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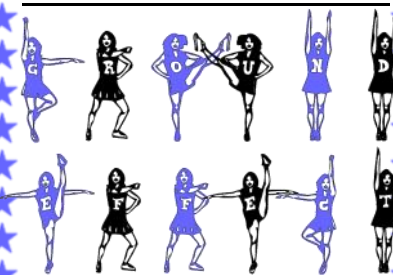
Upcoming Events

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99s Meetings

**JAN 13
Business
Meeting**

**JAN 13
Racing the Air
Race Classic**



Racing The Air Race Classic



Did you ever want to race the Air Race Classic? Veteran air racer and long-time chapter member Gretchen Jahn will give a presentation January 13 on what it takes to fly this ultimate cross-country adventure. The Colorado Chapter will be hosting the terminus in June 2024 at Northern Colorado Regional Airport (KFNL) in Loveland,

Colorado.

Bring your questions! Attend in person or via Zoom. Hear about the new Intercollegiate class.

Location is Mountain Aviation, 11900 Airport Way, Broomfield, at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (KBJC) (see details and map on Page 8) or Zoom



arc
Air Race Classic
June 18-21 2024



See You There!



Meeting Schedule for January

Saturday, January 13 Business Meeting (all are welcome)		8:30AM
Saturday, January 13 All about the Air Race Classic		10AM
Lunch and networking, pizza and drinks for a donation		Noon



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)



JAN 1



Deadline for Amelia Earhart Scholarship Applications

JAN 13



Business Meeting
All are welcome

JAN 13



Racing the Air Race Classic
With Gretchen Jahn
11900 Airport Way Broomfield,
Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (BJC)

JAN 15



Deadline for
Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

APR 5-7



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

JUL 3-7



International Conference
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome New Members!

Jacepine Hokanson, Laura Buritica, Sammy McCaffrey, Mary Kay Zhang, Ilana Steele, Anna Garliss, Kyla Harper, Jacepine Hokanson, Julia Ioffe, Hannah Mincer and Elizabeth Peebles



Happy Birthday Anita



Colorado Chapter member Anita Hessin was 103 years old on November 4! There were some 99s and her family to help her celebrate with a fabulous chocolate cake and ice cream.

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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Amanda Willson and Jenn Davis

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Moving?





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THE BLONDE BOMBERS FROM THE COLORADO Chapter of the 99s, including pilot Alaina Bravo and Bomber Amanda Willson, had the best pumpkin drop of the day at 14 feet, five inches at last Saturday's Ian McBeth Brew and Que' in Wray to win the \$50 cash prize each. Russ Seward guessed the Blonde Bombers would get closest to the target and won the \$200 cash prize when his wining guess was drawn. The pumpkin drop and prizes were sponsored by Simplot. Left to right in the photo above are Alaina, Russ, and Amanda.

Alaina Bravo and Amanda Willson found themselves on the front page of the Wray Gazette after their pumpkin-dropping win in the Wray Fly-in. The Chapter intends to participate in the pumpkin drop next year.

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Marylou Pohl and Margot Plummer helped Anita Hessin celebrate her 103rd birthday.

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 15, 2024.



Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was a fabulous success. Robbi Fung organized the spectacular party and white elephant sock exchange. It was a blast!

Members and guests attending were Gretchen Jahn & Karl Sutterfield, Elizabeth Bowman, Amanda Willson, Scott Cocharo, June Stewart, Margot Plummer, Jane Link, Beth Altshular, Robin & Chris Laws, Donna Miller, Sue Osborne, Marylou & Ray Pohl, Ashleigh Gillespie, Makayla Galler & Rayelle Galler-McLaughlin, Robbi Fung, Alaina Bravo, Jan McKenzie & Marty Brophy, Lydia Baldwin, Jenn Davis, Jessica Pohl and Briana Fraire.



Director
Robbi
Fung



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday season! Our Colorado weather has been spectacular and I'm sure there have been lots of hours being flown.

