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Crosswind Chatter



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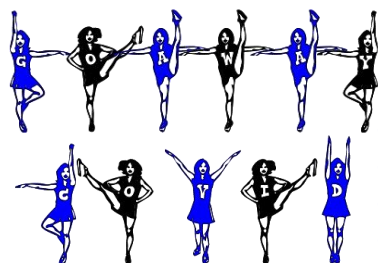
Upcoming Events

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99s Meetings

**JAN 8
Business
Meeting
8:30**

**JAN 8
Bush Pilot
Mike Gugeler
(BJC)
Mt. Evans
Room**



Mike Gugeler



Mike Gugeler

Mike Gugeler has been flying over 40 years, about half of that for hire. He spent 10 years flying floatplanes in the Louisiana oilfields and the Alaskan bush. Then it took him another 10 years to drive five airlines into bankruptcy.

Finally, after trying his hand at rebuilding and maintaining airplanes for a few years, he concluded that working for a living just isn't his thing. Rated in single- and multi-engine land- and sea-planes and a couple Boeings, and holding A&P/IA mechanic certificates, he now flies for himself and fixes his own airplanes. He currently lives on the Erie Airpark and is training to be a curmudgeon. At our meeting Mike will tell of a recent trip with his wife Tina, who is a national champion hammer dulcimer player, to some back-country airstrips in Utah and Idaho.

See You There!



January Activities

**Business meeting (open to all
members) BJC Terminal
Mt. Evans Room**



**January 8
8:30AM**

Speaker: Mike Gugeler, Mt. Evans Room

10:00AM

**Lunch: [Brothers BBQ](#) just north of the air-
port on highway 287, 1.9 miles, west side.**

**After
Meeting**

Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

JAN 8



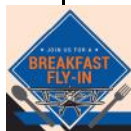
Board meeting
Mount Evans Room
Rocky Mountain Metro (BJC)
8:30AM

JAN 8



Mike Gugeler
Mount Evans Room
Rocky Mountain Metro (BJC)
10AM

First Saturday
JAN 8 this month



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

JAN 19-23



FAA's Portable Reduced Oxygen Training Enclosure (PROTE) Event
Western Air Flight Academy
Rocky Mountain Metro (BJC)
Hosted by WIA International, Colorado Chapter

FEB 12



Board Meeting TBD

FEB 12



Meeting TBD

MAR 25-27



Spring Section Meeting
Hosted by the Colorado Chapter
Boulder, Colorado



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members:

Katina Basdekas, Makayla Galler and
Stephanie Stout.





Friends of The Ninety-Nines

Do you have a friend or family member who would love to be part of the Ninety-Nines? [Friends of the Ninety-Nines](#) welcomes them.

Membership Benefits Include: Friends of The Ninety-Nines lapel pin, Friends of The Ninety-Nines decal, Friends of The Ninety-Nines cap (first year of membership only), Annual subscription to the Ninety-Nines Magazine (non-US Friends: digital), Half-price entry to the Museum of Women Pilots, Half-price entry to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, 10% discount in the Museum of Women Pilots gift shop, 10% discount in the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum gift shop, Option to register to attend The Ninety-Nines International Conference, seminars, banquets, and tours, option to register guests to attend The Ninety-Nines International Conference, seminars, banquets, and tours and register as an instructor on Ninety-Nines "Find an Instructor" page

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Colorado 99s Survey

A survey was sent out the middle of November to our chapter members. Some of you have already sent in your responses and we thank you for that! We know that during the holidays the amount of emails in our inbox can become overwhelming, and perhaps the one that was sent out was missed. Therefore, we will be sending it out again the first week in January. If you haven't already responded to the survey, we'd greatly appreciate you doing so this time around. It's short and will only take a few minutes of your time. The deadline is January 15. Your responses will help us focus on ways to improve our chapter!

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

Otherwise, contact our Webmaster,

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Moving?



South Central Section Meeting



Take a trek into the future of aviation with a visit to Boulder, Colorado for the [Spring South Central Section Meeting](#). The Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is proud to welcome you for the weekend of **March 25-27, 2022**. Book this weekend getaway now and join your fellow aviators in exploring the beauty of the mountain foothills and the ambiance of Boulder. We have a lineup of fascinating speakers from the local aviation community, including George Bye of Bye Aerospace speaking on the future of electric airplanes. Please visit the [SCS](#) website to register and find information on additional activities to do in the Boulder area.

Direct Links:

[Online Meeting Registration](#)

[Meeting Schedule](#)

[Book Your Room](#)

[Meeting Activities](#)



Check it Out!

First Wings Award 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 2022, 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:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings.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 AEMS chairman, Jane Link no later than 1 April.

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link, jane@webzlink.com for more information.

First Wings Award

Planning Spring Section Meeting

By Shelby King

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas for the Spring section meeting:

Airport hospitality chairman. Volunteer will work with staff at Journeys FBO at KBDU.

