



Colorado
Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter

October
2025

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

Upcoming Events

See page two
for details.

99s Meetings

OCT 2
Business
Meeting
Zoom

OCT 18
Poker Run
Awards
Rocky Mountain
Metro (KBJC)



Poker Run Awards



This year, the Colorado 99s are excited to partner with the Pikes Peak 99s and the Wyoming 99s!
Event Date: October 18, 2025
(Cards must be turned in no later than 11:00 AM on the 18th with prizes being awarded at 12:00)



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See You There!

Meeting Schedule for September

October 2 Business Meeting
Zoom



6:30PM

October 18 Poker Run Awards



12:00PM



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)



OCT 2



Business Meeting
Zoom 6:30
All are welcome.

OCT 3-4



Animas Palooza
"When Pigs Fly" (KAMK)
Animas Air Park Airport
Durango, Colorado

OCT 18



Poker Run Awards
Rocky Mountain Metro (KJBC)

OCT 23-26



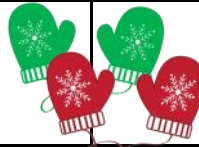
Fall Section Meeting
Albuquerque, NM
Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter

OCT 31



Happy Halloween

DEC



Holiday Party (TBD)

JUL 8-12



2026 International Conference
San Diego, California

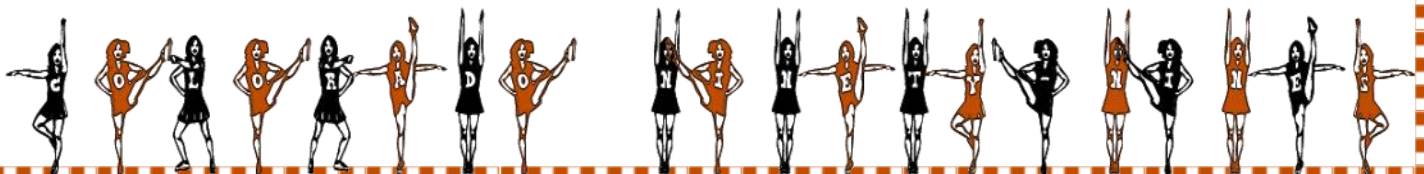


There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!

Rosanne Marie Donahue, Makenzie Livingston, Camille Stillman,
Kylie Suber, Taya Wade, Grace Landaiche and Addison Ruth Morrow





The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

January 1, 2026 is the deadline to submit your application for an **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship provides funds for various aviation training and research opportunities, including:

- Additional pilot certificate or rating
- Advancement in an aviation or aerospace field
- Technical aviation training or certification
- Emergency Maneuvers Training

Members of The 99s who joined on or before January 1 of 2025 may apply (the exception is Emergency Maneuvers Training where one year of membership is not necessary). Other requirements such as flight and medical currency must be met to qualify for flight training. Read more about the scholarships and requirements in the instructions at the link below.

General requirements and instructions are now available in the Member section of the website. Use this link for more information and applications:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/amelia-earhart-scholarships-awards.htm>

Be sure to read “Tips for Strengthening Your Application” at this link:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/download/AEMSF/AEMSFWhyDidntMyAwesomeAppWin.pdf> .

The deadline to submit applications to the chapter AEMSF chairman, Jane Link, is January 1 2026. Contact Jane, aescholarship@colorado99s.org now to start your next aviation journey.



Amelia

Earhart



Scholarship



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 for more information.

Attention Student Pilots!



Announcing the Ruehle Award Winners

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the **Ruehle Award** for Advanced Ratings. An increase in funding allowed us to award three scholarships instead of the two that were planned. We received a large number of applications from well qualified applicants, and are excited to be able to support advanced training for an additional woman pilot!

Jacepine Hokanson is excited to work toward her Instrument Rating. "I couldn't be more honored to receive the Ruehle Award from the Colorado 99s. I took my first flight with my mom for my 18th birthday and it's been my dream ever since to become a professional pilot. This opportunity is a huge stepping stone towards that goal. I couldn't be more excited to dust off my foggles and get back to work!!"



Anastasia McCune is finishing up her Instrument Rating, eager to move on to Commercial and CFI. "I earned my Private Pilot License over two years while working full-time and raising a family. It wasn't easy, but quitting was never an option. Now I'm preparing for my instrument checkride and have nearly met the requirements for my Commercial certificate. I'm aiming to complete my CFI and CFII as soon as possible. This award is a tremendous help in staying on track until I can begin instructing. The Ninety-Nines have been a great support system—for me and for others—no matter the path or pace. I'm grateful for this award and the opportunity it brings, and look forward to giving back through the 99s for a long time to come!"



Alaina Paradise has plans to use her Commercial certificate to help others. "I earned my private pilot certificate in 2016, the same year I began volunteering with a nonprofit serving survivors of human trafficking. These two passions of mine can be summarized with one word: freedom. Flying has always felt like freedom to me, and I want to extend that freedom to others. I'm honored to receive the 2025 Ruehle Award and grateful for the opportunity to advance my training so I can volunteer as a pilot providing transportation for survivors here in the U.S.—blending my passions and extending freedom through aviation."





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)

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Fundraiser

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Pikes Peak 99s



A Colorado CFI's Advice: Flying in the Front Range

By Kate Yorga

How to stay Sane in Colorado's Airspace Maze

Greetings again and happy October! My name is Kate Yorga. I'm a corporate jet pilot, but I was a CFI in the Denver area for about two years. One of the most challenging things I have found about flying around Denver is navigating the complex maze of airspaces and airports.

