



Colorado
Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



March
2026

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

Upcoming Events

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for details.

99s Meetings

MAR 5
Business
Meeting
Zoom

MAR 7
Wings Over The
Rockies Event
(KAPA)



Wings Over The Rockies Event

In celebration of Women in Aviation Week, Wings Over the Rockies is partnering with The Ninety-Nines to discuss the past, present, and future of women in aviation. Check out aircraft, look through archives of The Ninety-Nine's history, participate in fun activities, and chat with pioneers in aviation!

Date: Saturday, Mar 7, 2026 | 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Location: Exploration of Flight (Centennial Airport)
Categories: Kids Activities, Special Events

Activities:

- Explore The 99's archived materials
- Create a vision board
- Participate in carnival games, spin the prize wheel, and embark on a scavenger hunt
- Learn more about aviation careers and scholarship opportunities
- Hear talks from aviation professionals:
- Speaker Introduction Panel (12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)
- Meet & Greet (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

We will be showcasing the past, present, and future efforts and activities of The 99s. Our goal is to show the broader community what The 99s is all about—our history, our ongoing programs, and the many ways our members contribute to aviation today.



Meetings Schedule for March

March 5
99 Business Meeting Zoom



6:30PM

March 7 Wings Over The Rockies
Exploration of Flight Centennial Airport (KAPA)



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 5



99s Business Meeting
Zoom 6:30

MAR 7



Collaboration with Wings Over the Rockies
Centennial Airport (KAPA)

MAR 8



National Women
Airline Pilots Day
Women of Aviation Worldwide
Week is March 2-8, 2026

APR 4



Helicopter Ride Days
Join us for a quick, scenic flight. Perfect first helicopter ride. Great for date day and celebrations. (KCOS)

APR 14-19



Sun n Fun
Lakeland, Florida

MAY 1-2



South Central Spring Section
Meeting Wichita, Kansas
Hosted by Air Capital-Kansas Chapter

JUL 8-12



2026 International Conference
San Diego, California



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!

Katie Ann Basler, Amanda Bontempo, Aldyn Hart, Abby Lee,
Diana Maria Raby, Berkleigh Rathbone and Lauren Trujillo





Attention Student Pilots!

The deadline for the spring First Wings Award is **April 1**.

You may be eligible for an award of up to **\$6,000** if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a current student pilot.
- You have been a member of the 99s since on or before January 1, 2026.
You have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months immediately preceding the April 1 application deadline.

For the complete award description and instructions, visit the International 99s website, in the Members Area: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings-award.htm>.

An updated application form will be available on the international website on or about February 1.

Tips for a Successful Application:

- **Read all instructions carefully!** This includes the general FIRST WINGS Award Instructions AND the application form instructions.
- **Follow all instructions precisely.** If bullet points are provided in the instructions, ensure you address those points at a minimum; providing a little extra detail is also acceptable.
- **Download the application before entering any information.** The online form does not save your progress.
- You need a mentor (any 99s member can assist you). Contact **Jane Link** if you need help finding one.
- The Colorado Chapter is part of the **South Central Section**.
- Necessary documents can be captured with a phone or scanner. Ensure they are complete, clean, **readable**, and as straight as possible.
- The 99s Recommendation and Certification pages (Part VII and VIII) will be completed by the Chapter AEMSFS scholarship chairman, Jane Link, *after* you submit your application to her on April 1

Email your complete application to the Chapter AEMSFS chairman, Jane Link, no later than **April 1**.

Questions? Contact Jane Link at aescholarship@colorado99s.org or jane@webzlink.com for more information.

Attention Student Pilots!



