



Colorado  
Ninety-Nines

# Crosswind Chatter

April  
2022

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

## Upcoming Events

See page two  
for details.

### 99s Meetings

Business  
Meeting  
Zoom  
TBD

APR 9  
Stanley  
Marketplace  
Comida  
Mexican  
Restaurant



## Meet, Greet & Eat

COMIDA

The Chapter will be doing some socializing for April meeting. We will be meeting at 11:30 AM for lunch at the **Stanley Marketplace Comida** Mexican Restaurant, 2501 Dallas Street, in Northwest Aurora.



Come meet our newest members and those we haven't seen in a while – meet WAI members, and talk aviation. Hangar talk in an old hangar!



## See You There!

### Meeting Schedule for APRIL

Business meeting (open to all members) via Zoom.



TBD

Stanley Marketplace

11:30AM

Comida Mexican Restaurant





# Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

First Saturday



Join Wings Over the Rockies for monthly fly-ins featuring planes, pilots and breakfast!  
At the Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery  
Centennial Airport (APA)

TBD



Board Meeting  
Via Zoom  
All are welcome



5-10



Sun 'n Fun  
Lakeland, Florida

APR 9



Meet, Greet, Eat  
Stanley Marketplace  
Comida Mexican Restaurant  
11:30 AM

MAY 14



Airmarking Fort Morgan  
Airport (FMM)

JUN 11



Let's Fly Now

JUL 6-10



2022 International Conference  
Charleston, SC



## There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!  
Valyry Aryl Finnerty, Eboni Anthony,  
and Izzi Ingraham!





# Pilatus Tour

# Feature 297



About 20 people attended a fascinating tour of Pilatus Aircraft in Broomfield. They got to see how airplanes come in from the Swiss factory as bare bones, get finished inside out, and leave beautiful and luxurious!



Donna Gerren, Jane Link and Sue Osborne

## Save the Date for Airmarking!

This year's airmarking will take place on Saturday, May 14 at Fort Morgan Municipal Airport (FMM).

It's one of our favorite volunteer activities of the year - starting with a blank airfield ramp and painting a beautiful, 80-ft diameter compass rose. We need lots of volunteers, so come out and join us!

[Click here to sign up](#), and I'll be in touch with more details as the date draws closer. We'll need people to arrive early to layout the compass rose, and more people to arrive a little later for the painting.

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## Moving?



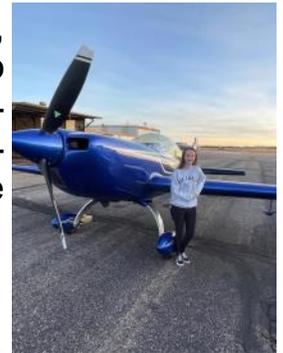
# Congratulations Makayla



Makayla Galler

Chapter member, 16-year old Makayla Raye Galler, is part of the next generation of women aviators who will explore space. She's an Advanced Space Academy Grad, US AFJROTC Cadet 2nd Year, began flying gliders at age 15, and the 2021 James C Raye Flight Scholarship winner and recipient.

At the Women In Aviation conference in Nashville, Tennessee, Makayla was awarded the Sporty's scholarship. And she just passed her glider pilot check ride.



## First Wings Award 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 2022, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of 1 October, you may qualify for an award of up to \$6,000. See the **First Wings Award** description and instructions on The International 99s website:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings.htm>

An updated version of the application will be available on The International website on or about 1 August.

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 AEMS chairman, Jane Link no later than 1 October.

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link, [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.

## First Wings Award



# Feature 198



June Stewart and Lynn Merrill

# Feature 148.5



49 1/2 Doug Southard, Jason Fiala and Karl Sutterfield

## Poker Run Chair Needed

One of our chapter's favorite group activities is the annual Poker Run, which raises money for the Future Woman Pilot Scholarship fund. It typically happens on the 2nd Saturday in September each year.

We are seeking someone to take over as organizer or the event. It's a fun flying event where participants fly to different airports, picking up playing cards to make their best poker hand. It draws a dedicated crowd of returning participants each year, along with some new ones too. It's a way for pilots to fly for a purpose! In 2021 we started encouraging driving participants, and think it'd be really great to start inviting car clubs and motorcycles clubs to join the fun. The organizer decides which airports are on the route, what prizes will be awarded, and organizes volunteers and publicity.

## Poker Run

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

By Bev Sinclair

Please take a moment to contact that one person you know who is working on her first rating. The Chapter's Future Woman Pilot Program has three \$2,500.00 scholarships to be awarded in May.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2022. The website has the application and minimum requirements. If you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them and volunteer to "proof read" their application.

