

# The Crab Pot



## 2021-2022 Chapter Officers

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## Upcoming Chapter Events

**Maryland 99s Chapter Meeting – June 11, 10AM** at  
MTN Classroom 412 OR Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9739925140?pwd=NDIEekNXVXlncjJCcHROZDNPS2UxUT09>

Meeting ID: 973 992 5140  
Passcode: Cessna150



**VOLUNTARY DUES REMINDER.** Chapter dues (\$20 regular, \$10 for student pilots) to be paid before June 1st. These voluntary dues support chapter activities such as the Women in Aviation Day and additional supplies for compass rose painting.

Alice notes: Payment via Venmo is great, @Maryland99s, or Zelle, search phone number 404-984-0617

If anyone prefers check, can make check payable to Maryland chapter 99s; 9844 Middle Meadow Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

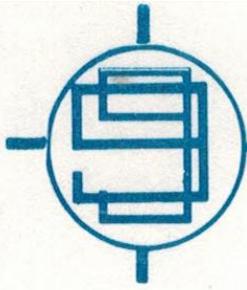
Thank you!!!

## Maryland Chapter Message

There was no May Chapter meeting because of the Section meeting. To date, no formal notes have been generated from the Section meeting, so what follows are informal notes.

## Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting

The Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting was held on May 14, 2022 the Section includes many 12 chapters from: Pennsylvania, DC, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland.



## The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

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### Maryland Chapter, Inc.

The International vice president, Terry Carbonell noted congratulations to a new Chapter, the Mountaineers--they are now an official chapter now.

She also noted that there are member's benefits on the website—there is a list of discounts, etc. to members.

She also spoke about the “Let’s Fly Now” that is new and described on the website. It is a first flight program—it provides plane time—not just for kids—easy to set up an event; go to 99s website—follow directions, insurance, logbooks, etc. You can do the registration on the database. At our last event we had 28 people fly—signed up new members.

Overall, International has a strategic plan with 5 objectives, with an emphasis on leadership at all levels. We have initiated the “Rock the East Coast” aviation tour in August. Lin Caywood, the incoming Governor, has registered—you can do that through the website.

The International Conference is in Charleston NC, the weekend of July 9. Please make sure you watch for mid-June credentialing for the meeting. You won’t be able to vote if you have not credentialed. There will be a Friday afternoon communications session that will be hybrid.

Section Election results (and many thanks again to Sophia and Jane for pulling together the election to make it successful: Governor: Lin Caywood; Vice-Governor: Maria Esparraguera; Secretary: Katrina Emery; Treasurer: Barb Gruber; Directors: Laura Brenneman and Joy Halcott

The new officers will be in place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. For the elections, we had 20% of people voting, of 428 members. We also received 12 written votes.

If anyone is going to Oshkosh—99s International will have 2 booths there this year, please reach out to Lin Caywood. We have lots of wristbands—those who volunteer at the booths can have free access.

## Rock the East Coast Air Tour

This is a coordinated flight from Augusta, Maine to Key West, Florida from August 18-22, 2022. The event is limited to 15 planes; at least 5 have already registered.

This event is FREE to register and a complimentary t-shirt will be provided at the start. All costs to participate must be paid by the participants including hotels, meals, fuel, FBO charges, etc.

If you are not up to the full length of the flight, the first planned stop is KFDK on 19 August--a Friday--it might be a wonderful way to greet them off by meeting them there--!

The link to the event is: <https://site.corsizio.com/c/625afa2c566021ab17e831f3> and the plan is to arrive in Augusta KAUG Thursday, August 18. One leg per day until they land at KEYW on Monday, August 22. The Planned Route is KAUG - KFDK - KFFA - KSSI - KEYW and is subject to change for weather.

## Member Contributions

**Aish Shrestha Passed her Private Pilot on Monday, 30 May! Congrats Aish! WOOT!**



**Marty Bass, a television news reporter for the CBS affiliate WJZ in Baltimore, interviewed those connected with the Glenn L. Martin Aviation museum in celebration of the release of Top Gun Maverick movie. He interviewed several of the museum spokespersons and historians about the displays at the museum, to include the F4 Phantom 2, which was the plane that initiated the Top Gun training school.**

**One of those interviewed was one of our own, Jane Toskes—you make us proud, Jane!**



## W99 Ocracoke Island

By Maria Esparraguera

I didn't plan to go to W99. I had flexibility to get in an overnight flight and weather seemed to be cooperating. But not enough.

My first choices were north--Block Island or Montauk, but the wind was high and increasing to the north, so I started to look for prospects to the south. I've been to First Flight, (KFFA, Kill Devil Hills), and thought about exploring further. So W99 was a whim, although once determined, certainly planned.

On a somewhat direct course, following the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay to Norfolk, the first thing that struck me after passing KFFA was that there was a much bigger expanse of water going to Hatteras—and that the Outer Banks are really narrow. Both factors limit you in the event of an engine out. Altitude is your friend—

KFFA as well as Hatteras (KHSE) do not have fuel or services, but Manteo (KMQI), is a great stop for refueling.

The runway at W99 is almost 3000' long and easy to find. It sits steps to the beach with tie-downs on pavement. I would bring tie ropes because many are missing or frayed. Owned and run by the Park Service, there are porta-johns and an unmanned pilot lounge. There is a requirement to call beforehand if you're landing at night. Cell reception is great across the island. You can walk to restaurants and hotels although they are at least ½ mile along a lively road, so if you have bags, you may want to call to have a golf cart rental or hotel pick you up. Overnight, we stayed at Pam's Pelican B&B, whose motto is "Peace Love and Bacon Grease." Pam was very kind and picked us up immediately, was reasonably priced, will take pets and likes cash payment. If you want more luxurious accommodations, you may want to look in the center of town by the harbor (Ocracoke Harbor Inn and the Castle Courtyard Villas looked fancy). From Pam's, we walked to Howard's Pub, a casual locals dining spot, which was excellent.

The next morning, we took Pam's graciously-provided bikes to tour the town. I saw several golf carts with dogs hanging out the back, a very "island" thing. The lighthouse was our first stop. It has a great walking trail along the shoreline—Springer's Point Nature Preserve. Then we biked to Silver Lake harbor and completely circled it, noting the Preservation Museum as well as the Civil War Memorial. We took the British Cemetery Road past quite a few art stores and galleries—Ocracoke has a large artisan population. We also rode our bikes down South Point Road and were treated to endless beach.

Ocracoke Island is the most remote inhabited island of the Outer Banks. The British ran aground close to the island in 1585, it was not until the early 1700s until it was used as shelter by pirates. During the Revolution, it is said that supplies for Washington's army came through Ocracoke, despite British patrols.

In the early 1800s, lighthouses were built. Later, the Confederate Army built a fort on the island, later abandoned due to shallow, shifting sands. After the war, the village declined to a hundred or so inhabitants. In 1942 a naval base was established there, and the infrastructure established by the base served as the foundation for new inhabitants and tourism.

Today it takes an hour for ferries to get to the island, the only non-aviation means of access. There are about 800 permanent residents and one school. The word I would best use to describe it is "unspoiled"—

Definitely a fun and memorable trip.

