



Colorado
Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



July
2025

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

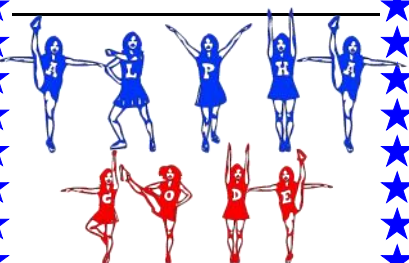
Upcoming Events

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for details.

99s Meetings

JULY 10
Business
Meeting
Google Meet

JULY 12
Pilots and Pie at
Erie Airport (KEIK)



Congratulations to Gretchen Jahn
for her 4th Place finish in the ARC.

Pilots and Pie at Erie Airport



July's event is scheduled for July 12 at Erie Municipal Airport (KEIK). We will have delicious homemade pies available for purchase to support our Chapter's funds. Additionally, we are excited to feature Front Range Heli, who will showcase a couple of helicopters and offer

rides for \$50 each. A pilot will be present to provide insights into how helicopters operate, training, job opportunities, and much more.

Also, please remove the orange highlighted section and replace it with the following:

Visit Pilots and Pie to select your time slot for a ride.

Guest speaker will be **Isabella Whitmore, Helicopter Pilot**

We encourage all members to visit Erie Municipal Airport, purchase a slice of pie, and stay to learn from our guest speaker, Isabella Whitmore at 10:00 AM.

See flyer on page 9 for details .



See You There!



Meeting Schedule for July

July 10 Business Meeting
Zoom



6:30PM

July 12 Pilots and Pie at Erie Airport

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7AM-2PM



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)



JUL 9-13



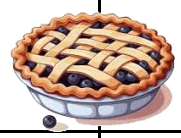
International Conference
Burlington, Vermont

JUL 10



Business Meeting
At 6:30PM via ZOOM.

JUL 12



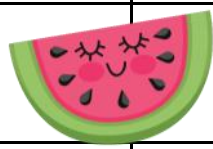
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JUL 12



Kelly Air Park Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-in
Kelly Airpark (CO15)
Elbert, CO

AUG 9



Chapter Picnic
Location TBD

AUG 16



Colorado Pilots Association Mountain Flying ground school
August 16 and September 27

OCT 23-26



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



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!
Heather Weller, Blanche Cohen,
Jackie Kudron and Melissa Kocefas



Lost and Found



This neat leather jacket was left at Marylou Pohls' on our Holiday Party. You may contact her through The 99s directory.

Lost and Found

Grit and Lace



Don't forget [Grit and Lace](#), A free Sunday morning short story about inspiring historic or contemporary women around the world, especially in aviation and space. This Substack site is operated by **Penny Hamilton**, a former member of the Colorado Chapter, now an Idaho chapter member.

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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

Moving?



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 Wanted

We are still looking for members to fill the following committee chair positions. Each role is for two years, so through May of 2027.

Youth Outreach - This role involves finding/creating/facilitating events, information, or other outreach channels to connect youth to aviation. Example activities could include creating aviation-related activities/presentations for local Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts, coordinating *Let's Fly Now* events where youth are offered a free short introductory flight, or participation in local school events.

Membership - This role involves welcoming new members into The 99s through phone/email, sending membership renewal reminders, reporting to the board/chapter current information on the number of chapter members, and sending out membership packets to new members.

Archivist - This role would involve creating, managing and preserving historical records and/or artifacts. Examples could include creating video, photo, or print records of events. No specific video/photo skills are required - this role would be great for anyone who enjoys things like scrapbooking, memory books etc - putting your own creative twist would be fine!

It would be possible to share one of these jobs if you have a friend in mind to partner with, or are open to working with a new friend you haven't met yet! If you have any questions or think you are interested, please contact Amanda Willson at chairman@colorado99s.com.





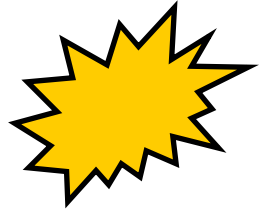
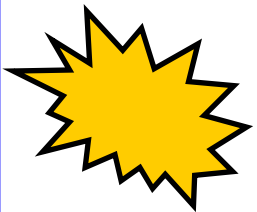
Scholarships for 2025

With the new year come a new round of scholarship awards! 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.

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 July 15, 2025



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!



Colorado Air and Space Port Fly-in

It was the most perfect day at the Colorado Air and Space Port (KCFO) at the fly-in in May. There were plenty of pancakes and sausages. AND gallons of syrup. There were some pretty fabulous airplanes, too. Members and friends enjoying the Space Port were Alaina Paradise,, Anastasia McCune, Terry Fiala, Maria Stenquist, Sabrina Hu, Margot Plummer, Jackie Kudron. And Zoan Harclerode from the Colorado Springs Chapter.



Left: Alaina Paradise, Anastasia McCune, Maria Stenquist, Fiala, and Margot Plummer
Above: Adams County Fair Queen, Sidney Linn Romo Sonneman; and Lady in Waiting, Jordynnn Kellogg

Volunteers for the Poker Run

Are you ready to dive into some fun? We're on the lookout for enthusiastic members to join the team organizing this year's Poker Run, set for October 2025. We need creative minds to help brainstorm ideas, pick thrilling fly-in locations, organize enticing prizes, and so much more!

If you're up for the adventure and want to be part of the action, shoot an email to **Amanda Willson** at chairman@colorado99s.org with your name and email address. We'll send you a formal invitation to a virtual meet-up where the magic begins.

ARC Sterling Stop



Mariana Patino-Medrano, Terry Fiala, Anastasia McCune and Kate Yorga in Sterling ARC stop.

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**EXPERIENCE
A
HELICOPTER
RIDE FOR
ONLY \$50!**

SATURDAY JULY 12, 2025 | 7A - 2P

FLY TO ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KEIK) TO ENJOY A SLICE OF DELICIOUS HOMEMADE PIE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! ALL DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT THE COLORADO CHAPTER 99S



GUEST SPEAKER 10:00 AM
ISABELLA WHITMORE INSTRUCTOR CFI/CFII

LEARN HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR ROTORCRAFT PILOT'S LICENSE, SECURE FUNDING, AND UNDERSTAND THE MECHANICS OF HELICOPTER FLIGHT. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THESE INCREDIBLE MACHINES UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT FRONTRANGEHELI.COM/PILOTSANDPIE

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 dates are: August 16 and 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](#)



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

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SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

International Conference

July 10-13, 2025

Burlington, Vermont

Hosted by the New England Section

Fall Section Meeting

October 23-26, 2025

Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter



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