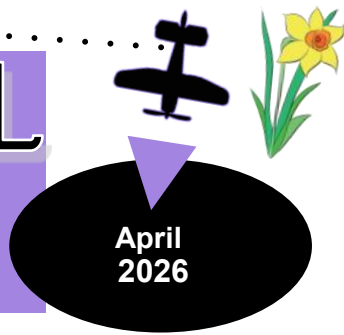


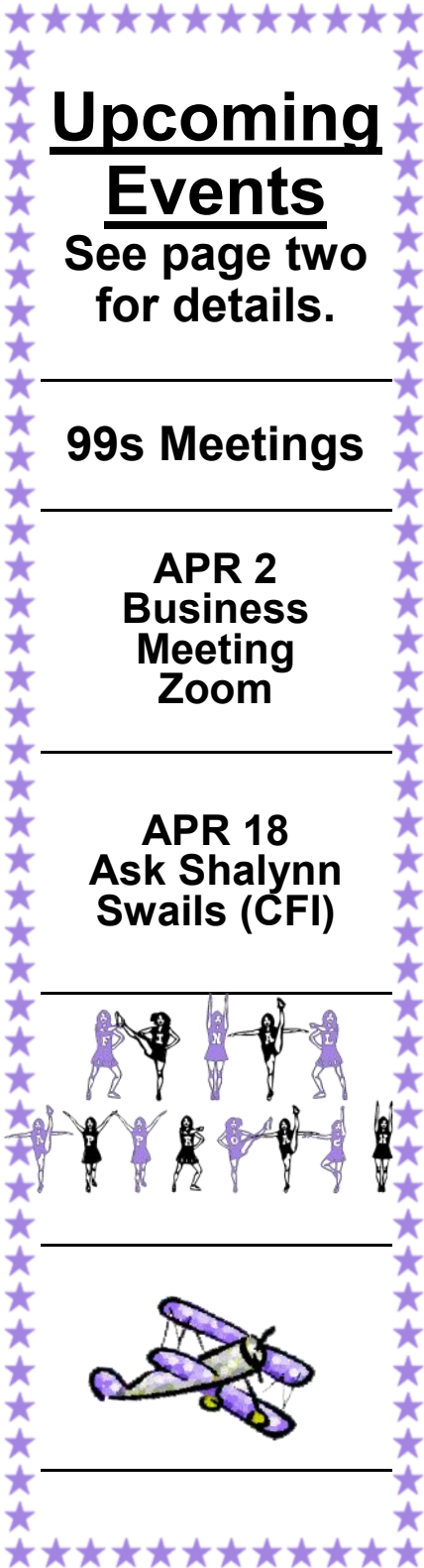


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# Crosswind Chatter



Newsletter of the Colorado Ninety-Nines  
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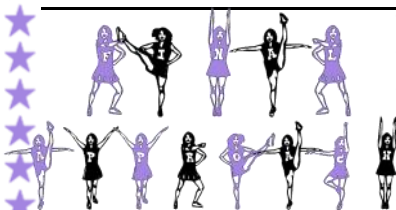
## Upcoming Events

See page two  
for details.

### 99s Meetings

**APR 2  
Business  
Meeting  
Zoom**

**APR 18  
Ask Shalynn  
Swails (CFI)**



## Ask Shalynn Swails (CFI)



We are delighted to welcome **Shalynn Swails** for our April meeting at **Hangar 44!** As a Certified Flight Instructor, Shalynn brings knowledge, experience, and a passion for aviation.

Have a question you've always wanted to ask a CFI? This is your chance! From training tips to flying stories, this will be a fun and informative session for everyone.

