



Colorado Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



September 2024

Newsletter of the Colorado Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots

Upcoming Events

See page two for details.

99s Meetings

September 10 Business Meeting Zoom

September 21 Poker Run

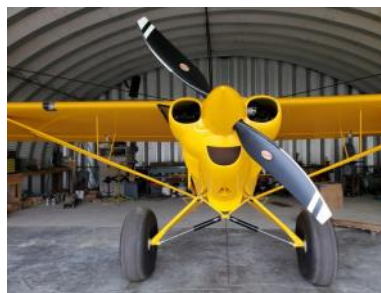


Poker Run

September 21

This is an event the whole Chapter has fun participating in. See attached flyer (page 5). We have volunteers stationed at all of the four airports - Rocky Mountain Metro (BJC), Boulder (BDU) Longmont (LMO), and Fort Collins (FNL). The Terminus will be at Rocky Mountain Metro. People start flying/riding/driving to the other airports around 9 AM, and end up at Metro usually before noon. They will have the opportunity to buy hands at any of the airports, as well as lunch from Colorado Pig Rig food truck to on site at Metro. Please arrive at Sheltair Aviation KBJC by 12:30pm at the latest and park in the transient parking area in front of the terminal building. If you drive instead of fly, park at Sheltair and a volunteer will direct you to the hangar.

We can still use volunteers at Rocky Mountain Metro. Please let Amanda Willson willson.amanda1187@gmail.com know if you can help out.



See You There!

Meeting Schedule for August

September 10, Business Meeting Zoom



6:30PM

September 21, Poker Run



8:00AM



THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE 99s

Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

First Saturday



Join Wings Over the Rockies monthly fly-ins featuring planes, pilots and breakfast!
At the Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery
Centennial Airport (KAPA)



SEP 10



Business Meeting
At 6:30 via Zoom

SEP 14



The 2024 Longmont Airshow & Expo

SEP 21



Poker Run
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SEP 21



CPA Sponsored Mountain Flying Ground School

SEP 27-29



Fall 2024 South Central Section Meeting.
League City, Texas

OCT 5



Ian McBeth Brew n' Cue fly-in
Wray Airport (2V5)
Wray, Colorado

MAR 27-30



Spring 2025 South Central
Section Meeting
Hosted by: Lake Charles Chapter



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!

Elizabeth Bowman, Justine Carstairs, Taylor Gillespie, Aida Hughes, Linnea Jade Hull, Jenica Nicole Knight, Cindy Mauldin, Maely Steele Orr McClinton, Alicia Nicole Oliver, Avery Prochazka, Sienna Lorien Rose, Michaela Royer, Megan Avery Smith and Laura Jean Torbert



Congratulations Robbi



Robbi Fung was recently hired as Manager of Rocky Mountain Flight School at Metro (KBJC).

Congratulations Penny

Colorado Authors League 2024 Winners



Chapter member and author Penny Hamilton has won a Colorado Authors League prize for her article: "Dwight Eisenhower: America's First Pilot President" in Military Writers Society of America Snapshots anthology.



Shopping at the 99s Store

Find caps, hats, sweats, duffels and shirts! There is everything you need with a cool 99s logo at the official eStore site. You will love them!



Feature 99



Karl Sutterfield and Jason Fiala at the Chapter picnic.

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<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>

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Moving?



Longmont Airshow & Expo



The Future of Aerospace

? 2024 Longmont Airport Air Show and Expo

📍 Longmont Vance Brand Airport (KLMO)

Sept 14

2024

7am - 5pm

Airshow Demonstration from 11am-1pm



Featuring

- SVVSD Innovation Center
- Car Parade
- Military and Civilian Aircraft Demonstrations/ Displays
- Beer Garden
- Food Court
- Unauthorized Absence Band
- Additional Vendors

Hey everyone! Join fellow chapter members on Saturday, September 14th at the Longmont Airport Airshow and Expo. We'll be hosting a table meeting and greeting visitors as well as enjoying a fabulous day of flying, food and fun. The event features educational and career exhibits, flight demonstrations as well as a variety of static displays. This is a great opportunity to share our organization with our community. Volunteers are asked to wear your badge and commit to at least an hour at a time at the booth then feel free to visit exhibits and watch the show. For additional information about the expo visit <https://www.longmontairshow.com/>

Please contact Jane Link, chairman@colorado99s.org or jane@webzlink.com to volunteer your time for this really cool event.