The selection committee will evaluate the applicants and plan to award the scholarships mid-May. The [flyer](#) has been posted at all the flight schools at APA and BJC, with positive support from all. Please feel free to print a copy off the website and post at your FBO or club.





# Spring Section Meeting

The 2022 South Central Spring Section meeting was just fabulous! Thank you, Shelby King, Jane Link, Casey Adamson, Lydia Baldwin, Terry Fiala, Deborah Harlan, Gretchen Jahn, Sue Osborne, Emily Scott and June Stewart for planning a wonderful experience.



Friday evening barbeque at the Boulder Airport



Makayla Galler and Shelby King



At the barbeque

Left side: Jane Link, Margot Plummer, Jennifer Caine  
Right side: Gail Steger Mock, Gretchen Jahn, Karl Sutterfield



Stephanie Roberts, Margot Plummer and Casey Adamson



Shelby King and Emily Scott



Sheila Young and Margot Plummer



New Officers



Outgoing officers



# WASP Doris Tracy of LaVeta

By Penny Hamilton



Penny Hamilton

Born when the Charleston was the dancing rage, Doris Tracy fell in love with flying at age nine when her father arranged a biplane flight with a barnstormer. In grade school she wrote of her dream to be a pilot. By college, she signed up as the second girl on the list for the Civilian Pilot Training Program. That national program prepared young Americans to fly in case the United States entered World War II. Only one girl was allowed to learn to fly for every nine boys. Doris was willing to wait for her opportunity. But, she waited at the airfield and even sat in on some of the ground school classes. Eventually the flight instructor could see her determination. Doris was invited to join the class. Years of pent-up desire to fly quickly resulted in her pilot's license. Then, America did enter World War II, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Doris applied to join the WASP. She was accepted. As with all the WASP, Doris paid her own expenses to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. She rode the train. After successfully completing the seven months of WASP training, Doris was assigned

to Love Field in Dallas. She was a natural flyer. Next was Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus, Ohio. Next was Columbus, Mississippi to test fly AT-10s. Her last WASP duty was as a co-pilot on the B-24 Liberator, four-engine heavy bomber out of Casper, Wyoming. When the military shut down the WASP program, Doris joined her family in LaVeta. They ran the Gamble Store. There she met Julian Tracy at a local dance. They were perfect partners. They married in 1946. Doris became an important community leader. In March, 2010, Doris was able to travel to Washington, D.C. to accept the WASP Congressional Gold Medal. In July 2010, Doris flew West from LaVeta. Inspirational to her community, a beautiful bronze statue was designed and is still on display of WASP Doris Tracy in the courtyard between the public library and Francisco Fort Museum.



## NIFA News

By Marilyn Shafer, International NIFA Chair

The in-person National SAFECON is planned for May 9-13, 2022 at The Ohio State University Airport (OSU) in Columbus, Ohio. Chief Judge Greg Weseman asks that if you would like to receive updates about NIFA Nationals, be sure to visit the NIFA judges page, click on the button to the right that says "Volunteer to Judge at SAFECON" and complete the judging availability form. If you have previously submitted a judging form, please submit one again for updating purposes. Signing up on this site does NOT commit you to judge but you will receive all the latest information concerning the SAFECON and local health guidelines. If you want information about the local hotels, email Marilyn Shafer, 99s International NIFA Chair at [ProBBMom@gmail.com](mailto:ProBBMom@gmail.com) for a pdf of the six hotels listed by the host school.



## Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) aims to accelerate the advancement of women in all pilot professions, facilitate dynamic mentoring, and enhance our leadership role in the aviation community. The program provides highly motivated 99s with the tools to develop their careers and leadership abilities. Through guided activities and formal mentoring partnerships, it strengthens and expands the network of women pilots.

This highly-structured, formal leadership and mentoring program is unique. The mentor and mentee will communicate on a weekly basis to discuss the mentoring prompts and guided activities. Participants must commit to meeting the program expectations for the entire duration of the 18-24 month program.

If you are a 99s member with at least a commercial certificate (and are actively flying) pursuing a professional pilot career, or you are an established professional who wants to take your career to the next level, this program is designed for you. Please read the Fact Sheet for a listing of the program requirements.

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Participant Application form](#)

# PPLI



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## SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

2022 International Conference and Career Expo

Charleston, South Carolina

July 6-10, 2022

South Central Section Fall Meeting

Corpus Christi, Texas

October 24 - 26, 2022



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