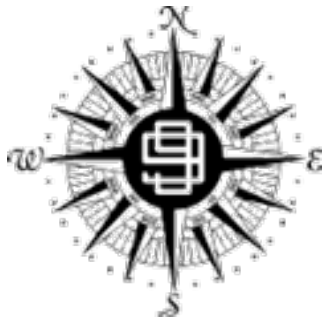


THE LEADING EDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR THE 99S AMBASSADOR CHAPTER



WELCOME

A brand new edition of The Leading Edge is awaiting you.

In this issue:

There is **IMPORTANT BREAKING NEWS** from Kirsten, our Chair

Kira has important information about the **2012 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Great achievement: Michelle has been accredited **Master CFI**

Teresa went fish spotting

Michelle flew to Spain - **IFR**

ENJOY !!

Karen



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Michelle - Master CFI



THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

by Karen Rosier

Next issue

Let me start with an apology; there is going to be a lot of Michelle Bassanesi in this issue. I thought of renaming this newsletter the "Michelle Bassanesi Special", but that would mean I could be banned to enter Rome for life and I wouldn't risk that :)). Just kidding ... but seriously, we're proud to have a Master CFI amongst us.

Then I realized, we might be a digital Chapter, but we're quite a group of women, all 57 of us. Carol is a General, Michelle is a Master CFI, Kirsten, Erin and Michelle are mentors at the PPLI program, (I've just applied to participate in the PPLI program starting Feb 2012), Rebecca has the International 99s Career Chair, Jennifer Davis survived the Joplin MS tornado, Jennifer Higgs drove supplies to Joplin MS. This list is just on top of my head and I'm absolutely aware that I've missed mentioning the rest of you, my apologies.

What I'm getting at is this: for the November issue I'm planning to make it a special about inspiration, inspiring others, being inspired yourself. If you have a story about the subject 'Inspiring others' or 'Being inspired yourself', please send it in. It doesn't have to be related to aviation, would be great though. If it is what got you passionate about something, what made you leap (remember this word for next issue), share it with us. It would be great to have an inspirational TLE in November.

Be creative. Till next month.

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AMBASSADOR CHAPTER NEWS

MEMBERS UPDATE

No new members have joined the Ambassador Chapter this month.

Leaving the Ambassador Chapter is:

JESSICA VINSON

We are sorry to see you go and do wish you all the best.

JOIN OUR MONTHLY ONLINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Each month the Ambassador Chapter members from all over the world log in for about an hour to chat free over the Internet. Join our online meetings every **9th day of the month at 9pm Eastern Time**. To join in on the fun, you'll need to download a free copy of Yahoo! Messenger at:

for a PC:

<http://messenger.yahoo.com/win.php>

for a Mac:

<http://messenger.yahoo.com/webmessengerpromo.php>

from the Web:

<http://webmessenger.yahoo.com>

And if you have questions, please contact one of the Chapter Officers for help.

If you're an Ambassador Chapter member who hasn't yet signed up for our Yahoo! Groups site, please consider doing so here. It's free and easy:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ambassador99s/join>

We use this site to post the meeting minutes, member bios announcements, and photos. Post yours today!

CONGRATULATIONS !!

99S MILESTONES SEPTEMBER 2011

(Number of years as 99S member)

5: ---
10: ---
15: ---
20: ---

CONGRATULATIONS !

Rebecca Hempel has a new piloting job!

Michelle Bassanesi has been accredited Master CFI!

COPY FOR NEWSLETTER

Have your submissions send in by the **20th of the month** (12 am ET / 6 am CET). Submissions received on the 21st (and later) will be put on hold for the next issue.

You can send your photo's by e-mail in 2 ways:

- full size
 - smaller; preferred 100-150 kb
- Large amount of photo's if possible in a zip.file

Text can be submitted in MS Word or Mac Pages.

E-mail Newsletter Editor: klmster@me.com



MESSAGES FROM HQ

ON THE CENTERLINE - SEPTEMBER 2011

Here you'll find the most important highlights of the HQ 'On the Centerline' e-newsletter.

Finally! Experimental Aircraft can now be included in your Chapter events!

Effective August 16, The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is now covered for experimental aircraft in addition to factory built fixed-wing and helicopters. Coverage continues to exclude ultra-lights, military aircraft, hang gliders and aircraft with over 50 seats. Expanding our coverage should provide Chapters and Sections with better participation at their flying events. You must notify Headquarters of all flying events by completing an insurance request form and submitting a \$125/day fee. Also updated, the \$250 fee for a certificate of insurance at events involving children is no longer required. For a full explanation go to the Members Area on our website <http://www.ninety-nines.org> click on 'Library' and scroll down to 'Insurance FAQs'.