**When:** April 18th, 2026, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am Mountain Time  
**Where:** in person – Hangar 44, 9616 Metro Airport Ave, Broomfield, CO

**Or online – by Zoom!**  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Meeting ID: 859 4976 4995**  
**Passcode: 181411**



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### Meetings Schedule for April

**April 2  
99 Business Meeting Zoom**



**6:30PM**

**April 18 Ask Shalynn Swails  
Hangar 44**



**10:00AM**



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 2**



**99s Business Meeting**  
Zoom 6:30

**APR 4**



Helicopter Ride Days  
Join us for a quick, scenic flight. Perfect first helicopter ride. Great for date day and celebrations. (KCOS)

**APR 18**



**Ask Shalynn Swails**  
Hangar 44  
See page 6

**APR 14-19**



Sun n Fun  
Lakeland, Florida

**MAY 1-2**



South Central Spring Section  
Meeting Wichita, Kansas  
Hosted by Air Capital-Kansas Chapter

**MAY 9**



**Airmarking Boulder Airport**  
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**JUL 8-12**



2026 International Conference  
San Diego, California

**JUL 20-26**



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026



## There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



**Welcome new members!**

**Kianna Calbart, Tomiko Hoshijima, Kaylie Moroles, Justine Smith,  
Maggie Smith, Helen Song and Audrey Helen Vigrass**



# Attention Student Pilots!



The deadline for the spring First Wings Award is **April 1**.

You may be eligible for an award of up to **\$6,000** if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a current student pilot.
- You have been a member of the 99s since on or before January 1, 2026.  
You have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months immediately preceding the April 1 application deadline.

For the complete award description and instructions, visit the International 99s website, in the Members Area: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings-award.htm>.

An updated application form will be available on the international website on or about February 1.

### **Tips for a Successful Application:**

- **Read all instructions carefully!** This includes the general FIRST WINGS Award Instructions AND the application form instructions.
- **Follow all instructions precisely.** If bullet points are provided in the instructions, ensure you address those points at a minimum; providing a little extra detail is also acceptable.
- **Download the application before entering any information.** The online form does not save your progress.
- You need a mentor (any 99s member can assist you). Contact **Jane Link** if you need help finding one.
- The Colorado Chapter is part of the **South Central Section**.
- Necessary documents can be captured with a phone or scanner. Ensure they are complete, clean, **readable**, and as straight as possible.
- The 99s Recommendation and Certification pages (Part VII and VIII) will be completed by the Chapter AEMSF scholarship chairman, Jane Link, *after* you submit your application to her on April 1

Email your complete application to the Chapter AEMSF chairman, Jane Link, no later than **April 1**.

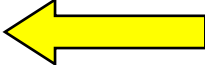
**Questions?** Contact Jane Link at [aescholarship@colorado99s.org](mailto:aescholarship@colorado99s.org) or [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.

# Attention Student Pilots!



# 2026 Scholarships

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](mailto:scholarship@colorado99s.org).

# Scholarships



# 2026 FUTURE WOMAN PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

**\$5000 AWARD**



The Colorado Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to a woman pilot in Colorado working toward her primary pilot certificate.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Female
- Undergoing flight instruction in Colorado
- Have logged at least 5 hours of flight time in the past 6 months



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
APRIL 30, 2026**

[colorado99s.org/scholarships](http://colorado99s.org/scholarships)



**A Colorado 99s Event**  
Hosted by CFII Shalynn Swails



# ASK A CFI!

**YOUR CHANCE TO ASK A CFI  
ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS**

Colorado 99s CFII Shalynn Swails is hosting "Ask a CFI" at Hangar 44, 9616 Metro Airport Ave, Broomfield, on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30am

## JOIN US FOR

- Tips on starting your aviation journey, including how to pick a flight school or an instructor
- Ways to finance flight training and how to apply for **scholarships!**
- Getting checkride ready and getting through your ratings in no time!
- General ground or instrument questions in whatever phase of flight training that you're in!
- We will have a nearby networking lunch to follow

### Our hosting CFI:

- Went from zero hours to CFI in just over a year
- Has a year and a half of experience instructing
- Received FIVE aviation scholarships to fund CFI, CFII, Multi-Engine, MEI and ATP/CTP

Attendance is available in person or online via zoom!



# Welcome

Please join us in welcoming **Lea Hadzick**, **Amanda Roberts** and **Brittney Laughlin** as the newest members of our chapter leadership team. Lea Hadzick (Membership Chairman) and Amanda Roberts (Membership Vice Chair) will focus on promoting chapter growth through recruiting and retaining members. Brittney Laughlin, our Fundraising Chairman, has stepped up to coordinate the chapter's efforts to raise funds.

We're grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to the impact they'll make!



Brittney Laughlin



Amanda Roberts



Lea Hadzick

# Chapter Director



Maria Stenquist

We're pleased to share that **Maria Stenquist** has been selected as the candidate for Chapter Director.

