmarks ahead of time.
- **Weight & balance:** camping gear can get heavy, humans are heavy, and fuel is heavy. You can ship stuff ahead of time, and definitely check your weight & balance and performance before departure. My Cherokee was within its envelope, but it flew very differently, loaded so heavily and with most of the weight in the back.
- **Carry snacks and water.** It's a long day of flying from the east coast (or days, if the weather interferes). Carry food and water. It's worth the weight to not be in your last half hour of flight exhausted, hungry, and dehydrated, and any leftovers can go into the show with you. Plus if you're the hangry type like me, it'll help keep your friendships intact!
- **ATC will talk to you,** but it's not really two-way communication, and they're identifying you by color and model. I was worried about this -- how would I know they were calling me? ("White Cherokee at

Fisk” could mean any number of airplanes, I thought.) It turns out it’s pretty clear: pay attention, and you’ll hear them call out the airplanes ahead of you, so you get a sense of where you are in line.

- ATC will tell you what they want you to do, and if you start to deviate **they will correct you** in the kindest way possible. They will also absolutely tell you to go around if you should. There’s a reason these people are known as the best controllers in the world!
- **Go listen to ATC** from previous years to get a sense of the rhythm of arrivals, so that it feels familiar when it’s your turn.
- **Put another pilot in the right seat.** They can keep eyes outside for other aircraft, help you listen to ATC, and generally let you focus on flying the approach. I was lucky: my copilot was the guy who taught me to fly, and he was coaching me all the way in (though he swears I did it on my own).
- **Enjoy it!** This landing was the most delicious landing since my first solo. Watch [the video of our arrival](#) and you’ll hear me laughing out of sheer relief and satisfaction. (Also, I was so focused; I had absolutely no memory of talking, of laughing, or of any of the details of the approach until I saw the video.)

Camping

I’ve camped twice in the North 40, which is quite literally a giant field of airplanes and tents. There are other options if you’re quick about it -- AirBnb and hotels, or RVs in the area -- but the people I’ve gone with camp by default. I don’t like camping, since I did enough of it as a teenage Girl Scout, but throw airplanes into the mix and I’m game to meet the challenge:

- **Make sure you can sleep.** Camp can be as basic or as luxe as you want, and you’ll see setups spanning the spectrum. However you do it, make sure you’re comfortable enough to sleep! I took a thick camping pad, an extra blanket (it gets chilly at night), and a full-size pillow.
- **Take earplugs and an eye mask.** I didn’t use mine most nights, but it was *so nice* to have them when I wanted them.
- **It will storm.** It’s inevitable. The question is whether your camp will survive the storm. Take a good tent with a full rainfly, quality tent stakes with extras, and a tarp. Also, make sure your insurance is up to date, because if it hails, there’s not a hell of a lot you can do about it, unless you beat the rush to buy out all the packing equipment in Oshkosh to wrap the airplane in. (And if you have good friends who offer to let you crash in their hotel room mid-storm, take them up on it!)
- **Pack your essentials in a dry bag or a water-resistant duffel.** Just in case your tent does flood, you don’t want to lose a day doing laundry after.
- On arrival, **go to Target or Walmart.** Get a cooler, ice, drinks, and snacks. Also do not forget sunscreen and bug spray; you’ll need them both and regret not having them.
- Strongly recommend starting and ending your days in the North 40 by sitting next to the runway and **watching ops.** Grab those drinks and snacks and enjoy the airplanes -- that’s what you’re there for!

AirVenture

AirVenture is *massive*, and amazing. You will see every airplane you can think of and some that look absolutely improbable. There is so much to see and do that it can feel overwhelming, so pace yourself!

- **Carry water.** It’s hot, and you will dehydrate. Carry it, drink it, refill your bottles at the very many stations around the event. Drink more than you think you should.
- **Get your swag early.** Want a souvenir? Go on day 1. By mid-show the pickings are slim, and by the end of the show a lot of shelves will be empty.

- **Watching the show:** you can watch the show from the middle of the airport of course, but if you want to avoid the crowds, try watching from your campsite. I can vouch for the show being visible from the North 40, at least.
- If you're at Osh for more than a couple of days (I've done the whole 10 days), give yourself permission to **have slow days**, or to take a day off. Watch arrivals, hang out at camp, go offsite. Going into the show every day is exhausting; if you need a break, take one!
- **Go to the Seaplane Base.** I was skeptical of this, but the Seaplane Base is shady, quieter than the main event, and not as crowded. Watching seaplanes come and go is soothing, and nobody will fault you for taking a nap by the lake.
- **Volunteer with the Ninety-Nines!** We have a booth in one of the hangars, staffed by volunteers who want to share about the organization with other show-goers and sign up new Ninety-Nines. It's also a really great way to meet Ninety-Nines from around the world who are stopping by to say hello! You'll get a quick orientation and then you'll spend a few hours meeting great people and sharing the joy. This was definitely one of my highlights this year, and I look forward to going back and volunteering again.

