



Colorado Ninety-Nines

# Crosswind Chatter



April 2024

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

## Upcoming Events

See page two for details.

### 99s Meetings

**APR 9**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Zoom**

**APR 26**  
**FlyteCo**  
**Tower Tour**



# Tower Tour



Please join the Colorado 99s for **World Pilots Day** at [FlyteCo Tower](#) on April 26th at 5:30p.m.

Discounted food and drinks will be provided for those who bring their pilot certificate. Come join us for an evening of [food](#), [bowling](#) and networking.

While visiting FlytoCo, be sure to join the Blonde Bombers for an unforgettable journey to the top of the historic Stapleton Airport Tower. You'll learn about the history of the location and get insights into what it's like to be an Air Traffic Controller on this 45-minute guided tour. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds will benefit the Blonde Bombers race fundraiser for the Air Race Classic thanks to the generous owners of FlytCo Tower and FlyteCo Brewing. Tickets can be purchased at <https://blondebombers.com/#tower-tour>

Tour times are 12:30 PM Lunch Tour, 3:30 PM Happy Hour Tour, or 6:30 PM Sunset Tour. The views are unbeatable.

Please note: There is no elevator on this historical tour! You must be able to walk up 11 stories, (two sets of stairs per story/floor).

- All tour guests must be 10 years of age or older
- Guests under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- A signed waiver will be required once you arrive.



## Meeting Schedule for March

**Tuesday, April 9**  
**Business Meeting (all are welcome)**



**6:30PM**  
**Zoom**

**Friday, April 26**  
**FlyteCo Tower**

**5:30PM**



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!  
At the Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery  
Centennial Airport (KAPA)



**APR 5-7**



South Central Section Meeting  
Atchison, Kansas  
Hosted by Northeast Kansas Chapter

**APR 9**



Business Meeting  
Zoom  
All are welcome  
6:30PM

**APR 9-14**



Sun 'n Fun  
Lakeland, Florida

**APR 26**



FlyteCo Tower  
Dinner and/or Old Stapleton  
Tower Tours, bowling, too.  
5:30

**APR 27**



Planes & Pancakes at Colorado Spaceport  
7-11AM  
Proceeds go to Riverdale Animal Shelter

**MAY 18**



Airmarking at Wings Over The Rockies  
Exploration of Flight (APA)

**JUL 3-7**



International Conference  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



## There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



**Welcome New Members!**

**Yulia Aksenova, Jillian Combs and Madalynne McCall**



# Congratulations To Wally Funk!



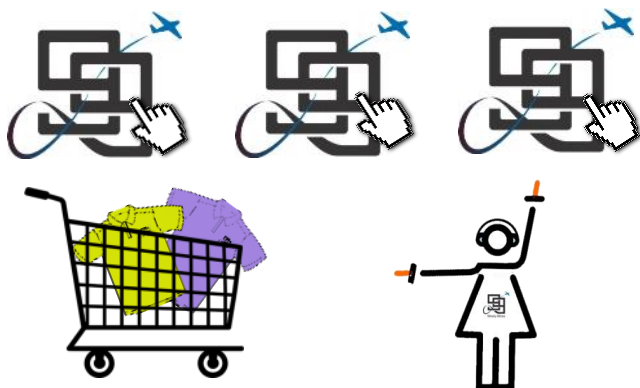
Wally Funk

Blue Origin is sponsoring a table at the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame ceremony on April 19, honoring the induction of 99s member **Wally Funk**. If you are a younger member who does not know who Wally Funk is, and what she has accomplished in her life, just Google her, or visit The 99s Museum of Women Pilots and The Ninety-Nines website. Born Mary Wallace Funk in 1939, Wally was born to fly. Attending Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri at 16, she joined the women's flying club and earned her pilot's license at age 17. For the next 60 years Wally realized her dreams started as a young girl, overcoming barriers and obstacles along the way. She holds numerous aviation certificates and ratings. She is an accomplished flight instructor teaching hundreds to fly and helping thousands more earn advanced ratings. In 1968 she earned her Airline Transport Pilot rating only to be turned down by airlines because she was a woman. Undeterred, she became the Federal Aviation Administration's first female flight inspector and in 1974 the National Transportation and Safety Board's first female Investigator. 1961, she volunteered for the First Lady Astronaut Trainees (FLATs) program, known today as the "Mercury 13." Wally never stopped dreaming of going to space, and on July 20, 2021, aboard the Blue Origin NS-16, Wally became the oldest person to fly in space at that time at age 82.