2026 Scholarships

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

- **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



2026 FUTURE WOMAN PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

\$5000 AWARD



The Colorado Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to a woman pilot in Colorado working toward her primary pilot certificate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Female
- Undergoing flight instruction in Colorado
- Have logged at least 5 hours of flight time in the past 6 months



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 30, 2026**

colorado99s.org/scholarships

We Are Seeking



The Colorado 99s is currently seeking to fill the following positions:

- Director – Responsible for recruiting candidates for officer positions (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors), as well as coordinating the summer picnic and holiday party.
- Fundraising Chairman – Coordinates the Chapter's efforts to raise funds.
- Membership Chairman – Responsible for promoting Chapter membership through recruiting new members and supporting the retention of current members.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions listed above, please contact info@colorado99s.org.

Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum

Everyone is invited to visit the family-friendly Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum on the Granby/Grand County KGNB airport Saturday, June 6, 2026 10AM to 3PM FREE admission. www.GrandCountyHistory.org Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Emily Warner upgrading to Airline Captain making Emily the first female Airline Captain in United States aviation history.



Penny Hamilton's is writing at [Substack](#). Check out her articles on women pilots and women astronauts.

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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?

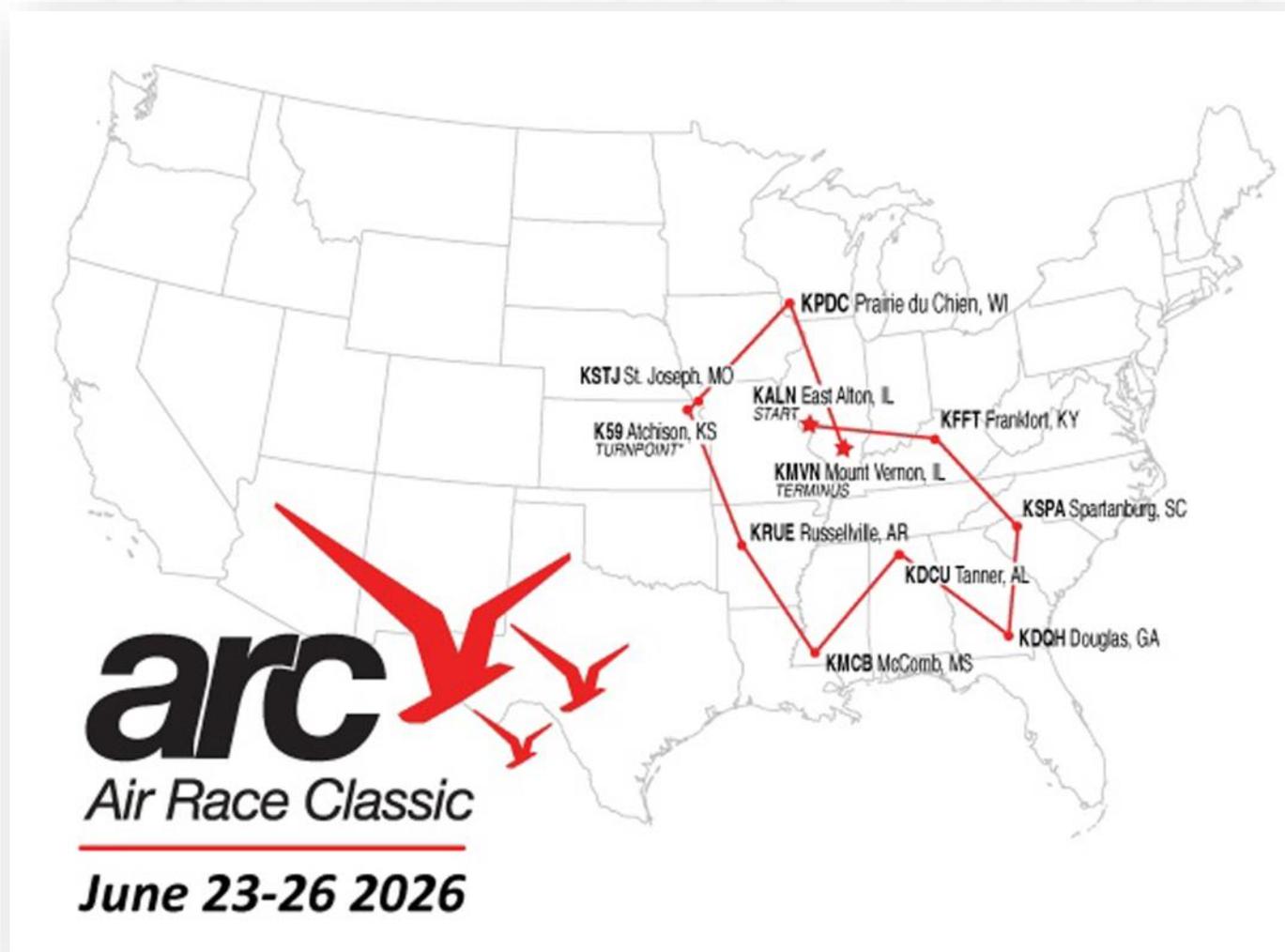


MEOW





49th Air Race Classic



[The Air Race Classic](#) stands as the premier event in women's cross-country air racing. Competitors span generations—some just 17, others well into their nineties—and represent an impressive mix of backgrounds: students, educators, medical professionals, airline pilots, entrepreneurs, and even air traffic controllers.

Each team is made up of at least two women pilots who must fly VFR, limited to daylight hours, and complete flybys at every designated timing point before reaching the final stop. The course shifts annually, stretching roughly 2,400 statute miles and typically featuring eight or nine timing locations along the way.

For 2026, the race will run from June 23 through June 26.



Zooming to New Zealand

The Chapter was treated to a fabulous Zoom presentation by Gretchen Jahn.

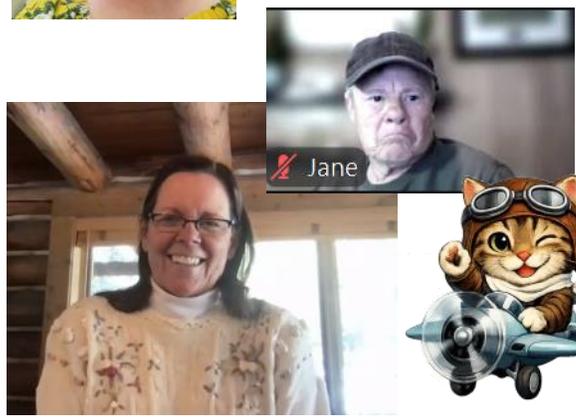
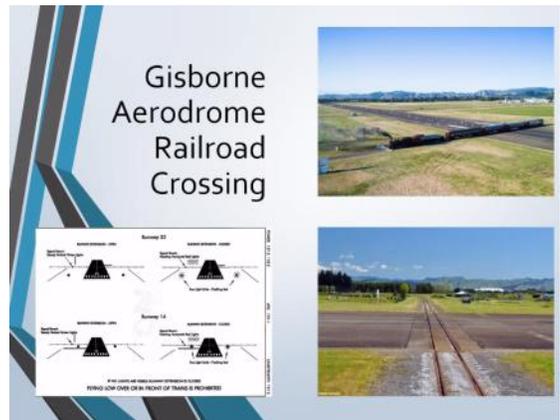
Gretchen has been a pilot and a 99s since 1985. In 2004 she got her NZ pilot license and flew the Around NZ Air Race. She then moved to NZ for several years, flew in other NZ aviation events, and continues to maintain her love affair with the country and its aviation culture.

The railroad crossing going through the runway was the best.

Those participating were Donna Miller, Ellen Herr, Gretchen Jahn, Marylou Pohl, Margot Plummer, Anastasia McCune, Brittney Laughlin, Jasepine Hokanson, Jane Link, Katie Palmer, Lydia Baldwin and her mom Caroline, Olivia Derber and Robin Laws.