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# Chapter Contacts

**Chairman**  
**Amanda Willson**

**Vice Chairman**  
**Anastasia McCune**

**Secretary**  
**Jacepine Hokanson**

**Treasurer**  
**Jan McKenzie**

**Crosswind Chatter Editor**  
**Margot Plummer**

Have you moved or changed your email address? If you are a member, go to:

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

Otherwise, contact our Webmaster, **June Stewart**:

[webmaster@colorado99s.org](mailto:webmaster@colorado99s.org)

# Moving?



# MEOW





# Chapters Collaborate

By Anastasia McCune

On March 7, the **Colorado** and the **Pikes Peak Chapters** collaborated on an event with **Wings Over the Rockies - Exploration of Flight**. The event included displays about the past, present and future of The 99s, vendor booths, fun activities like a prize wheel and scavenger hunt, a vision board station, a food truck, aircraft on display, and a speaker panel! Vendors included local flight schools, vendors with aviation themed clothing and books, and education/GA organizations including Colorado Pilots Association and AeroLab.

The speakers included our own **Donna Miller**, American Airlines Captain, **Nelson Wolfmeier**, PC-12 instructor and DPE, **Heather Bulk**, CEO and co-founder of Special Aerospace Services (SAS), and **Chad Robbins**, F-15E Strike Eagle pilot and owner of Strike Flyers, a premier provider of upset prevention and recovery training.

A good time was had by all and many meaningful connections were made! The Denver Gazette wrote a lovely article, and a small segment about the event also appeared on 9 News! Thank you to the WOTR Museum and all our wonderful volunteers and attendees who helped make this event a success!

- Denver Gazette: <https://www.denvergazette.com/2026/03/07/female-aviators-use-earharts-legacy-to-inspire-future-pilots-at-wings-over-the-rockies/>
- KUSA: <https://www.9news.com/video/life/people/womens-history/wings-over-the-rockies-celebrates-women-in-aviation/73-ca1de7a5-f1d1-4f2d-9b5e-2e131c6cb30e>

