



Colorado  
Ninety-Nines

# Crosswind Chatter



January  
2025

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

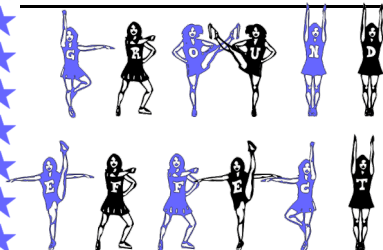
## Upcoming Events

See page two  
for details.

## 99s Meetings

January 7  
Business  
Meeting  
Google Meet

January 11  
Gary Tobey  
Western Air  
Flight Academy  
(BJC)  
Zoom begins at  
10:15



# January Presentation



Join the Colorado Ninety-Nines for an engaging presentation by special guest **Gary Tobey**. Gary will be presenting "Attack from the Sea, 1966-1968." At **Western Air Flight Academy** at **KBJC 11915 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO** (Please refer to the map for parking; we want to ensure that spaces are available for pilots leaving from Western.)

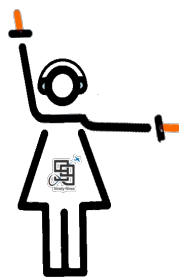
**\*\*Date/Time:\*\* January 11, 2025, at 10:30 AM.**

A Civil Air Patrol member since 1985, Col Gary Tobey has provided significant service in Government Relations to benefit both Colorado and the nation. Holder of many awards, Col Tobey served as Colorado Wing Commander from 1992-1996 and Rocky Mountain Region Commander from 1996-2000. He has been the Wing's Government Relations Advisor since 2000.

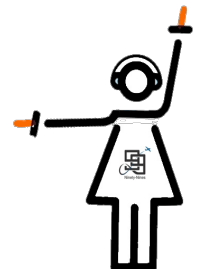
From 1993 through 2020, he recruited nearly 100% of the Colorado Congressional Delegation into the Congressional Squadron and is working hard to induct Colorado's newest members of Congress.

Gary is a retired lawyer after 45 years in the private practice of law. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver.

Following the presentation, you're welcome to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant.



# See You There!



## Meeting Schedule for January

January 7, Business Meeting  
Google Meet



6:30PM

Gary Tobey  
Western Air Flight Academy  
Meet and Greet before the meeting

10:30AM

10AM



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)

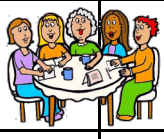


JAN 1



Happy New Year

JAN 7



Business Meeting  
At 6:30 via Google Meet

JAN 11



Gary Tobey  
Western Air Flight Academy KBJC  
10:30AM

FEB 15



Reyné O' Shaughnessy  
International speaker, innovator, and the author of the #1 Best Seller *This is Your Captain Speaking.*

MAR 27-29



Women in Aviation Conference Denver, Colorado

MAR 27-30



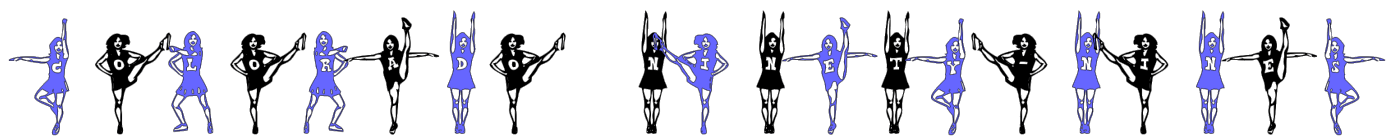
Spring 2025 South Central  
Section Meeting  
Hosted by: Lake Charles Chapter



## There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members  
Sharra Michelle Baeighkley and Elsie MaeParker





# Feature 198



Donna Miller and Stephanie Wells

# Feature 99



Ray Pohl and Marty Brophy.

## Happy Birthday Anita



Marylou Pohl and Margot Plummer visited Anita Hessin on her 104th birthday!

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# Feature 198



Amanda Willson and Jan McKenzie

## Moving?







# Holiday Party

Ray and Marylou Pohl had a fantastic Holiday Party at their home. There was the sock exchange and lots of fun.

Our generous benefactor Jane Ruehle was there for us to honor. Thank you Jane.

Those attending were Jan McKenzie & Marty Brophy, Carolyn & Dan O'Hearn, Sue Osborne, Margot Plummer, Donna Miller, Jane Ruehle, Marylou & Ray Pohl, Jane Link, Amanda Willson, Teri and Rod Hill, Sabrina He, June Stewart, Stephanie Wells, Beau Hitt, Tammy Tolene, Mary Kay Zhang, Robbi Fung, Kelly Kang and Christina Montgomery.



*Our hosts: Raymond and Marylou Pohl*



# Happy New Year

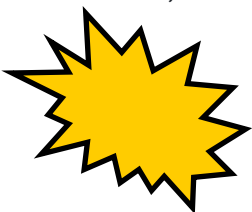


# Scholarships for 2025

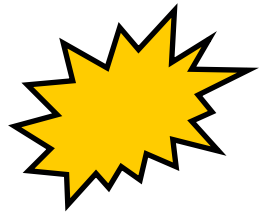
With the new year come a new round of scholarship awards! Here are your important deadlines for this year.