Calling all speakers about The 99s. Our Speakers Bureau enables visitors to our website to locate a speaker by location and topic. If you are interested in being contacted regarding a speaking engagement, send your contact information, speaking topics and a speakers resume to Laura Ohrenberg at Headquarters hqmanager@ninety-nines.org so she can be sure to include you in the Speakers Bureau on the website.

Do you want your 99 News before everyone else? Is your postal service still learning the meaning of the word 'service'? Since 2007, each issue of our magazine is posted on our website and can be accessed at http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/99_news_magazine.htm. The magazine is purposefully placed on the public side of our website as a Public Relations tool and a reference for researchers. You are welcome to share the link with any interested individual, particularly future 99s.

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

Every **first week of month** a new issue of the Headquarters Dispatch will be available in the "Members Area" section of the website. The direct link to the Dispatch page on the website is:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/index.cfm/Dispatch.htm>

Once you're logged in, you may select any Dispatch from the last couple of years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 20-23 - South Central Section Meeting, Durango, Colorado

October 31 - Deadline to file Intent to Seek Election forms for the 2012 elections

November 11-12 - Fall International Board of Directors meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

December 1 - Deadline for AEMSF application submittal to Chapter AE Chairmen

December 1 - Due date for 99 News submissions for the January/February/March 2012 issue

December 20 - Deadline for AEMSF application submittal to Section AE Chairmen

December 31 - Deadline to submit Bylaws and Standing Rules proposed amendments

Future International Conferences

July 11-14, 2012 - Providence, Rhode Island, USA

July 2013 - Bozeman, Montana, USA

AMBASSADOR BULLETIN BOARD

Rebecca Hempel wrote:

After a 27 month furlough I found a new job! I am excited to be back in a Challenger 604 flying for Delta Private Jets, a subsidiary of Delta Airlines.



Rebecca, congratulations from all of us!!



If you haven't had a chance to get to know AMELIA BEARHART personally yet, please let one of the chapter officers know! Her mission is to travel around to the homes and aircraft of all of the Ambassador Chapter's members. She's got a scrapbook for photos, mementos, trinkets, etc. and an album for you to share tales of her adventures with you! Amelia's already spent time with several of our members and we'd love to have you be a part of this special project!

PRO 99S PROFILE: Michelle Bassanesi

BY BETSY DONOVAN, International Careers Committee

In 1999, at age 38, Michelle Bassanesi was invited on a friend's "long cross country" across the USA in a C172. She returned to Italy, took leave and moved to California for six months, where she achieved her private pilot certificate and instrument rating in a C172RG. She now has her FAA and JAA commercial multi/single certificates. She has flown in Italy, France, Spain, UK, New Zealand and the USA.

A part-time FAA and JAA flight instructor at the Rome Aero Club, Michelle flies out of Rome Urbe airport. "I love the opportunity of teaching what I love most and watching my students grow and achieve their wings." She has been a Ninety-Nine since March 2000 and is a member of the Ambassador Chapter. Michelle won an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship in 2007 for her instrument instructor rating.

Michelle's advice: "Stick with it. Perseverance. Resilience. Consider any obstacles you encounter as opportunities for leader-



ship. Impossible is only a stepping stone to success. Never accept no for an answer. Be careful of what you wish, it just may come true! Prepare, prepare, prepare. Age is not a factor. Nothing happens by chance. Share successes and failures, we don't make it on our own. The road is not a straight one, at times the journey may be more exciting or more important than the destination."

ERIN RECKE, 737-NG JET TYPE RATING

Ambassador Chapter, South Central Section

Enamored with airplanes since I was little, a career in aviation came as a surprise. But for the decade I've been flying, not a day goes by without a deep appreciation for this extremely cool skill I've acquired.

When I'm not ensconced in a CRJ-900 at work, I occasionally borrow my generous friend Maureen's Bonanza to fly an Angel Flight mission for patients in need. And on those cruddy weather days, I delight in cruising along the ground in search of the next coveted geocache.

Although I'm based in Atlanta, I live in Seattle. My friends and family are among the best people on the planet, and it's with their deep love and steadfast support that I live this indescribably fantastic life!



TERESSA LAU, ACADEMIC, B.S. IN AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE

Ambassador Chapter, South Central Section

First of all, I would like to thank The Ninety-Nines for the financial assistance and support of females pursuing their dreams.

Growing up on a farm in Iowa, I learned a lot about hard work and determination. These skills have come in very useful while on my journey to become a pilot. I received my associates degree at Front Range Community College while deciding where I would pursue my dream of becoming a pilot and how I was going to finance it. I chose Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where I major in Aeronautical Science and have a minor in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. I am also involved in numerous groups on campus and in my community.