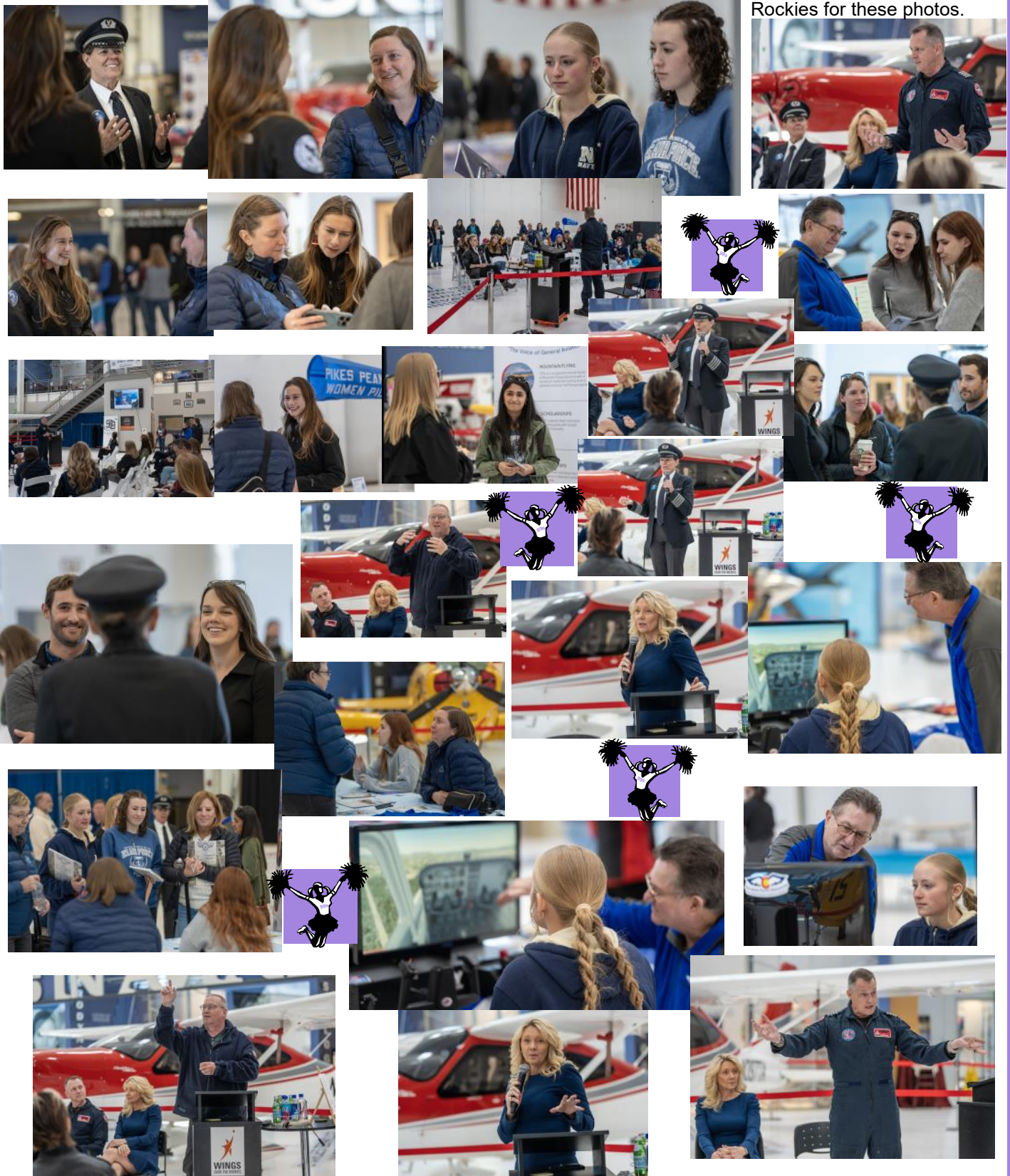
Those attending were Jane Link, Anastasia McCune, Brittney Laughlin, Gabrielle Accardi, Katie Palmer, Melissa Kocefas, Zoan Harclerode, Stacy Pritts, Kate Yorga, Riley Kromer, Margot Plummer, Shalynn Swails, Donna Miller, Gretchen Jahn, Mari Lopez-Audet, Sarah Rickman, Lea Hadzick, Kathleen Fagre and Shinah Flenic.





# Pictures From Wings Over The Rockies

Thank you, Wings Over The Rockies for these photos.





Pikes Peak 99s Presents:

# FLYING COMPANION COURSE

**\$99**

**\*Course is valued at over \$149**



Spouses, family members,  
and friends of pilots  
can learn essential  
skills to assist a  
pilot in the  
aircraft!

**Date:** 04/04/26

**Location:** MLAA Hangar  
13550 Piper Lane  
Peyton, CO 80831

**Check In:** 8:30 am

**Start time:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch is provided!

**To register:** email  
[chairman@pikespeak99s.org](mailto:chairman@pikespeak99s.org)

**Deadline to register:** 03/28/26



# 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, 2026



# Going Shopping

Are you interested in Ninety-Nines gear to wear to our next event, or just out in the community to show your Ninety-Nines spirit?

Ordering is a breeze. Or rather, winds calm.

- 1) Go to our Chapter website at <https://www.colorado99s.org/>.
- 2) Find the rightmost blue column labeled 'Other Links'.
- 3) For shirts, hats, jackets etc, click the link that says 'Ninety-Nines eStore'.
- 4) For name badges (that say your name, chapter and Ninety-Nines logo) click the [Order Badges](#) link and follow the instructions in the pdf.
- 5) Sport your spiffy new gear at our next event!



Help us Paint The 99s Compass Rose!

# AIRMARKING

May 9, 2026



**Volunteers Needed!**

**Boulder Airport KBDU**

3327 Airport Rd, Boulder, CO 80301

7:00AM Start

**To Volunteer** 



# SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

## Spring 2026 Section Meeting

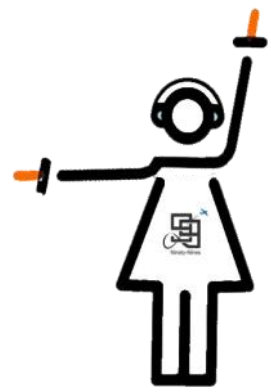
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