



Colorado Ninety-Nines

# Crosswind Chatter



September 2023

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

## Upcoming Events

See page two for details.

### 99s Meetings

SEP 5  
Business Meeting  
Zoom

SEP 9  
WOTR  
Social Event  
Exploration of Flight



# Social Event

## Wings Over The Rockies Exploration of Flight

Our September event will be social! Make plans to gather at The Perfect Landing restaurant located upstairs in the Denver JetCenter at Centennial airport for 10:00 a.m. brunch. Enjoy meeting long-time, new, and in-between members to engage in hangar talk and all things aviation. Brunch is RSVP to Jane Link ([jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com)).

After brunch, at noon, join us at Wings Over The Rockies Exploration of Flight on the south side of the airport for two hours of interactive introductions to the Redbird FMX partial motion simulator (and other sims!). Whether you're an experienced instrument rated pilot or just getting your instrument rating, using a FAA approved simulator can save costs to stay current or achieve your rating. You'll have the opportunity to get hands-on the simulator for the full experience of how this product can enhance your aviation training and experience. Take advantage of this event! Cost is admission to the museum which is \$12. Be sure to mention that you are with The Ninety-Nines.



# See You There!



### Meeting Schedule for September

Tuesday, September 5 Zoom  
Business Meeting (all are welcome)



6PM

Saturday, September 9  
Social Event

## Social Event

10AM



THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE 99s

# Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

First Saturday



[Join Wings Over the Rockies monthly fly-ins featuring planes, pilots and breakfast!](#)

Guest Speaker John Penney  
At the Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery  
Centennial Airport (KAPA)



SEP 5



Business meeting  
Zoom  
6:30PM



SEP 9



Wings Over The Rockies  
Exploration of Flight

SEP 16



[Salida Airshow](#)  
Harriet Alexander Field-(KANK)

SEP 23



[Mountain Flying Course](#)  
Wright Brothers Room  
Centennial Airport (KAPA)

SEP 29



[ARC Air Race Derby](#)

SEP 29-OCT 1



Fall Section Meeting  
Fort Worth, Texas  
[Registration](#)

OCT 7

**TBD**

To Be Determined

OCT 27-NOV 2



[2023 International Conference](#)

Jordan  
Hosted by the Arabian Section



There is Nothing Like  
The Ninety-Nines!  
Welcome new members!



Mari Freitag, Rachael Katherine Grush, Roxy Kruse, Ruby Riecken, Brielle Rodriguez, Gabriella Smith, Tea Thomas-Lowe



## Student Pilot Meet-up

By Anastasia McCune

The Student Pilot Meetup Group went for another tour at the KBJC control tower in August. Our large-ish group ended up smaller due to some last-minute cancellations, but we still had a fun and informative time. The controllers were very friendly and shared a lot of great insights on how they do their job, as well as tips for pilots when interacting with ground and tower. Thanks to these hard-working men and women for all they do to keep our airports and skies safe!



Halle Northrup, Emily Canaday, Anastasia McCune, Gordon Feliciano and grandson Jaden.

## 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!



## Feature 297



Valerie Scott, Donna Miller and Bev Sinclair

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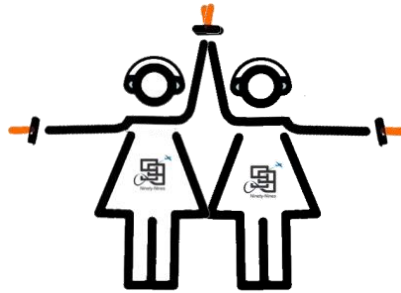
## Moving?



# 2023 Ruehle Advanced Ratings Award Winners



Clair Ylitalo will be pursuing her CFI rating and Amanda Willson will be earning her instrument rating.



Clair Ylitalo

Amanda Willson



Jane Ruehle captivating the Girl Scouts in 2015.

## Announcing the Ruehle Award for Advanced Ratings

The Colorado Chapter of Ninety-Nines is pleased to announce a new scholarship award beginning this year. The Ruehle Award for Advanced Ratings will award **two** women **\$5,000 each** to pursue an advanced aviation rating such as instrument, commercial, multi-engine, etc.

Jane Ruehle is a longtime member of the Colorado Chapter of Ninety-Nines. Her late husband Walt enjoyed a long career as an aviator, and took pride in telling everyone that his most important job was to help Jane get her airplanes in and out of the hangar.