I recently earned my commercial certificate and have an internship with a fellow Ninety-Nine who has shown me that aviation has endless opportunities and possibilities. It has been through encouraging female role models that I have found the strength to overcome the hurdles placed in my path. After I finish my flight training and schooling, I would like to join corporate aviation and help encourage other women find their passion.



HEALTHY EN ROUTE

by Sarah Preedy

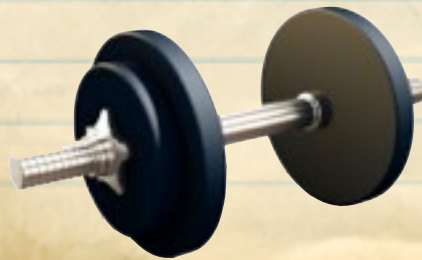
DIET

Protein keeps you full. Avoid eating a lot of carbohydrates and eat more protein rich foods like chicken, tofu, almonds, greek yogurt, beans etc. This way you eat less and stay satisfied.



EXERCISE

There are great workouts on the go. They are available on DVD and if you have a computer savvy friend, you can get it installed on your computer. My favorites are p90x, insanity, and workouts by fitness trainer, Amy Dixon.



GENERAL HEALTH

Try not to eat late at night. Not only will it keep you from sleeping well but your metabolism slows down at night and could lead to weight gain.





BREAKING NEWS! IT'S ELECTION TIME!

by Kirsten Brazier

Hello All!

Your chapter leadership has been hard at work behind the scenes and unfortunately we've been a little tardy in getting to Chapter Elections. So now is the time to rectify the situation and give everyone the opportunity to step up to the leadership plate, and/or have their say in choosing the leadership for the Ambassador Chapter.

Election Positions:

- Chair**
- Vice Chair**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**

Information on what each position entails may be found using the Elections link on the Ambassador Chapter website found here: <http://ambassador99s.org/>, along with any updates to the election process. You will also find contact emails for the current leadership on the home page, or, you can log into the members area of the 99s International site: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/> for further details if you would like to contact any of us by telephone.

If you would like to run for any of the above positions, please submit your intentions, and position statements to Kirsten Brazier, Vice Chair kirstenbr@yahoo.com or Erin Recke, Secretary flyinerin@mac.com by **no later than October 20** for publication in the November edition of the *Leading Edge*.

Candidates, position statements and voting instructions will all be profiled in the November issue. Ballots and repeat voting instructions will be sent out mid November, and voting will be conducted by email between: **December 1–15**. Results will be tallied, and winners announced in the January issue of the *Leading Edge*.

In order for this chapter to prosper and grow, we need your contribution and participation to make it happen. So please, consider entering the leadership race, and don't forget to vote!

Cheers,
Kirsten Brazier
Chair, Ambassador Chapter

2012 AE SCHOLARSHIPS

by Kira Vitale

There have been a few people asking about the AE Scholarship Applications, so I guess it must be that time of year again!

The applications are indeed available online at <http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm#AE%20Scholarship>. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please take a look. There is one for just about any aviation related training you want including flight training, jet type rating, academic, technical training, and emergency maneuver training. There is also a New Pilot Award for Associate Members who wish to finish their Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft.

If you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships please send me an email as soon as possible at kiravitale@gmail.com. I will send you information to help get you started on the right track in submitting a successful application. The deadline to get your application **completed** and to me in it's final draft is **December 1st**, however I will take it early (via email or snail mail), review it, give you feedback, allow you to edit it, take it back, review it again, give you feedback, let you edit it again, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

I am here to help you succeed.

Good Luck and I hope to have as many winners as applicants!

~Kira Vitale
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MASTER CFI

by Master Instructors LLC

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Michelle Tatia BASSANESI, Master CFI (Initial: 29Aug11)
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Michelle Bassanesi, a 1st-time Master and SAFE member, recently earned her Master CFI accreditation. Michelle works as an independent flight and ground instructor in Rome, Italy, specializing in primary training. The founder of Aviation and Women in Europe (<http://www.AWEU.org>), she is also very active in Women in Aviation International and The Ninety-Nines.

Master Instructors LLC takes pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of Michelle Bassanesi, the founder of Aviation and Women in Europe and a resident Rome, Italy. Recently, Michelle was accredited as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) by the Master Instructors LLC Board of Review, the international accrediting authority for the Master Instructor designation as well as the FAA-approved "Master Instructor Program."

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 93,000 FAA certificated CFIs around the world. Fewer than 700 of them have achieved that distinction thus far. The last 16 national Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs while Michelle is one of only 8 international teachers of flight to earn this prestigious "Master" title.

