



Colorado  
Ninety-Nines

# Crosswind Chatter



May  
2025

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

## Upcoming Events

See page two  
for details.

## 99s Meetings

**MAY 6**  
Business  
Meeting  
Google Meet

**MAY 31**  
Fly-out to  
Colorado Air and  
Space Port



Best wishes to Jane Link!

## Colorado Space Port Fly-in



Join the Chapter in Watkins, Colorado, Colorado Air and Space Port (KCFO) for the first fly-in of the year.

Chow down on some good ol' pancakes, mingle with community members, and see some warbirds on display. Fuel discounts will be available during the event.

EAA Chapter 301 breakfast, 8-11 a.m.: All proceeds benefit the Young Eagles educational, scholarship, and flight experience programs of Chapter 301. The chapter has flown over 10,000 Young Eagles to date between the ages of 8-17 to give them first-hand exposure to aviation.

FAA Wings Seminar: Nelson Wolfmeier will discuss accident trends in Colorado and how to prevent becoming part of one. 9 a.m. in the Terminal Upstairs Conference Room.

Details on page 9.



# See You There!



## Meeting Schedule for April

May 6 Business Meeting  
Google Meet



6:30PM

May 31 Fly-out to Colorado  
Air and Space Port



8AM-11AM



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)



**MAY 6**



**Business Meeting**  
At 6:30PM via Google Meet

**MAY 30-JUN 1**



**Durango, CO Fly-in**

Arrive at Animas Air Park (OOC)  
A variety of things are planned.

**MAY 31**



**Fly-in to Colorado Air and Space Port**

See flyer on page 9.

**JUN 21**



**Colorado Pilots Association Mountain Flying ground school**

June 21, August 16 and September 27

**JUL 9-13**



**International Conference**  
Burlington, Vermont

**OCT 23-26**



**Fall Section Meeting**  
Albuquerque, NM  
Hosted by  
Rio Grande Norte Chapter

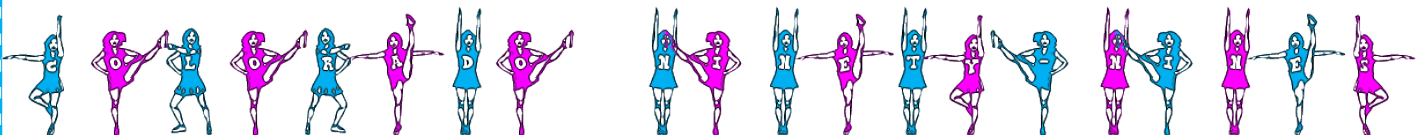


## There is Nothing Like The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members

Heather Bulk, Mirela Dos Santos, Anna Amore Johnson,  
Niya Ridout, Hannah Starbuck, Monique Stevens, Emma Wagner,  
Erika Whitesides and Emerson Zettl



# New Pilots



At the Women in Aviation Conference, American Airlines announced their next class of new pilots. Former Colorado Chapter member **Emily Salley Hicks** was there getting her offer letter. Hooray Emily! She belongs to the Garden State Chapter of the 99s. Emily is second from the right. **Gretchen Jahn** was there to congratulate her.

# Feature 198



Gretchen Jahn and Emily Hicks

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# Feature 148.5



Donna and Richard Gerren

## Moving?





# Get to Know the 99s



The Chapter had a fabulous turnout for the April program. **Ron Duren, Jr** gave a very inspiring presentation. The Stapleton Tower was amazing. What a place to have fun! Those attending were Kate Yorga, Mariana Patino, Anastasia McCune, Amanda Willson, Hailee Olson, Jane Link, Margot Plummer, Macy Maddux, Tulzisi Rodriguez, CC McNally, Dulaney Koogle, Sabrina He (Yan), Jacepine Hokanson, Terry & Jason Fiala, Tom Morgan, Alaina Paradise & Brian Poole, Giorgina Gottlieb, Hannah Mincer, Donna & Richard Gerren, Mary Kay, Rosemary Wordford and Shalynn Swails.



# Scholarships for 2025

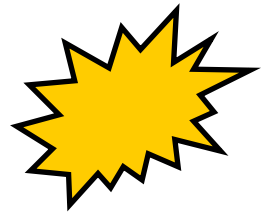
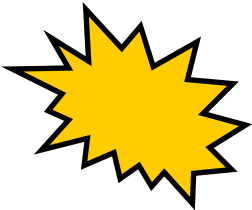


With the new year come a new round of scholarship awards! Here are your important deadlines for this year.