From the *Straight and Level*

# 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!



# International Conference



ALL 99s: Don't forget to register for The 99s International Conference July 2-7, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Early bird registration ends March 31.

A beautiful city surrounded by the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, what a great place to spend the 4th of July long weekend. Besides the camaraderie of your flying sisters, there are many learning opportunities and amazing speakers.

You can view all the seminars, tours, and meetings, [here](#).

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# Moving?





# At Odell Brewery Sloans Lake

By Gretchen Jahn



A few members turned out from both our 99s Chapter and the local WAI Chapter, but there was great mingling and conversation. And lots of other people were at the brewery that night as well.

- The WAI Mile High chapter is hosting a seminar, open to the public, called Flight to Financial Freedom. I met the speaker, a financial planner, and he seems very interesting and personable. The WAI chapter asked if we could help publicize the event. Attached is their flyer, (page 5) which has a QR code to sign up (to

plan space and food).

- The WAI Mile High chapter wants to know how they can help with the ARC terminus.
- Kelsey Hesper, a member of the WAI board, mentioned several times that their chapter and our chapter should plan a joint networking event each year. More than just meeting, it should be a way to really get to know each other and expand our networks. Personally, I like the idea. If you do too, one idea is that Makalya chairs the WAI outreach committee – she might be a good contact to make this happen.
- Carly Anderson, her husband Eric, Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield, Sue Osborne, her friend Ginger, Anastasia McCune were attending.