- Set up for Friday BBQ
- Communicate with the FBO and members flying their own aircraft in
- Help organize any glider rides that members have signed up for

Silent Auction and Fly Market Coordinator

- Keep track of vendors for the Fly Market and table set up
 - Organize silent auction items for display, create bid sheets
- Shift work (approx. 2 hours at a time) during the weekend**
- Specific tasks will be assigned closer to March.

All members, donations for silent auction items are welcome.



AIR FACTS

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*"Did you know that most of the articles at **Air Facts** are written by readers like you? You do not have to be Richard Collins or Ernest Gann – simply a GA pilot with a story you'd share with friends sitting in the hangar."*

An interesting website has been encountered with opportunities to become a writer of personal, general aviation experiences. This extremely well-put-together site has some fabulous articles, videos and photography.

Penny Hamilton Interview

[Military Writers Society of America](#) has an online interview with Chapter member Penny Hamilton. Penny has written many aviation books, including: *America's Amazing Airports* and *Inspiring Words for Sky and Space Women*.

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!



SCHOLARSHIP Thank You's!

By Bev Sinclair

Ladies, hard to believe that Christmas is already here! Our "Virtual Thanksgiving" fund raiser was a huge success, thanks to all of you! Our donations totaled over \$1,500.00 dollars with company matches still coming for an additional \$300.00.

Between these donations, the Poker Run proceeds and "other" very generous member donations we should be able to fund 3 (THREE) scholarships this spring!

I am also pleased to report that 2020 scholarship recipient, Corrie Stevens, has opened her flight school in Greeley (GXY). They opened for business in October as Summit Flight Training (www.summitflighttraining.com) and plan to move into their new hangar next month. We can all applaud her success!

Happy New Year to ALL!

Holiday Party

Marylou and Ray Pohl are always fabulous hosts for our Holiday Parties. We had a great time and the food was superb. Thank you, Marylou and Ray!

Members and guests attending were Marylou & Ray Pohl, Bev Sinclair & Larry Pitschke, Sue Osborne, Margot Plummer, Stephanie Wells, McKenna Moede, Jessie Pohl, Shelby King, Terry & Jason Fiala, Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield and Anastasia McCune.



Bev Sinclair and Larry Pitschke



Sue Osborne, Ray & Marylou Pohl



Jason Fiala and Karl Sutterfield



McKenna Moede, Anastasia McCune, Stephanie Wells, Terry Fiala and Jessie Pohl.



Shelby King and Gretchen Jahn

Member Bio



Lauren Smith

Lauren Smith is currently the secretary for the Colorado 99s, but will be training with the U.S. Airforce in the near future. At the age of 20, Lauren decided to follow her father on one of his work trips. At the time, her father was a pilot for Delta Air Lines. The teamwork, adventure, and idea of flying a big machine through the air is what intrigued her. This is where Lauren caught the "aviation bug." Shortly after this experience, Lauren pursued a degree in commercial aviation at the University of North Dakota. After graduating, she built approximately 1000 flight hours as a flight instructor. This flight time was a requirement in order for her to fly for the regional airlines. She was soon hired on as a first officer for SkyWest Airline on the E175. Alongside her position as a first officer, Lauren was also a pilot recruiter for SkyWest. She was also becoming more involved in her local 99s chapter. All these different experiences helped Lauren become a more well-rounded, confident, and professional pilot. Lauren spent 5 years working for SkyWest until she landed her dream job at United Airlines. Since July 2021, Lauren has been working as a first officer for United on the A320. She is very grateful and excited to be in this position. Lauren thanks the Colorado 99s and the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) for helping her reach this goal. Both her local chapter and the PPLI program provided Lauren with networking, mentoring, confidence building, and especially fun opportunities.

Would you like your bio in the Crosswind Chatter? Send it to the editor along with a picture.

Anita's 101st Party

Our meeting was held at the Aspen Flying Club. We conducted a safety program featuring a special video about the insidiousness of carbon monoxide poisoning while flying.

But the fun began after the meeting when we were all treated to a birthday party for **Anita Hessin**. She had turned 101 years old and a celebration was in order. Anita had a blast seeing everyone.

Those attending the meeting and the party were Sue Osborne, Lydia Baldwin, Gretchen Jahn, Terry Fiala, Lauren Smith, June Stewart, Margot Plummer, Stephanie Wells, Jane Link, Marylou Pohl, Linda Mallette, Nancy Reinhardt, Donald Hopkins, Kayla Graham, Babette André and Joe McGowan. The Zoomers were Shelby King and Audrey Grace.



Anita Hessin



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Snacks and Refreshments for the Spring Section Meeting

As you know, the Colorado Chapter is hosting the 2022 Spring Section Meeting in Boulder. We will be needing assorted refreshments for the hospitality room. We will be asking for food or cash donations for our refreshments. This could consist of vegetable trays, cookies, chips and dips, muffins, and other types of refreshments you would love to have. Please contact Sue Osborne, sueav8s@gmail.com.



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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

**Spring South Central Section Meeting
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Charleston, South Carolina
July 6-10, 2022**

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