- 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](mailto:scholarship@colorado99s.org).

## Scholarships



## 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, 2025

# 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 2025, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of October 1st, 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>

An updated version of the application will be available on the international website on or about 1 September.

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 October

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link, [aescholarship@colorado99s.org](mailto:aescholarship@colorado99s.org) or [jane@webzlink.com](mailto:jane@webzlink.com) for more information.

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# Attention Student Pilots!



# Candidates for Chapter Office



## Attention Chapter Members! Election of New Officers

Officer elections will be held at the next (virtual) chapter business meeting on May 6th at 6:30 pm. With one candidate per office (see page 7), the election will be by acclamation – that is, by a big round of applause. Please come and make some noise! A **Google Meet** link will be sent in an email blast.

### Amanda Willson – Chairman



Growing up in western Colorado, I developed a passion for aviation, largely influenced by my late father, who was a pilot himself. In 2020, I became a member of The Ninety-Nines and earned my wings to fly in the summer of 2021. I currently work as a Maintenance Planner for a private jet charter, managing a fleet of Gulfstream and Phenom aircraft. Additionally, I operate my own aircraft detailing business. As a dedicated member of the Ninety-Nines, I've taken on the role of chapter Secretary, organized various programs, and participated in numerous events with the organization.

### Anastasia McCune - Vice Chairman



My spark into aviation was a tourist helicopter ride at Mount Rushmore. It took me two years to earn my ASEL around work and family/kids, but quitting never crossed my mind. I joined The Ninety-Nines in 2021 and have helped with the Student Pilot Meetup Group, and also have fun sending Ninety-Nines shirt badges around the country as the Badges coordinator. I have been the lucky and grateful recipient of two scholarships as well! I have worked as an instructional developer and conference speaker for 20+ years, but am continuing on through the ratings (at a faster rate) and hope to become a CFI sometime this year.

### Jacepine Hokason - Secretary



My mom introduced me to aviation with a discover flight for my 18th birthday. Getting her pilots license was always on her bucket list so she passed the dream onto me! I've been a member of The 99s for a couple years now but my involvement sparked when I volunteered for the '24 ARC. Something interesting is that I actually studied health sciences with plans of becoming a PA before perusing my aviation career!

### Jan McKenzie – Treasurer



As a Life Member of The 99s, I have held offices at the Chapter, Section and International level. I am circling back around to run for Chapter Treasurer again. I currently am the Club and District Treasurer of my community Rotary Club. I enjoy the Treasurer responsibilities and would like to contribute back to our chapter. I fly my Mooney out of Northern Colorado Regional and either fly or drive to our chapter meetings.

### Kelly Kang - Director



I started flying in 2023 after moving to Colorado for work. As a child, I dreamed of becoming a pilot, but I didn't have the chance to pursue it until this job provided the means—and being close to KBJC felt like a sign from the universe. Flying quickly became my passion, and I'm now working toward a career in aviation. I joined The 99s early on to connect with a supportive community. An interesting fact about me is that I also speak fluent Mandarin.

### Kate Yorga - Director



I have been a member of The 99s for the past four years, since I started my journey to become a pilot. I have not held any board position but am thrilled to enter my name this year. I am currently a CFI at Western Air Flight Academy, as well as a part time professor and recent graduate of the Metropolitan State University of Denver. I will soon be flying Citation Excels in the corporate world! My involvement with The 99s and the female pilot community has been nothing short of inspiring, including the 2024 Air Race Classic and several other events, and I cannot wait to help continue and grow this legacy as a director.

# 48th Annual Air Race Classic



Fairhope, Alabama to Spokane, Washington, June 17-20

The **2025 Air Race Classic** will take off from Fairhope, Alabama on June 17, and follow along a 2400 mile course, across the Central states, across the Continental Divide, and on to the Terminus at Spokane, Washington.

A team of volunteers is needed to create a successful Stop experience at the end of the 4th leg of this year's ARC in Sterling, Colorado. In our Backyard!! Charlie May is the wonderful Airport Manager at Sterling Municipal Airport in NE Colorado. Charlie has arranged for local volunteer support to assist racers with overnight ramp parking as well as local services in Sterling.

