



Colorado Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



March 2025

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

Upcoming Events

See page two for details.

99s Meetings

March 11
Business Meeting
Google Meet

March 15
Heather Buld and Chad Robbins
Hangar 44



March Presentation

Guest Speakers



Heather Bulk is the Vice Chairperson of [Special Aerospace Services](#) (SAS), which was established in 2007. SAS is renowned for delivering exceptional space engineering, defense, and communications technology, addressing the critical needs of U.S. Defense and Intelligence Agencies as well as commercial space clients.

With over 20 years of experience as a pilot, Heather is an active member of the Pilatus Owners and Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). She also volunteers her flying expertise for philanthropic organizations, including Angel Flight and Veterans Airlift Command.

In her upcoming presentation, Heather will emphasize the importance of continually challenging ourselves, highlighting the significance of both mental and physical health in the cockpit and in our everyday lives.



Chad Robbins is a seasoned aviation professional, possessing over 6,000 hours of flight experience and more than 30 years in the industry. His career features over 20 years of service as a combat-proven fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, where he flew the F-15E Strike Eagle. Under Robbins' leadership, [Strike Flyers](#) has established itself as a premier provider of upset prevention and recovery training, in addition to offering fighter pilot experience flights.

Strike Flyers is committed to enhancing aviators' confidence, skills, and safety (CAS) as part of a proactive strategy to mitigate loss of control in-flight (LOC-I) and other pilot-induced factors that contribute to aviation accidents and incidents.

Address Below

See You There!

Meeting Schedule for March

March 11 Business Meeting
Google Meet



6:30PM

Heather Bulk and
Chad Robbins

Hangar 44
9616 Metro Airport Ave
Broomfield, CO 80021

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)



MAR 11



Business Meeting
At 6:30 via Google Meet

MAR 15



Heather Bulk and Chad Robbins
Hangar 44
Rocky Mountain Metro
9616 Metro Airport Ave.
10AM
This is near the Burns Restaurant.

MAR 27-29



Women in Aviation Conference Denver, Colorado

MAR 27-30



Spring 2025 South Central Section Meeting
Hosted by: Lake Charles Chapter
Details coming soon.

APR 1-6



SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo

JUL 9-13



International Conference
Burlington, Vermont



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members
Diane Dandeneau and Evgeniia Shipilina



February Program



Reyné O'Shaughnessy

Reyné O'Shaughnessy gave a fabulous Zoom presentation for our February program. Reyné was whose book ***This Is Your Captain Speaking***, covers many situations which pilots can identify. Those Zoomers attending: Jane Link, Gretchen Jahn, Alaina Paradise, Amanda Willson, Anastasia McCune, ASC2, Christina Montgomery, Donna Gerren, Donna Miller, Emily Scott, Jacepine Hokanson, Katie Palmer, Lydia Baldwin, Lynn Merrill, Mary Kay Zhang, Marylou Pohl, Ms Cassia, Natacha Martin, Patsy, Sarah Nguyen, Sarah Rickman, Stephanie Wells and Margot Plummer.



Zooming From Spain



We were happy to see Stephanie Wells checking in from Spain to watch our February presentation by Reyné O'Shaughnessy..

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!



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

Otherwise, contact our Webmaster,

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Moving?



Join Us at the Women In Aviation Conference

36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference

Volunteers Needed!

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow aviators, share our mission, and inspire future members to join **The Ninety-Nines**.

We Need Volunteers to Help With:

Booth Setup – Wednesday, March 26, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Booth Staffing

Thursday, March 27

Shift 1: 9:45 am – 1:00 pm

Shift 2: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Friday, March 28

Shift 1: 7:45 am – 11:30 am

Shift 2: 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 29

Shift 1: 7:45 am – 10:30 am

Booth Pack-Up: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Even if you can spare just a couple of hours, your support is invaluable!

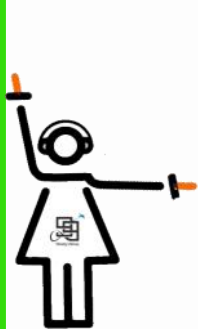
Go to our Volunteer Sign Up page here.. <https://signup.com/go/TEUJXKr>

Exhibition Hall volunteer passes will be provided. These do not grant access to WAI-ticketed seminars or events, but you will not need to pay a registration fee for the day you volunteer.

Thank you for helping us spread the spirit of The Ninety-Nines—we couldn't do it without you!

Keep in mind, Gaylord of the Rockies charges for parking as follows:

Day self-parking: 0-4 hours - \$13, 4-8 hours - \$23, 8+hours - \$33. Day valet parking: 0-4 hours - \$23, 4-8 hours - \$37, 8-24 hours - \$48.





Scholarships for 2025

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

- January 1 - [Amelia Earhart Scholarship](#) application deadline (awarded by The 99s International organization for academic, flight training, technical training and more)
- 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 Opens Soon

Watch your email for details and links to apply for the Colorado Chapter's Future Woman Pilot Scholarship. We are offering two awards of \$5000 each for a Colorado woman pursuing her primary (first) pilot certificate. We expect the applications to open around March 1st with a deadline of April 30. If you have questions in the meantime, reach out to:

scholarship@colorado99s.org.



The SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo tickets are currently on sale and using the promo code NNI647 will provide a discount of \$5.00 off a daily ticket purchase and \$30.00 off a weekly ticket purchase. Members may be required to show proof of 99s membership when redeeming an online ticket or purchasing onsite at the ticket window. [The 51st Annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo will be held April 1-6, 2025.](#)

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.

Announcing CPA's 2025 Scholarship Program



Soar to New Heights with the 2025 CPA Pilot Training Scholarship Program!

The Colorado Pilots Association (CPA) is proud to announce the opening of applications for our **2025 Pilot Training Scholarship Program**. This year, we're awarding **four scholarships** to deserving Coloradans with a passion for

aviation.

Why Apply?

Earn your Private Pilot's License: Two scholarships, up to \$5,000 each, will be awarded to students aged 16-22 selected through a competitive application process.

How to Apply:

Applications are now open through **March 31, 2025**. Each applicant will need to submit an Essay and a Letter of Recommendation from their Certified Flight Instructor (CFI).

Apply:

CPA Scholarships: [CPA Scholarships](#)

You will need to be logged into your CPA Account prior to selecting the CPA Scholarship link" or can you just add the statement

Wings Over the Rockies Scholarship: [WOTR Scholarships](#)

Stipulations:

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be Colorado residents.
- **Flight Training Location:** Training must be completed at a Colorado flight school.
- **Partial Funding:** The scholarship may not fully cover the cost of training. Awardees are responsible for any remaining balance.

Selection Process:

1. **Application Review:** Initial evaluation of the online application form, essay, and CFI letter of recommendation.
2. **Academic Achievement:** Preference may be given to applicants who have completed ground school and passed the Aeronautical Knowledge Exam.
Interview: Selected applicants will be interviewed, either in person at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan or Centennial Airport, or virtually.

Key Dates:

- **January 1:** CPA Application period opens.
- **March 31:** CPA Application period closes.
- **April 15-30:** CPA Interviews conducted.
- **May 15:** CPA Awardees announced.
 - **May 31:** CPA Funds released to awardee's flight school.

Spread the Word!

Help us reach deserving candidates! Please share this announcement with interested students and encourage them to apply. You can download a printed version of this announcement [here](#). **Thank you for your support in making this program a success!** For questions, please reach out to the CPA Education





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

Chapter Leadership Elections

Every two years, our Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines elects a new board of directors. Nominations are due in April, elections happen at the May meeting, and leaders begin their two-year term in June. Here is a snapshot of the leadership roles with voting privileges that keep our chapter active:

Chairman - Organizes and oversees all Chapter activities. Presides over meetings and serves on each working committee.

Vice-Chairman - Assists the Chairman and performs the duties of the Chairman in her absence. Also assists each of the Committee Chairmen.

Secretary - Records the minutes of each business meeting.

Treasurer - Responsible for all the organization's financial accounts.

Directors - Recruit candidates for officer positions (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors), and coordinate the summer picnic and holiday party.

And then there are the various Committee Chairs, who are vitally important to our Chapter's education and outreach efforts:

Airmarking Chairman - Coordinates with an airport manager to paint the 99s compass rose or the name of the airport on the ramp or a taxiway.

Archivist - Maintains Chapter history items and scrapbooks.

Flying Activities Chairman - Coordinates the Chapter's annual fly out event.

Membership Chairman - Responsible for promoting Chapter membership through recruiting and retaining members.

News Reporter - writes up Chapter activities to include in other 99s publications.

Newsletter Editor - Produces and distributes the Crosswind Chatter, our monthly newsletter.

Poker Run Chairman - Coordinates the annual Poker Run event.

Program Chairman - Organizes speakers and activities for the monthly meeting of the members.

Scholarship Chairman - Coordinates the 99s International scholarship programs (Amelia Earhart and Fly Now Awards) and assists applicants.

Chapter Scholarship Chairman - Coordinates the Chapter scholarship programs and assists applicants.

Website & Social Media Chairman - Manages and coordinates the Chapter's public presence on the internet. She may also serve as the Webmaster.

Youth Outreach Chairman - Coordinates the Girl Scout and other programs designed to introduce youth to aviation.

That's a LOT of talent that goes in to running our monthly and annual activities! Not every position is up for election each cycle, but we always welcome new energy, so please let us know where you'd like to help out.

Ready to get involved? Contact one of our Chapter Directors: Carly Kurzava (nomadchick1@gmail.com) or Robbi Fung (robbisayuri@gmail.com).



Chapter Leadership Elections



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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

Spring Section Meeting

March 27-30th, 2025

Lake Charles-Sulphur, Louisiana

Hosted by Lake Charles Chapter

International Conference

July 10-13, 2025

Burlington, Vermont

Hosted by the New England Section



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