Our Scholarship fundraising event "The Virtual Thanksgiving Dinner" was a success again this year netting over \$1,400.00 toward next years Future Woman Pilot Awards.

Thanks to all of our supporters!

As the new year begins to unfold I'd like to recap the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients from 2023!

Congratulations Elena Burns! Elena passed her private check-ride last weekend, December 16, 2023! Along with finishing up her Private Certification, Elena has been flying a C-182RG to complete her high performance requirements. Her next goal is to pursue her instrument rating.

Taylor Benson, got her Private License in June, then went on to get her instrument rating in October and is scheduled for Commercial check-ride in Jan. Way to go, Taylor!

Hermela Lemma is still working on finishing her Private Certification. She was stalled by busy flight schedules and broken aircraft and has now moved to a new flying school . She expects to get her check-ride on the schedule very soon.

Amanda Willson, one of our Ruehle Award Winners, is finishing up her instrument training and getting ready for her check-ride in January. She is fine tuning her approach skills and prepping for her long cross country and oral exam. Good Luck!

Clair Ylitalo suffered through two months of maintenance issues and is back to flying! While the airplanes were down she used the time to complete her Advanced Ground Instructor Rating, Congrats! She had her first refresher flight toward the end of November and said " I am ecstatic to be back in the air and working toward my goals, inching one step closer to making the impact I dream of making as a flight instructor!"

The Scholarship committee and the whole chapter send these winners our heartfelt congratulations and a wish for continued success and blue skies for 2024!



Hermela Lemma



Taylor Benson



Clair Ylitalo



Amanda Willson

Congratulations Carly



Carly Anderson passed her CFI

November Meeting

Bill Dunn was our speaker at the November meeting. Bill told us about mountain flying and gave some great tips in and out of the mountains. Not to mention, he was so much fun. Several members attended through a Zoom presentation.



Anastasia McCune, Mary Kay Zhang, Jacepine Hokanson, Jan McKenzie, Margot Plummer, Marylou Pohl, June Stewart, Bill Dunn, Amanda Willson, Alaina Bravo. Those on Zoom were Jane Link, Gretchen Jahn, Stephanie Wells, Bev Sinclair, Laura Abraham and Robbi Fung

The Ruehle Award

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.

A second 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 advanced rating to further their aviation careers and goals.



Jane Ruehle with the Girl Scouts

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Gretchen Jahn and Donna Miller



Racing the Air Race Classic



The Colorado Chapter of The 99s is excited to offer a presentation on the Air Race Classic at our January meeting. All are welcome to attend January 13 at 10:00 am – either in-person at KBJC Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, or via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82258614546?pwd=eIU3V290NXFhTlppby90VTYvU3Q2Zz09>

The Air Race Classic (ARC) is a 4-day cross-country handicap speed race of approximately 2,400 statute miles, taking place June 18-21. Held annually for women pilots only www.airraceclassic.org, women of all experience levels race airplanes ranging from a Cessna 172 to a Piper Seminole for cash prizes, awards, and the adventure of a lifetime.

Did you know that the 2024 race will be ending in Northern Colorado at KFNL?! This premier women's aviation event will be celebrated right here in our community.

- Hear from experienced racers
- Find out who races, how to enter the race, and how to be involved
- Learn about race preparation and logistics
- **New this year!** The Intercollegiate class, dedicated to collegiate teams

For those attending in person, there will be flyers and programs, plus stickers to take home. In addition, delicious pizza (including vegetarian options) and drinks will be available for lunch for a donation towards the cost.

Mark your calendars! Be part of the ultimate aviation cross-country challenge.



Location is Mountain Aviation, 11900 Airport Way, Broomfield, at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (KBJC)



The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Attention Pilots!