Chapter member Kate Yorga will be serving as the Head Timer for Sterling in this year's ARC.

At this time there is a need to identify a Stop Chair to serve in a lead role for Sterling - KSTK.

Are you interested in helping to make this ARC Stop in our aviation community an efficient, welcoming, safe, and fun setting over a few days in June? 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)







# COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT

## *Fly-in Event*

### WHEN:

**SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 8-11 A.M.**

### WHERE:

**TERMINAL AT COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT**

5200 Front Range Pkwy., Watkins

*Chow down on some good ol' pancakes, mingle with community members, and see some warbirds on display. Fuel discounts will be available during the event.*

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9 a.m. in the Terminal Upstairs Conference Room*

*Event sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Leslie Brown at 720.523.7313 for sponsorship information.*



EAA301.org

*Scan the QR code  
for more information  
about this event.*





The Pikes Peak 99s are hosting a free health and wellness event for GA and commercial aviators alike. Pilots will gain:

- Mental health resources and strategies to prioritize well-being and optimal performance
- Understanding of aviation regulations around mental and physical health
- Knowledge of nutrition to sustain medical certificate and ability to fly

The event will be held May 3rd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We would love for you to join us in person at Hilton Garden Inn Colorado Springs or virtually if you are not in the area.

Katie Palmer

Pikes Peak 99s Chairman

PRESENTED BY THE PIKES PEAK 99S

## CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF: A FLIGHT PLAN FOR WELLBEING

*All aviators are invited to attend this free event, where guest speakers will address physical and mental health, VA disabilities, or medical concerns*

### Presenters:



**JILL MONGENE**

*The Aviation Dietitian  
Topic: Fuel Right, Take Flight*



**REINI THIJSEN**

*Emerald Mental Health Pilot Counseling Services  
Topic: Mental Health Challenges in Aviation*



**DR. DAVID ROGERS**

*AME, Alpenglou Family Medicine  
Topic: Mental Health and FAA Medicals*



**DR. JERRY LIMOGÉ**

*Senior AME  
Topic: VA Disabilities and FAA Medicals*



**03 MAY 2025**



**09.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

### ONLINE

*Link will be emailed to  
registered attendees*

### IN PERSON

*Hilton Garden Inn  
2035 Aerotech Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80916*

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT:

**[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/CG788Y5](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CG788Y5)**

# Mountain Flying



HIGH ELEVATION AIRPORT OPERATIONS GROUND SCHOOL



## Brought to you by the Colorado Pilots Association

Flying the Colorado Rockies, with more than 50 mountain peaks exceeding 14,000 feet, and into more than a dozen public-use airports located near the communities and recreational areas located there, can be an exhilarating experience. But it can also be a hazardous experience for those unaware of the unique weather related variables encountered in mountain flight and the effects on aircraft performance. In Colorado, accident statistics show that pilots without the skills needed for safe flight over mountainous terrain often get themselves into situations which are beyond their capability to handle. The mountain flying course is a program developed by the Colorado Pilots Association to improve that capability.

The ground school course was originally developed by the Colorado Pilots Association in 1986. It is presented in Colorado at least twice each year and occasionally at out-of-state locations. It is taught by Colorado pilots who live and fly the mountains in business and recreational flying. Through the years it has evolved into one of the premier safety training courses of its kind.

**This year's dates are: June 21, August 16 and September 27**

The course takes the student on a simulated flight over several mountain passes and into a number of high elevation mountain airports. Instructors take time to discuss factors affecting the safety of flight at each step on the route and make extensive use of aerial photography and a technical workbook to illustrate information needed for a safe flight. The workbook is part of the course materials provided under the registration fee for the course.

