



Colorado  
Ninety-Nines



# Crosswind Chatter



September  
2025

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

## Upcoming Events

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for details.

## 99s Meetings

SEP 4  
Business  
Meeting  
Zoom

SEP 6  
Airmarking  
Greeley (KGXY)



# Airmarking



We have an exciting opportunity to help paint a compass rose at Greeley Airport (KGXY)! Please come out Saturday, September 6 from 7:00AM onwards to help out!

Sign up ahead of time via this form:

[Airmarking Greeley Signup](#)

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# See You There!



## Meeting Schedule for September

September 4 Business Meeting  
Zoom



6:30PM

September 6 Greeley Airmarking



7:00AM



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)



**SEP 4**



**Business Meeting**  
**Zoom 6:30**  
**All are welcome.**

**SEP 6**



**Air Marking Greeley (KGXY)**  
**Airmarking Greeley Signup**  
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**SEP 15**



**Poker Run Registration Opens**

**SEP 27**



The 5th Annual Ian McBeth  
Foundation Brew n' Que Fly In  
Wray Airport (2V5)  
Wray, Colorado

**SEP 27**



**Colorado Pilots Association**  
**Mountain Flying ground school**  
**September 27**

**OCT 18**



**Poker Run Awards**

**OCT 23-26**



Fall Section Meeting  
Albuquerque, NM  
Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter



**There is Nothing Like**  
**The Ninety-Nines!**



**Welcome new members!**

**Rosalie Grace Brady, Myah Rose D'Agostino, Vicky Karamouzi, Audrey Legg, Mari Lopez-Audet, Shayla Miller, Zoe Nelson, Maria Stenquist, Camille Stillman and Rachelle Zulkoski.**





# It's Airmarking Time Again!

**Saturday, September 6  
Greeley-Weld County Airport (KGXY)**

It's time again for our annual Airmarking project! This year we head to re-paint the faded compass rose at **Greeley-Weld County Airport**.

Airmarking is a favorite activity of many Chapter members and an important service to all pilots who use the airport. There's something very satisfying about drawing lines and arcs and having them come together so perfectly into a beautiful compass rose. We need lots of volunteers to get the job done! We'll need some people for the early shift starting at 7:00am to lay out the design, then plenty more at 9:00am for the painting.

[Click here to sign up](#) and expect a follow-up email with more information as the date draws closer. For more information, [info@colorado99s.org](mailto:info@colorado99s.org).



Equal parts navigation tool and aviation art, the 99s compass rose keeps pilots on point with style.





## THE 2025 RUEHLE AWARD FOR ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING

**2 AWARDS  
\$5000 EACH**

The Colorado Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is offering two awards of \$5,000 each to a woman pilot in Colorado who is pursuing an advanced flight rating.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Female undergoing flight instruction in Colorado
- Hold a minimum of an FAA Private Pilot Certificate
- Must be applying for an FAA Advanced Rating (Commercial, IFR, CFI, CFII, Multi-engine, Glider, Lighter-Than-Air, ATP, etc.) or powered flight transition (glider to SEL, LTA to SEL, rotor to fixed wing, etc.)
- Demonstrated need for award.
- Must have a current, valid FAA Medical Certificate appropriate for the pilot certificate being sought.



**Application Deadline  
August 31, 2025**

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



# Scholarships for 2025

Here are your important deadlines for this year.

- August 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

## 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 15, 2026



## Scholarship Winner Earns Her Wings

By Terry Fiala

Congratulations to **Alisha Olson**, one of this year's **Future Woman Pilot Scholarship** winners, on becoming a Private Pilot! Alisha passed her Private Pilot checkride on August 1st. She reports, "It has been an absolute pleasure sharing the sky with everyone! I will be taking a short break and then heading straight into my instrument training. I appreciate you and everyone in the community."

Join us in congratulating Alisha!

The next Future Woman Pilot Scholarship application window will open in early 2026. For more information, check out the [Scholarships](#) page on our website.



## Feature 148.5



Marylou and Ray Pohl

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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?



## Feature 297



Amanda Willson, Jane Link and Stephanie Wells

# 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 2025, 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

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link at [aescholarship@colorado99s.org](mailto:aescholarship@colorado99s.org) for more information.

# Attention Student Pilots!





**SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 18**

**CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM  
AT ROCKY MTN METRO AIRPORT ON OCT. 18  
PRIZES AWARDED AT 12:00 PM**

**Card Pickup Locations  
"Fly or Drive"**

- Torrington, WY (KTOR)
- Pine Bluff, WY (82V)
- Sterling, CO (KSTK)
- Colorado Air & Space Port (KCFO)
- Meadow Lake (KFLY)
- Fremont County (1V6)
- Rocky Mtn Metro (KBJC)

**UNLIMITED HANDS**

**\$20 EACH**

**RULES & SIGN UP HERE**



*Fundraiser*

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL:  
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*Pikes Peak 99s*