January 1st 2024 is the deadline to submit your application for an Amelia Earhart Scholarship. This scholarship provides funds for various aviation training opportunities, including:

- Additional pilot certificate or rating
- Advancement in an aviation or aerospace field
- Technical aviation training or certification
- Emergency Maneuvers Training

Members of The 99s who joined on or before January 1, 2023, may apply (the exception is Emergency Maneuvers Training where one year of membership is not necessary). Other requirements such as flight and medical currency must be met to qualify for flight training. Read more about the scholarships and requirements on the international website.

General requirements and instructions are now available in the Member section of the website. Use this link for more information and applications:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/amelia-earhart-scholarships-awards.htm>

Be sure to read "Tips for Strengthening Your Application", at the bottom of the page at the above link.

The deadline to submit applications to the chapter AEMSf chairman, Jane Link, is January 1, 2024. Contact Jane, jane@webzlink.com, or 720-280-8885 now to start your next aviation journey.



Applications here



The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship application tips by Jane Link

Scholarships are abundant and the number available grows each year. In addition you can find ample tips to help you compose an inspiring essay (if one is needed) or answer questions in an interesting way. Great information can be found on The Ninety-Nines resources section of the international website as well as other chapter websites such as the Ventura County 99s website under their scholarships selection (<https://www.vc99s.org>). There you have access to a collection of tips and a listing of other scholarships. Also, Sporty's Flight Training Central (<https://flighttrainingcentral.com/scholarships/>) has a new page of tips and links to organizations that offer scholarships.

Here are items of emphasis from my experience:

Completing the application

1. Read and understand all of the instructions and supporting information that deal with the application!
2. Check spelling and grammar thoroughly. Judges look for good communication skills and evaluate your application on those as well.

Writing your essay(or answering questions)

1. If you're applying for a few scholarships, be sure to modify your essay to suit each one and it's a good idea to specify the scholarship name in your essay so that the judges know that you're putting a good-faith effort into your application.
2. Be forthright regarding your financial needs - clearly state what your status is and how you're managing your finances so that you can afford flight training.

Getting your recommendation(s)

1. Ask someone who knows your character well so they speak to your strengths and achievements. The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship (AEMS) and First Wings Awards request that the person who recommends you does not address your flying abilities, but rather other aspects of your life.
2. Use recent recommendation letters, and not any that are over a year old. Make sure they address the judging committee and are signed.

Required documents

1. When using your phone to take pictures of your documents use clips or other gadgets to avoid getting your hands in the frame. Make sure all images are legible, straight and flat as possible.
2. If your logbook is a traditional two-page-per-line version, take the left page image then the right page image and paste those images into a document with the images 'stacked'.
3. Total all logbook columns with numbers in them. If the page is complete, sign the testament of accuracy. If the page isn't complete use a pencil to total the carried forward numbers with the current page numbers so you can erase the pencil markings and continue to use the page. Be sure the year column is labeled accurately.
4. Verify that you have signed your medical and pilot certificates. Make the images of those as large as possible. You may want to paste those into a document as well to save as a pdf.

Mentors

1. Any 99 member can be a mentor for the purpose of offering advice and encouragement and monitoring your progress - it's an honor to help a young aviator achieve their goal. A 99 who mentors a First Wings pilot also signs an agreement for the purpose validating completion of milestones for the trustees to send reimbursement to the First Wings student.
2. By attending board meetings and events you provide yourself with an opportunity for members to meet you and ask questions. This helps both your prospective mentor and you.

Unlike other scholarships, the Amelia Earhart scholarships and awards enable you to fix possible errors since the application goes to a chapter officer who reviews the application. After the application has been evaluated, and corrections made if needed, a chapter recommendation is written and the application goes to the section level and then to the national level. External judges review the applications and rank-order them. The ordered applications are issued awards by the trustees until the allotted amount of funds for that interval is exhausted. The awards are announced on the published date and a short biography with a picture is requested to share in the *Ninety-Nines* magazine.

Hopefully you've started your application and can apply these and other tips in referenced links to your utmost advantage. Call Jane Link for assistance, (720)-280-8885.

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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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