Denver Airport (DEN) is now the 6th busiest airport in the world, carrying about 83 million passengers a year. As you might expect, the airspace surrounding DEN is tightly controlled. This Class Bravo airspace is the most restrictive type of airspace. In order to operate within this airspace you need an explicit clearance, which is extremely rare to general aviation traffic due to the volume of commercial traffic.



The Class Bravo airspace is structured in layers. The outer shelves are the tallest, often sitting around 9,000 feet MSL, and gradually lowering as you get closer into the airport. Busting a shelf can happen easily if you're not paying attention to your altitude and position. During my time in the area, I relied heavily on the VFR sectional chart, communication with ATC approach and departure controllers, as well as pre-flight planning/routing!

Tips for success:

- Refer to the VFR sectional and find waypoints that help you stay outside of the Bravo shelves!
- Maintain 500 feet above or below the shelves - if possible - to allow an altitude buffer.
- Use VFR flight following!
- Refine your radio communication by practicing and using clear and concise calls!
- Use onboard GPS/moving maps to help with situational awareness! (But be sure to check for 100% accuracy of points and shelves before trusting these)
- Practice radio calls and standard procedures by listening and "responding" on LiveATC

Class Bravo Airspace



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A Colorado CFI's Advice: Flying in the Front Range

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Some of the more nuanced challenges in the Denver area come from how Bravo airspace interacts with nearby airports. Take Colorado Air and Space Port (CFO), for example. The start of the Bravo shelf is only a mile away from the approach and departure end of the runway! It's very easy to accidentally enter the Bravo without realizing it, because it's near a critical phase of flight and so close to the runway! It's crucial to use ground-based waypoints to define the edge of the shelf, and ATC is there to assist you as needed.



Airports like Centennial (APA) pose another specific challenge. Not only is there a surrounding Class B shelf, it is also one of the busiest general aviation airports in the country! With a mix of corporate jets, flight school trainers, helicopters, and privately owned aircraft all sharing the same space, it's easy to get overwhelmed. The radio frequencies are constantly busy, and if you fall behind on your communication, it's easy to fall behind the aircraft as well. Some tips for surviving airspaces like this is to practice concise, clear radio calls with another qualified pilot or instructor. You can also listen to LiveATC to understand the flow of traffic and help improve how you respond. Fun fact: Centennial is the 3rd busiest GA airport in the country with about 300,000 flight operations every year!

For pilots new to Class B airspace, the idea of entering it for the first time can be intimidating. But it's also very rewarding. To enter Class B, you must request and receive an explicit clearance. You must hear the words: "Cleared into the Class Bravo airspace." Without that clearance, you are not authorized to enter. You'll also need specific equipment onboard your aircraft! You'll need a two-way radio, a Mode C transponder, and ADS-B Out capability. And if you're a student pilot, you must have the proper Class B endorsement in your logbook before entering any Bravo airspace.

Flying in the Denver area can feel overwhelming at first, but with solid preparation and awareness, it becomes a valuable training ground. Whether you're a student learning to manage complex communications or a seasoned pilot fine-tuning your situational awareness, Colorado's airspace will challenge and sharpen your skills.

Happy flying!



Airmarking At Greeley

A Fresh New Compass Rose at Greeley Airport!

The Colorado 99s took to the ramp with paint, teamwork, and plenty of spirit to create this striking blue-and-white compass rose. Pilots can now align their aircraft with true accuracy—and admire the artistry—thanks to the volunteers who braved the sun and made it shine. A true landmark of aviation tradition and community pride! Those attending: Janet Waidley, Karl Sutterfield, Donna & Rick Garren, Margot Plummer, Jacepine Hokanson, Destiny Gonzales & Divinity Perez, Ina Schneider, Jackie Kudron, Mari Lopez Audet, Stacy Pritts, Andrew Charter, Macy Mays, Spencer Kane, Robin Laws, Anastasia McCune, Addison Morrow, Jan McKenzie & Marty Brophy, Terry Fiala and Hailee Olson.





More Airmarking Photos

By Hailee Olson

We had so much fun at Greeley Airport last weekend painting a compass rose with our Chapter! Thankful for beautiful weather and everyone who came out to help and make this event a success. Special shout-out to Greeley Airport. It was truly a pleasure! Keep an eye out for fresh paint next time you're in the sky.



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



Grit and Lace

By Terry Pizla



Penny Hamilton

Don't forget to check out [Grit and Lace](#). A free weekly short story about inspiring historic or contemporary women around the world, especially in aviation and space. Brought to us by former Colorado Chapter member and author **Penny Hamilton**.

Penny celebrates many women pilots, astronauts and Vietnam-era Military Nurses.



Lydia Zvereva: Russia's First Female Pilot

Greeley Compass Rose



Photo by Spencer Kane

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Moving?





TRACON Tour

By Anastasia McCune

The Colorado 99s had a great time visiting the Denver TRACON on August 28! We were treated to an informational session about the TRACON and the work they do as well, what it takes to become a controller, and lots of Q and A. We also visited the live TRACON floor, observing the controllers working Approach and Departure, and the simulator room where practice is conducted for controllers in training. Thanks to Maria for bringing the doughnuts that everyone enjoyed!



In attendance were Sheri Churchill, Riley Kromer, Kate Yorga, Kaycie Wood, Cliff Goldstein, Scottie Yeager, Anastasia McCune, Heather Weller, Maria Stenquist, Sabrina He, Bill Kendall, Dulaney Koogler, and Oscar Hill (not pictured).

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!



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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

Fall Section Meeting

October 23-26, 2025

Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter

2026 International Conference

July 8-12

San Diego, California



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