# 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.

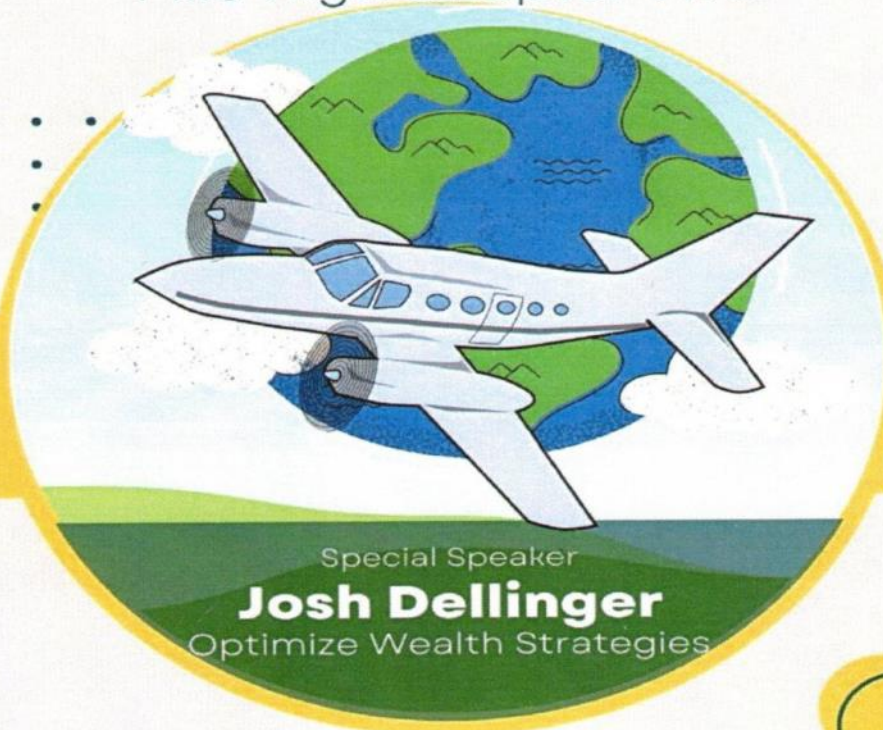


# Deadline July 15, 2024



# Flight to Financial Freedom

Presented by  
Mile High Chapter WAI



Special Speaker  
**Josh Dellinger**  
Optimize Wealth Strategies



 **Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30-7pm**

**@ Frontier Headquarters**  
**4545 Airport Way, Denver, CO 80239**

**BOOK YOUR SEAT!**



# Scholarship Deadline

By Bev Sinclair

Happy Spring! Hope all of last weeks snow is melted, your grass is turning green, and you are enjoying our spectacular spring “flying” weather! We are happy to once again announce our 2024 scholarships.

The Future Woman Pilot Scholarships are fast approaching the deadline of April 30, 2024. We are offering two awards of \$5,000 this year! If you know of any aspiring private pilots please make sure they get their applications completed!

The application and instructions are available on The 99's website:  
[www.colorado99s.org](http://www.colorado99s.org)

We will also be offering two “[Ruehle Awards](#)” awards for advanced ratings again this summer and they will also be \$5,000 each. (Details on the website)



# Colorado Air and Space Port

The Colorado Air and Space Port (KCFO) is planning three fly-ins this year as part of the airport's 40th Anniversary. The Colorado Ninety Nines have been invited by Leslie Brown, FBO manger. The dates are 4/27, 5/25, and 6/29. Contact Chapter Chairman Jane Link ([chairman@colorado99s.org](mailto:chairman@colorado99s.org)) for more information.



# Tickets to Sun 'n Fun



The [SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo](#) is busy planning for our 2024 event. We currently recognize approximately 31 aviation-based membership groups/organizations with a promotional code that will provide a discounted entry ticket to their members. **The Ninety-Nines, Inc.** is recognized as one of these member organizations.

## TICKETS ARE ON SALE

We have the promo code **NNI647** activated for your members to receive **\$5.00** off a daily ticket purchase and **\$30.00** off of a weekly ticket purchase. Please share this promotional code with your members, and inform them they may be required to show proof of membership when redeeming an online ticket or purchasing onsite at the ticket window. Your members are not permitted to share this code with non-members; please encourage members to keep this code confidential.

We are very happy to offer this discount to your members and we hope they will take advantage of the savings and join us for our 50th Anniversary! If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact me at your convenience.

**The Ninety-Nines, Inc.** Promo Code is: **NNI647** (note: this is a new code)

# Join us for the 2024 SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo-April 9 - 14, 2024

# First Wings Award

## 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 2024, 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 descriptions and instructions on the International 99s website, in the Members Area:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/amelia-earhart-scholarships-awards.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, [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.