The Ruehle Award is made possible by Jane's generous contribution to the Colorado Ninety-Nines, in honor and memory of Walt. The intent of the award is to help Colorado women pilots earn an advanced rating to further their aviation careers and goals.

The 2024 Ruehle Advanced Rating Award will be open to applicants on **June 1, 2024**



## Election of Officers

Officers were elected at the annual picnic. Officers included Jane Link, Chairman; June Stewart, Vice Chairman; Sue Osborne, Treasurer; Amanda Willson Secretary; Directors, Carly Anderson and Robbi Fung.



Sue Osborne, Robbi Fung, June Stewart, Jane Link and Amanda Willson. Not pictured, Carly Anderson.

## Save The Date

**FORT WORTH**



Fort Worth Center of it all  
Sept 29-Oct 1 South Central  
Fall 2023 Section Meeting.

YOU are cleared to enter  
the Fort Worth Center of it

all South Central Section Meeting on Sept 29-Oct 1,  
2023.

The Fort Worth Chapter, founded by 2023 Texas  
Aviation Hall Of Fame Inductee Edna Gardner Whyte,  
has negotiated air space entry for all Ninety-Nines.

Reserve your slot for the [Section Meeting](#).

## Volunteer

If you think you'd like to be more involved in the  
Chapter, you can volunteer to be a board  
member. Contact Jane Link [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com).

## Volunteer

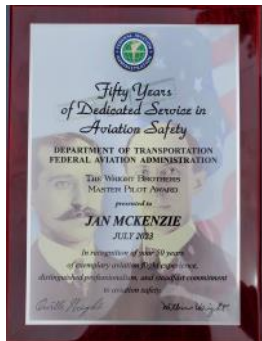
# Chapter Picnic



The Chapter had a fabulous turnout for the annual picnic. It was a make-your-own-sandwich fare with croissants. There were lots of salads and plenty of desserts. Those members and guests attending were: Linda Mallette, Robin Laws, Laura Abraham, June Stewart, Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield, Amanda Willson, Jane Link, Lydia Baldwin, Beverly Sinclair, Sue Osborne, Jan McKenzie, Margot Plummer, Linda Wright, Babette André & Joe McGowan, Marylou Pohl, Debi Dreyfuss, April Dean, Donna Miller, Valerie Scott & Charlie, Larry Pitschke, Ina Schneider, Robbi Fung, Makayla Galler, Anna McAuliffe, Isabelle Ingraham, Alaina Bravo, Rayelle Galler, Cheyenne Galler, Nancy Burke, Lynn Merrill and Charlie Scott.

*Photo by Rayelle Galler*

# Wright Brothers Award



Past International President, Jan McKenzie was honored with two Wright Brothers awards, **Fifty years of Dedicated Service in Aviation Safety** and **The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**.

Presenting the awards were, **Nelson Wolfmeier**, FAA Safety Team Program Manager and **Joe Chavez**, FAA Front Line Manager. Congratulations, Jan!

# The Largest Chapter In The World



In case you hadn't heard, the **Colorado Ninety-Nines is the largest Chapter in the World!** Past International president, Jan McKenzie, brought this fabulous news to the annual picnic. The Colorado Ninety-Nines sports **172 members**. Hooray!

# Feature 247.5



Joe McGowan, Stephane Wells and Babette André

# Bev's New Shirt



Bev Sinclair was wearing her new shirt, possibly for sale as a scholarship fund raiser. Let her know if you'd like one. [blueskies4bev@aol.com](mailto:blueskies4bev@aol.com)

# More Picnic Fun



# 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 31, 2024.**

# The Amelia Earhart Memorial 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 2023, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of October 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>

If you are preparing to apply here are some tips:

- Go to the international website and under the 'Resources' menu, 'Webinars' selection, find and watch the webinar: "AEMSF Scholarships - Tips for Strengthening Your Application (11/4/2020)". The video provides necessary tips to help you create a winning award application. Link: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm>
- 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, [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.



Applications here





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Place Stamp Here

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## **SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS**

### **2023 International Conference**

**October 27-November 2, 2023**

**Jordan**

**Hosted by the Arabian Section**

### **Fall Section Meeting**

**September 29-October 1, 2023**

**Fort Worth, TX**

**Hosted by Fort Worth Chapter**



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