In the words of former FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, "*The Master Instructor accreditation singles out the best that the right seat has to offer.*"

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA. Candidates must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community, and must pass a rigorous evaluation by a peer Board of Review. The process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Designees are recognized as outstanding aviation educators for not only their excellence in teaching, but for their engagement in the continuous process of learning -- both their own, and their students'. The designation must be renewed biennially and significantly surpasses the FAA requirements for renewal of the candidate's flight instructor certificate.

Feel free to disseminate this information widely. Questions regarding the Master Instructor Program may be directed to **303-485-8136** or MasterInstrs@aol.com To learn more about the **Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE)**, visit <http://SafePilots.US/> For more information about the Master Instructor Program and to locate other Masters, please visit the "**Find a Master Instructor**" section of www.MasterInstructors.org

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CESSNA 337

by Teresa Sloan

In August I had the pleasure of flying my step-son's Cessna 337 for fish surveys off the coasts of Washington and Oregon. After flying a desk and a Pietenpol Air Camper for the past few years it was an opportunity to knock the rust off my multi-rating.

We flew up to 75 miles off shore. While I flew straight east-west lines, the son used a digital camera and the GPS to photograph schools of sardines. The data is used to set the quota for next year's fishing season. It was great getting to spend time with the son, the weather (for the most part) was beautiful, and the plane handled similarly to the Cessna 206s I flew in Alaska.

I just had to figure out how to sync the engines when they went to auto-rough once we got out into the ADIZ!



IFR RAID IN A C182N - SPAIN 2011

by Michelle Bassanesi



Again this year, to polish my IFR skills before my annual check, I flew a C182N over France and around Spain. At the end of the trip I was ready! Something similar would also be a great idea for an Instrument Proficiency Check, or even hours towards an instrument or commercial certificate. What better way than to "learn in progress" ... "learn as you go," and enjoy yourself besides!

For flight planning we used various tools and my favorite was RocketRoute.com. We flew a total of 18.8 hours and almost 2000 nm. Day 1 LIMB-LEGE-LELL (4.1 hrs); Day 2 LELL-LERL (3.6 hrs), LERL-LEJR-LEZL (3.1 hrs); Day 3 LEZL-LEVC-LECN (2.7 hrs), LECN-LERS-LELL (1.6 hrs); Day 4 LELL-LIMB (3.7 hrs). Such a tour, in only 4 days, had to be very well organized to avoid being stuck somewhere. We didn't get stuck

anywhere because of planning and the ability to electronically verify, file and acknowledge our flight plans ... had we not done it this way we would have flown only a leg a day, instead of two or three as we did. Weather was an issue only the first and last day, our routing and ability to wait it out the first day and beat it the last day was rewarded!

Spain doesn't seem like it but it truly is a very big European state ... brown, square, and hot. From above you can tell where and why certain weather phenomenon happen, e.g. the mountains and the dry interior. Flying SouthWest we had headwinds, average ground speed of about 110kts, and flying NorthEast we had tailwinds, at a certain point our ground speed was 165kts at FL100!

Never underestimate the importance of calculating endurance and fuel consumption, calculating top of descent, rate of descent, ability to change plans in flight, even at the last minute! A pilot must have all the charts of the intended area of flight and more ... never enough. We had them all on the Ipad as well as most of them on paper. All of the airports we stopped at, took credit cards to pay for fuel and taxes except for 2, where we needed to find a working ATM to pay by cash ... not a good idea when most ATM cards limit your daily cash credit ... also not a good idea to go around with a suitcase full of cash to pay for AVGAS ... there must be a better way? You may ask, is this written on the AIP or Notams? The answer is no. Just know your aircraft's fuel consumption and be good at calculating math ... and tell your friends!

Water and sugar levels of pilots during flight are almost as important as the amount of fuel on board for a safe outcome! Other things to be aware of: headsets can hurt after 4 hours of flight if they are not comfortable, and irritation from cockpit noise level must not be underestimated.

The best reception I have ever had in a Hotel was in Seville, where on arrival, after a long hot sticky day, we were offered a cool drink and a snack! To book our accommodation we used Booking.com, reading carefully the negative comments of previous clients before choosing where to go.

Spanish controllers are very helpful and the pilots on frequency mainly speak English. Many times during the trip I was lucky to have someone on board who spoke other languages, e.g. in French airspace and at a VFR para-jumper's airfield in Spain.

We were two instructors on board ... CRM, even in a C182, is a must plus any exchange of control was verified three times. At a certain point, when cash was low or practically nonexistent, we almost were tempted to set up shop "2 instructors looking for fuel in exchange for instruction" ... we were in tears laughing ... then we looked at each other ... evaluated the option: it can be done ... next time round!