Wings &
Wheels

POKER RUN

Hosted by:

**COLORADO
CHAPTER
NINETY-NINES**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21**

RULES

- OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES - CARS, MOTORCYCLES, ANY TYPE OF AIRCRAFT
- \$20 PER HAND - UNLIMITED HANDS!
- STOPS INCLUDE: FORT COLLINS (FNL), LONGMONT (LMO), BOULDER (BDU), TERMINUS-ROCKY MOUNTAIN METRO AIRPORT (BJC)
- START AT 8:00 AM. PICK UP A CARD AT ONE OR MORE AIRPORTS, IN ANY ORDER OR PICK UP ALL OF YOUR CARDS AT THE TERMINUS (BJC)
- SUBMIT YOUR HANDS AT THE TERMINUS (BJC) BY 12:30 PM FOR AWARDING OF PRIZES
- CHECK WEBPAGE FOR DETAILS AND LAST MINUTE UPDATES



**GREAT
PRIZES**

FOR BEST HANDS

ENJOY

FOOD TRUCK - GAMES

For more information [COLORADO99S.ORG/POKERRUN](https://colorado99s.org/pokerrun)



Chapter Picnic

Bear Creek Lake State Park was a fabulous place to have a picnic. It was a perfect day. In attendance were Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield, Kelly Kang, Robbi Fung, Carly & Jack Kurzava, Linda & Todd Wright, June Stewart, Jane Link, Jan McKenzie, Donna Miller, Margot Plummer, Terry & Jason Fiala, Nancy Reinhardt, Jacepine Hokanson, Mary Kay Zhang, Alaina Bravo and Daniel Mazin.



Attention Student Pilots!

The fall First Wings Award deadline is 1 October. If you are a student pilot who has been a member of the 99s since on or before 1 July 2024, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of October 1st, you may qualify for an award of up to \$6000. See the First Wings Award description and instructions on the International 99s website, in the Members Area:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings-award.htm>

An updated version of the application will be available on the international website on or about 1 September.

If you are preparing to apply here are some tips:

- Download the application before filling any fields – the online form does not save any information you enter. Read the instructions carefully. Where bullet points are part of the instructions, be sure to cover those points at minimum – a little bit extra will be fine too.
- If you need a mentor (any 99s member can help you!), contact Jane Link to help you find one.
- The 99s Recommendation and Certification pages (Part VII and VIII) are completed by the Chapter scholarship chairman, Jane Link, after the application is submitted.
- The Colorado Chapter is in the South Central Section.
- Necessary documents may be captured on a phone or scanner, but make sure they are complete, clean, **readable** and straight as possible.
- Email your application to the Chapter AEMFS chairman, Jane Link no later than 1 October.
- To help you make the most of your application see "[Tips for Strengthening Your Application](#)" webinar presented on Nov 4, 2020 on the international website.

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link at aescholarship@colorado99s.org for more information.

Announcing the Ruehle Award Winners

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Ruehle Award for Advanced Ratings. An increase in funding allowed us to award three scholarships instead of the two that were planned. We received a large number of applications from well qualified applicants, and are excited to be able to support advanced training for an additional woman pilot!

Shalynn Swails has been hard at work advancing through her ratings at an impressively fast pace. "I cannot begin to express my gratitude for this incredible opportunity from the Colorado 99s and Jane Ruehle. This award wouldn't be possible without her generous contribution to the Colorado Ninety-Nines in honor of her late husband Walt. This award means the world to me and my aviation journey. I will be putting the financial support towards my multi engine training that I hope to begin next month after my CFI checkride. It's crazy to think that I started my flight training only a year ago, just after turning 30. I was feeling stuck in my career, unfulfilled and looking for something to feel passionate about. I realized the only thing I truly felt excited for was flying. I was afraid starting over at 30 to go through the ratings would be a risk, but not going for my dreams was a bigger one. I left a seven year career in design and invested my life's savings to flight training full time. I used my entire savings to get through my PPL in five months, instrument rating in four months and commercial in three months. I completed my goal of going from 0 to 250 hours in one year, and am currently on track to getting my



CFI early September. I now plan on continuing my training and getting my multi-engine with the help of this generous scholarship. I want my flight training to inspire not only women, but aviators everywhere that it's never too late to go after your dreams and show that putting in the hard work can really pay off. Thank you Colorado 99s, and Jane and Walt Ruehle for the support."

Kate Yorga is harnessing her motivation and competitive spirit to help create a path to her career in aviation.



"This award means the world to me, because it has allowed me to help further my knowledge and experience. I am a CFI at Western Air Flight Academy and am using this award to obtain my MEI and start training to obtain my CFII. Balancing full-time work as a CFI, while graduating college in two years, as well as participating in three National Intercollegiate Flying Association competitions, competing in the Air Race Classic, and being an active member of several aviation organizations has been challenging, but the support of the 99s and other female pilots has driven me forward. My end goal is to end up flying some big jet somewhere, but as of now I want to further my education to help uplift other female pilots and show them that it is possible to be where I'm at. I feel so inspired to be surrounded by so many outstanding female pilots and I am so excited to pave the way for many others to come!"

Mary Kay Zhang recently earned her Private Pilot Certificate and is already working toward her Instrument Rating. "I am thrilled and honored to be selected as a recipient of the Colorado 99s Ruehle Award for Advanced Ratings. This support is incredibly meaningful to me and will significantly assist in my IR training. Beyond easing the financial challenges of flight training, this award reinforces my commitment to advancing in the field of aviation. It enables me to pursue my training with even greater focus and determination. I am inspired to continue my journey and contribute to the aviation community, supporting and empowering future female aviators."



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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

September 27-29, 2024

Fall Section Meeting

**Hosted by the Houston Chapter
League City, Texas**

International Conference

July 10-13, 2025

Burlington, Vermont

Hosted by the New England Section



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