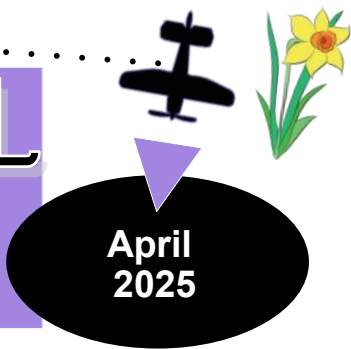




Colorado
Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



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

Upcoming Events

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99s Meetings

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Meeting
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Get to Know the 99s



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When: April 12th from 5pm - 9pm



See You There!



Meeting Schedule for April

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THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE 99S



Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

Second Saturday



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



APR 1-6



SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo

APR 8



Business Meeting
At 6:30PM via Google Meet

APR 12



Chapter Program
Get to Know The Ninety-Nines
Information on pages 1 and 11.

APR 26



Colorado Pilots Association
Akron, CO Fly-in (KAKO).
Visit the Hayes Aviation aircraft painting facility.

MAY 30-JUN 1



Durango, CO Fly-in
Arrive at Animas Air Park (OOC)
A variety of things are planned.

JUL 9-13



International Conference
Burlington, Vermont



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members

**Mirela Dos Santos, Giorgina Gottlieb, Emma Joy Harwood,
Dulaney Ruth Koogle, Mariana Patino-Medrano**



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Marty Brophy and Jan McKenzie

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Dona and Richard Gerren

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Lydia Baldwin, Anistasia McCune, Jane Link and Kristin Smith

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

Otherwise, contact our Webmaster,

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Donna Miller Retiring



Congratulations to Captain Donna Miller. She has retired from American Airlines.

Moving?





Hangar 44

The Colorado Chapter had a fabulous presentation in **Hangar 44** at Rocky Mountain Metro (BJC). **Heather Bulk** and **Chad Robbins** gave us their expertise in many of their endeavors. WoW!

Amanda Willson, Jan McKenzie & Marty Brophy, Margot Plummer, Jane Link, Shalynn

Swails, Macy Maddux, Rachel Beard, Donna & Richard Gerren, Gretchen Jahn, Kristin Smith, Jennifer Nicault, Dania Martinez, Diana Lynn Martinez, Lydia Baldwin, Tuce Kutun, Kate Yorga, Anastacia McCune, Mari Lopez-Audet, Tyler Cotton and Matthew Cape





Scholarships for 2025

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

- 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 - [Ruehle 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.

Scholarships

P P L I

[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 July 15, 2025

Future Woman Pilot Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2025 Future Woman Pilot Scholarship application window is now open! We are offering two scholarships of **\$5000 each** to a woman pilot in Colorado to complete her primary (very first) pilot certificate.

Links:

[Complete details on our web site](#)
[Scholarship flyer](#)
[Application](#)

Application Deadline: April 30, 2025

Contact us with any questions at scholarship@colorado99s.org.



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 or jane@webzlink.com for more information.



New Chapter Officers

Amanda Willson – Chairman



Growing up in western Colorado, I developed a passion for aviation, largely influenced by my late father, who was a pilot himself. In 2020, I became a member of The Ninety-Nines and earned my wings to fly in the summer of 2021. I currently work as a Maintenance Planner for a private jet charter, managing a fleet of Gulfstream and Phenom aircraft. Additionally, I operate my own aircraft detailing business. As a dedicated member of the Ninety-Nines, I've taken on the role of chapter Secretary, organized various programs, and participated in numerous events with the organization.

Anastasia McCune - Vice Chairman



My spark into aviation was a tourist helicopter ride at Mount Rushmore. It took me two years to earn my ASEL around work and family/kids, but quitting never crossed my mind. I joined The Ninety-Nines in 2021 and have helped with the Student Pilot Meetup Group, and also have fun sending Ninety-Nines shirt badges around the country as the Badges coordinator. I have been the lucky and grateful recipient of two scholarships as well! I have worked as an instructional developer and conference speaker for 20+ years, but am continuing on through the ratings (at a faster rate) and hope to become a CFI sometime this year.

Jacepine Hokason - Secretary



My mom introduced me to aviation with a discover flight for my 18th birthday. Getting her pilots license was always on her bucket list so she passed the dream onto me! I've been a member of The 99s for a couple years now but my involvement sparked when I volunteered for the '24 ARC. Something interesting is that I actually studied health sciences with plans of becoming a PA before perusing my aviation career!

Jan McKenzie – Treasurer



As a Life Member of The 99s, I have held offices at the Chapter, Section and International level. I am circling back around to run for Chapter Treasurer again. I currently am the Club and District Treasurer of my community Rotary Club. I enjoy the Treasurer responsibilities and would like to contribute back to our chapter. I fly my Mooney out of Northern Colorado Regional and either fly or drive to our chapter meetings.