- January 1 - [Amelia Earhart Scholarship](#) application deadline (awarded by The 99s International organization for academic, flight training, technical training and more)
- April 1 - [First Wings Award](#) application deadline (awarded by The 99s International organization for primary training)
- April 30 - [Future Woman Pilot Award](#) application deadline (awarded by the Colorado Chapter for primary training)
- July 31 - Ruele Award for Advanced Ratings application deadline (awarded by the Colorado Chapter for advanced ratings)
- October 1 - [First Wings Award](#) application deadline (awarded by The 99s International organization for primary training)

Watch for more details in the coming newsletters and emails! If you have questions in the meantime, contact [scholarship@colorado99s.org](mailto:scholarship@colorado99s.org).



## Scholarships



# PPLI

## [Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative](#)

Not only do companies need women to step up as leaders, the worldwide aviation industry is slowly making strides to have more women in leading positions. As a professional pilot you can make a difference and can become a leader in your own right. Would you like to learn how to be an Aviation leader also?

The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) is a mentoring program which will connect you with other supportive fellow Ninety-Nines.



It will help you to develop and enhance your leadership talents and qualities. And it will assist you to strengthen and advance your career progress.



# Deadline January 31, 2025



# New CFI



Congratulations to **Shalynn Swails** (right), scholarship winner and new CFI at Rocky Mountain Flight School. Shalynn is pictured with **Robbi Fung**.

# Student Pilot Meetup Group

By Anastasia McCune



You're invited to join the **Student Pilot Meetup Group** on Thursday, January 16 for 'Ask a CFI!' Our own Carly Rae Kurzava, CFI/CFII, will join us to help answer any flight training questions you may have. We'll also enjoy some camaraderie and food. Bring your student pilot license/pilot license to show to the server for 10% off your bill! Meet at **FlyteCo Brewing, 4499 W 38th Ave #101**, Denver, CO 80212, at 6:30 (it closes at 9). Note this is the FlyteCo location in the Highlands, not FlyteCo Tower. Please text **Anastasia at 303.332.8152** with any questions beforehand, and also to RSVP so we know to look for you!

# Attention Student Pilots!

The spring First Wings Award deadline is 1 April. If you are a student pilot who has been a member of The 99s since on or before 1 January 2025, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of April 1, 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 February.

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 April.

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link, [aescholarship@colorado99s.org](mailto:aescholarship@colorado99s.org) or [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.

# Announcing CPA's 2025 Scholarship Program

Soar to New Heights with the 2025 CPA Pilot Training Scholarship Program!



The Colorado Pilots Association (CPA) is proud to announce the opening of applications for our **2025 Pilot Training Scholarship Program**. This year, we're awarding **four scholarships** to deserving Coloradans with a passion for aviation.

## Why Apply?

**Earn your Private Pilot's License:** Two scholarships, up to \$5,000 each, will be awarded to students aged 16-22 selected through a competitive application process.

## How to Apply:

Applications are now open through **March 31, 2025**. Each applicant will need to submit an Essay and a Letter of Recommendation from their Certified Flight Instructor (CFI).

## Apply:

**CPA Scholarships:** [CPA Scholarships](#)

You will need to be logged into your CPA Account prior to selecting the CPA Scholarship link" or can you just add the statement

**Wings Over the Rockies Scholarship:** [WOTR Scholarships](#)

## Stipulations:

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Colorado residents.
- **Flight Training Location:** Training must be completed at a Colorado flight school.
- **Partial Funding:** The scholarship may not fully cover the cost of training. Awardees are responsible for any remaining balance.

## Selection Process:

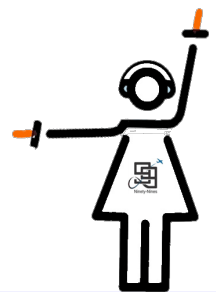
1. **Application Review:** Initial evaluation of the online application form, essay, and CFI letter of recommendation.
2. **Academic Achievement:** Preference may be given to applicants who have completed ground school and passed the Aeronautical Knowledge Exam.  
**Interview:** Selected applicants will be interviewed, either in person at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan or Centennial Airport, or virtually.

## Key Dates:

- **January 1:** CPA Application period opens.
- **March 31:** CPA Application period closes.
- **April 15-30:** CPA Interviews conducted.
- **May 15:** CPA Awardees announced.
- **May 31:** CPA Funds released to awardee's flight school.

## Spread the Word!

Help us reach deserving candidates! Please share this announcement with interested students and encourage them to apply. You can download a printed version of this announcement [here](#). **Thank you for your support in making this program a success!** For questions, please reach out to the CPA Education Committee at: [scholarships@coloradopilots.org](mailto:scholarships@coloradopilots.org)



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## **SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS**

**Spring Section Meeting**

**March 27-30th, 2025**

**Lake Charles-Sulphur, Louisiana**

**Hosted by Lake Charles Chapter**

**[International Conference](#)**

**July 10-13, 2025**

**Burlington, Vermont**

**Hosted by the New England Section**



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