# Leadership Retreat Recap

Our recent leadership retreat was the perfect blend of fun and planning! We started with a relaxing stay in a beautiful cabin on the Grand Mesa, then headed to Palisade, Colorado to attend Peach Fest. The team enjoyed wine tasting at a local winery and indulged in home-made pie before settling in for our business session. A big thank you to The Sophia Center at Ambelos Vineyard for hosting us as we reviewed chapter SOPs and mapped out exciting events for the year ahead. We can't wait to share what's coming next! Those attending were **Jacepine Hokanson, Terry Fiala, Jan McKenzie, Amanda Willson, Jane Link, Gretchen Jahn, Macy Maddux and Anistasia McCune.**



# 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!





# Annual Chapter Picnic Recap

Our annual chapter picnic was a fantastic success! With close to 40 attendees, we enjoyed plenty of delicious food, a lively game of trivia, and the chance to capture memories with photos by Mike Straka of Blue Sky Images. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, to Heather Bulk and Hangar 44 for providing the perfect location, Mike Straka for donating his time and talent, and our chapter director, Kate Yorga for organizing the event. We're grateful for such a fun and memorable day! Those attending were Jan McKenzie, Jane Link, Anastasia McCune, Margot Plummer, Terry & Jason Fiala, Jackie Kudrow, Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield, Erika Whitesides, Shalynn Swails, Kristin Smith, June Stewart, Marylou & Ray Pohl, Stephanie Wells, Brian Garrett, Laurie Garrett, Marion Thurnauer, Alexander Trifunac, Nevaeh Reyes Acevedo, Cenia Miller, Melissa Kurrle, Katie Palmer, Donna & Rick Garren, Spencer Kane, Macy Mays, Crystal Metts, Annika York, Mike Straka, Mari Lopez-Audet, Matthew Cape, Sabrina Ye and Linda Wright.

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Chairman Amanda Willson and  
Vice Chairman Anastasia McCune







# ARC AIR DERBY 2025

The Create-Your-Own Route Flying Challenge

## What is the ARC Air Derby?

An opportunity for pilots around the world to challenge their piloting, flight planning, and navigation skills in a fun, 1-day event format.

## Fly almost any airplane!



Open to any airplanes under 12,500 lbs., including light sport, experimental, powered glider and turbo-charged, that has the range to complete the minimum leg lengths.

## How does it work?

Each Team designs their own route. The Team then estimates the time it will take to fly each leg and the entire route, and then strives to fly it as close to their estimated time as possible.



## Who can fly?

Teams consist of at least 2 pilots (one must be a female pilot or female student pilot).



## Why fly the ARC Air Derby?

The ARC Air Derby is intended to open the doors to more pilots to experience the adventure and challenge that air racing brings! Fly between Oct. 1-14, 2025.

## Team Registration Opens September 1st!

Scan the QR code below to learn how to get involved with the 2025 ARC Air Derby!



## Contact Us:

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# The 5th Annual Ian McBeth Foundation Brew n' Que Fly In

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ian McBeth Foundation Brew n' Que Fly In**

**Saturday, September 27th, 2025**

**10 AM-4 PM**

**Wray Municipal Airport**

**36395 US HWY 385, Wray, CO**

**Pumpkin Drops, Family Fun, Food, New Friends**

**[ianmcbethfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ianmcbethfoundation@gmail.com)**

**443-472-2840**

The Ian McBeth Foundation is excited to share that the date is set for our 5th Annual Fly-In! We hope to see you on Saturday, September 27th. Registration forms are available



**Pumpkin Dropper Express**



**The Blonde Bombers**



# Mountain Flying

HIGH ELEVATION AIRPORT OPERATIONS GROUND SCHOOL



## Brought to you by the Colorado Pilots Association

Flying the Colorado Rockies, with more than 50 mountain peaks exceeding 14,000 feet, and into more than a dozen public-use airports located near the communities and recreational areas located there, can be an exhilarating experience. But it can also be a hazardous experience for those unaware of the unique weather related variables encountered in mountain flight and the effects on aircraft performance. In Colorado, accident statistics show that pilots without the skills needed for safe flight over mountainous terrain often get themselves into situations which are beyond their capability to handle. The mountain flying course is a program developed by the Colorado Pilots Association to improve that capability.

The ground school course was originally developed by the Colorado Pilots Association in 1986. It is presented in Colorado at least twice each year and occasionally at out-of-state locations. It is taught by Colorado pilots who live and fly the mountains in business and recreational flying. Through the years it has evolved into one of the premier safety training courses of its kind.

**This year's date is: September 27**

The course takes the student on a simulated flight over several mountain passes and into a number of high elevation mountain airports. Instructors take time to discuss factors affecting the safety of flight at each step on the route and make extensive use of aerial photography and a technical workbook to illustrate information needed for a safe flight. The workbook is part of the course materials provided under the registration fee for the course.

[Colorado Mountain Flying](#)

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## **SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS**

**Fall Section Meeting**

**October 23-26, 2025**

**Albuquerque, NM**

**Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter**



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