## Attention Student Pilots!



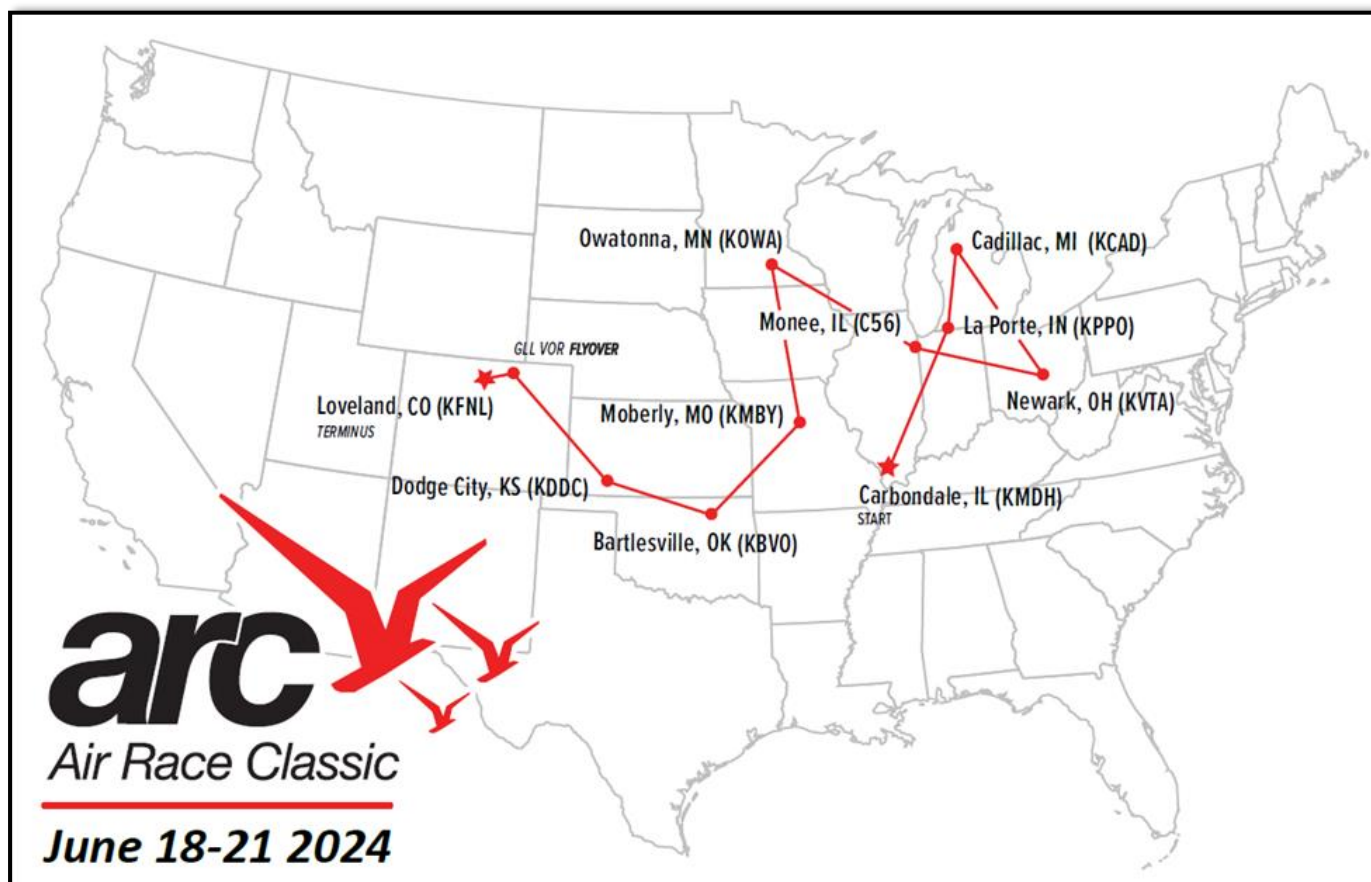


# 47th Annual Air Race Classic: Carbondale, Illinois to Loveland, Colorado

June 18-21

We are excited to welcome the Terminus of the [Air Race Classic](#) to Northern Colorado Regional Airport in June! Following the completion of the race, participants and their guests will enjoy a weekend of briefings, exploring, and post-race celebrations in our local community. The Terminus weekend includes a Welcome Reception on June 21, a Youth Outreach event on June 22, and the Awards Banquet on June 23.

A team of volunteers is preparing for a successful Terminus program in June. Efforts are underway to secure sponsors, run through checklists for specific events, and coordinate with the Air Race Classic organization for arrivals and event attendance. Additional volunteer support is needed in these areas: Hospitality, Event set-up and closing, Awards Banquet Decorations, and local Transportation. Are you available to help? Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!! Please contact Lydia Baldwin with your questions, availability, and interest. Thank you in advance for your support. [LydiaHBaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:LydiaHBaldwin@gmail.com)





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## **SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS**

**Spring Section Meeting**  
**April 5-7, 2024**  
**Atchison, Kansas**  
**Northeast Kansas Chapter**



**[International Conference](#)**  
**July 3-7, 2024**  
**Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**



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