[Colorado Mountain Flying](#)





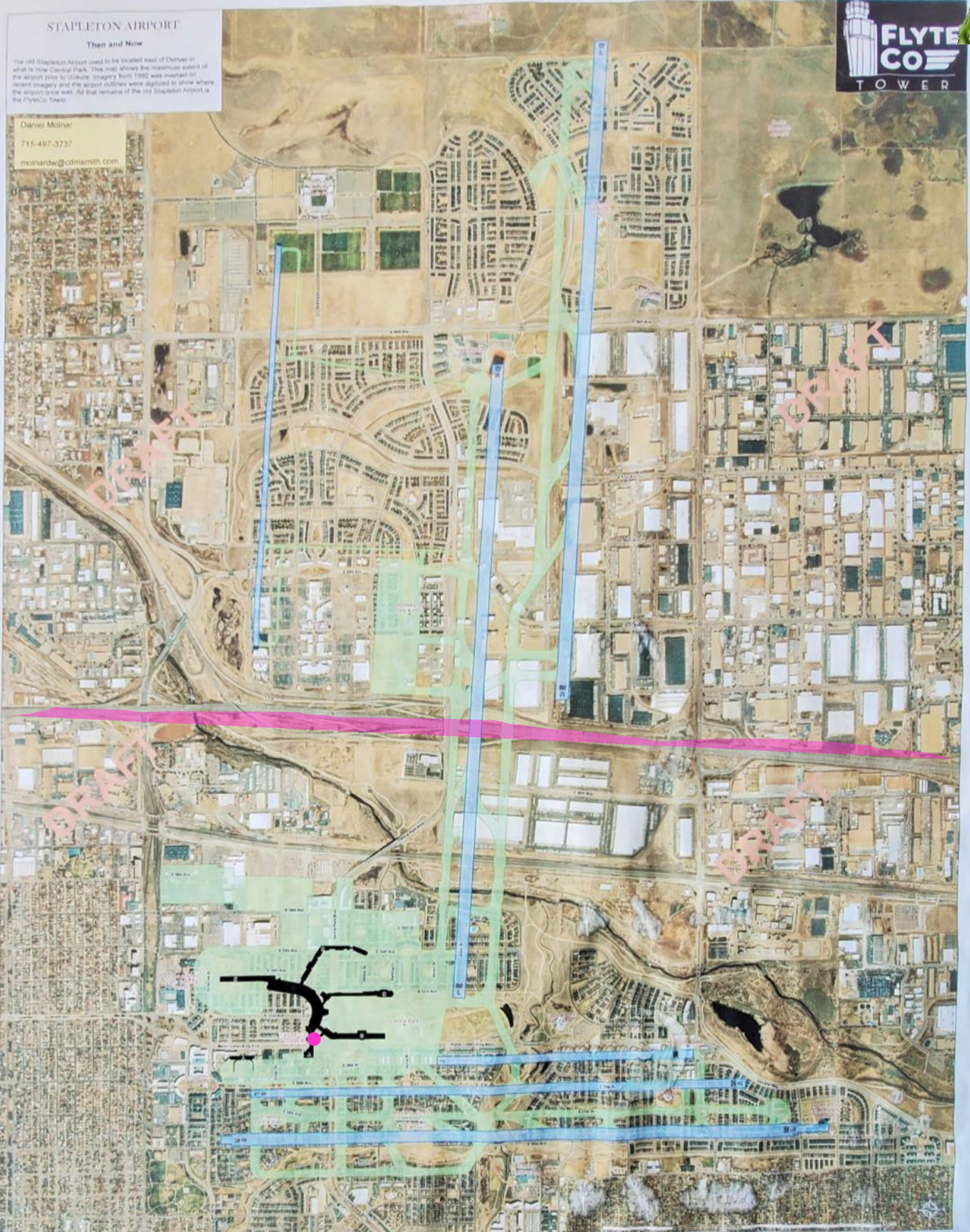
# STAPLETON AIRPORT

Then and Now

The old Stapleton Airport used to be located east of Denver in what is now Central Park. This map shows the maximum extent of the airport prior to closure. Imagery from 1992 was overlaid on recent imagery and the airport outlines were digitized to show where the airport once was. All that remains of the old Stapleton Airport is the FlyteCo Tower.



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If you are as curious about the old Stapleton Tower as I am, above is an overlay of the area now known as Central Park Neighborhood with the runways and taxiways superimposed over. The main terminal and concourses are in black. A pink dot is where the tower was. I-70 is the pink line above. Flyteco Tower resides at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Utica Street. A fun place to go.



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## **SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS**

### **International Conference**

**July 10-13, 2025**

**Burlington, Vermont**

**Hosted by the New England Section**

**Fall Section Meeting**

**October 23-26, 2025**

**Albuquerque, NM**

**Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter**



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