Kelly Kang - Director



I started flying in 2023 after moving to Colorado for work. As a child, I dreamed of becoming a pilot, but I didn't have the chance to pursue it until this job provided the means—and being close to KBJC felt like a sign from the universe. Flying quickly became my passion, and I'm now working toward a career in aviation. I joined The 99s early on to connect with a supportive community. An interesting fact about me is that I also speak fluent Mandarin.

Kate Yorga - Director



I have been a member of the 99s for the past four years, since I started my journey to become a pilot. I have not held any board position but am thrilled to enter my name this year. I am currently a CFI at Western Air Flight Academy, as well as a part time professor and recent graduate of the Metropolitan State University of Denver. I will soon be flying Citation Excels in the corporate world! My involvement with The 99s and the female pilot community has been nothing short of inspiring, including the 2024 Air Race Classic and several other events, and I cannot wait to help continue and grow this legacy as a director.



48th Annual Air Race Classic

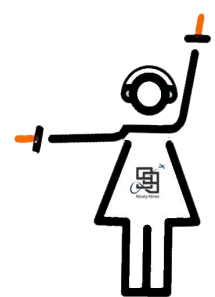


Fairhope, Alabama to Spokane, Washington, June 17-20

The **2025 Air Race Classic** will take off from Fairhope, Alabama on June 17, and follow along a 2400 mile course, across the Central states, across the Continental Divide, and on to the Terminus at Spokane, Washington. A team of volunteers is needed to create a successful Stop experience at the end of the 4th leg of this year's ARC in Sterling, Colorado. In our Backyard!! Charlie May is the wonderful Airport Manager at Sterling Municipal Airport in NE Colorado. Charlie has arranged for local volunteer support to assist racers with overnight ramp parking as well as local services in Sterling. Chapter member Kate Yorga will be serving as the Head Timer for Sterling in this year's ARC.

At this time there is a need to identify a Stop Chair to serve in a lead role for Sterling - KSTK.

Are you interested in helping to make this ARC Stop in our aviation community an efficient, welcoming, safe, and fun setting over a few days in June? Are you available to help? Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!! Please contact Lydia Baldwin with your questions, availability, and interest. Thank you in advance for your support. LydiaHBaldwin@gmail.com





2025 FUTURE WOMAN PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

**2 AWARDS
\$5000 EACH**



The Colorado Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is offering two scholarships of \$5,000 each to a woman pilot in Colorado to complete her primary pilot certificate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Female
- Undergoing flight instruction in Colorado
- Have already soloed
- Have logged at least 10 hours of flight time

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 30, 2025**



colorado99s.org/scholarships



The Pikes Peak 99s are hosting a free health and wellness event for GA and commercial aviators alike. Pilots will gain:

- Mental health resources and strategies to prioritize well-being and optimal performance
- Understanding of aviation regulations around mental and physical health
- Knowledge of nutrition to sustain medical certificate and ability to fly

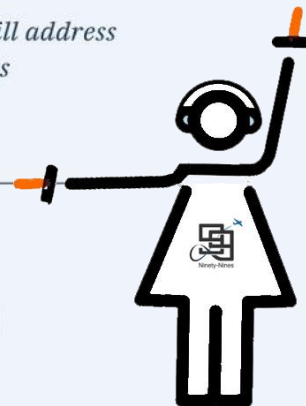
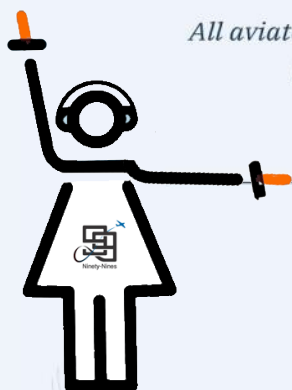
The event will be held May 3rd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We would love for you to join us in person at Hilton Garden Inn Colorado Springs or virtually if you are not in the area.

Katie Palmer
Pikes Peak 99s Chairman

PRESENTED BY THE PIKES PEAK 99S

CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF: A FLIGHT PLAN FOR WELLBEING

All aviators are invited to attend this free event, where guest speakers will address physical and mental health, VA disabilities, or medical concerns



Presenters:



JILL MONGENE
The Aviation Dietitian
Topic: Fuel Right, Take Flight



REINI THIJSSSEN
Emerald Mental Health Pilot Counseling Services
Topic: Mental Health Challenges in Aviation



DR. DAVID ROGERS
AME, Alpenglou Family Medicine
Topic: Mental Health and FAA Medicals



DR. JERRY LIMOGÉ
Senior AME
Topic: VA Disabilities and FAA Medicals

 03 MAY 2025

 09.00 AM - 12.00 PM

ONLINE

Link will be emailed to registered attendees

IN PERSON

Hilton Garden Inn
2035 Aerotech Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT:

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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

International Conference

July 10-13, 2025

Burlington, Vermont

Hosted by the New England Section

Fall Section Meeting

October 23-26, 2025

Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter



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