- Margot Plummer (Me)
- Gretchen Jahn (Host)
- Donna Miller
- ellen herr
- MLou Pohl
- Anastasia McCune
- Brittney Laughlin
- jacepine hokanson
- Jane
- Katie Palmer
- Lydia Baldwin
- Olivia
- Robin



Zoom participants.



Pikes Peak 99s Presents:

FLYING COMPANION COURSE

\$99

*Course is valued at over \$149



Spouses, family members,
and friends of pilots
can learn essential
skills to assist a
pilot in the
aircraft!

Date: 04/04/26

Location: MLAA Hangar
13550 Piper Lane
Peyton, CO 80831

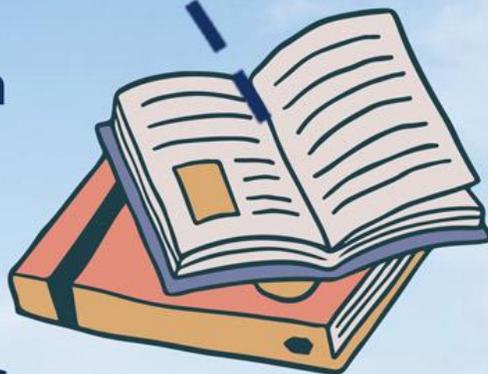
Check In: 8:30 am

Start time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch is provided!

To register: email
chairman@pikespeak99s.org

Deadline to register: 03/28/26





Remembering Babette André

Longtime Colorado Chapter member Babette André passed away
[Babette's obituary](#)

This article was written by Babette for the May 2011 *Crosswind Chatter*.
Flying High With the Sky Spy, Babette André

A Brief Bio In her own words:



I grew up in Hawaii and am a product of Honolulu Public Schools. After two years at University of Hawaii, I transferred to and graduated from U C Berkeley, then did a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in Bafoussam, Cameroun in the '60s.



Began flight lessons in 1973 and earned private certificate in the same year. While working as a public information officer for the C&C of Denver, I continued flight lessons until 1978 when I decided being a bureaucrat wasn't my lot and threw myself into GA as a CFII at Arapahoe County (now Centennial) Airport. I helped start several flying operations, PC Flyers club,

and a short-lived charter company that faded into the underfunded abyss. While working on my IFR rating in the '70s, I discovered the Aerospace Science Dept. at Metro State College, got hired by the department and have been associated there ever since.



I did Sky Spy traffic reporting for KOA radio in the '70s and in the '80s for popular KHOW radio (worked with Hal & Charlie).

I earned the Airline Transport Pilot certificate in 1981, one of about 1200 women in the country holding this certificate.

During the '80s, '90s and 2000s, I made my living as a CFI and media consultant doing such things as flying to Alaska, ad sales and publishing articles and Wings West magazine, the GA pub for our region, and creating the first WAC-scale colored aerochart of Colorado showing preferred mountain routes. (The State now publishes this chart.)

I earned a real estate license and specialize in airport properties beginning in the early 90s. One of my biggest deals was handling the sale of Tri-County Airport (now Erie Municipal Airport) from the mess it was in bankruptcy to public ownership. That was a mixed blessing.

I have more than 5500 hours logged in aircraft with 4500 as CFI. I don't know how many hours of sim instruction I've given but would guess about 5000 hours over 25 years.

Most of my time is in GA aircraft but have 50 hours in a C-130 going to Panama with the National Guard and an A-7 ride (I was the last civilian to ride before the Guard transitioned to the F-16s.)

Editor's note: Her western shirt is fabulous!

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, 2026



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!





SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

Spring 2026 Section Meeting

May 1-2

Air Capital-Kansas

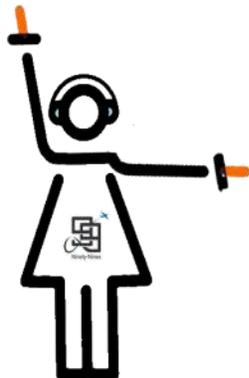
2026 International Conference

July 8-12

San Diego, California



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