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Northwest Navigator

Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



Summer Flying

Our Northwest Section members have been busy with activities of all kinds this summer! Airmarking and airplane camping, ballooning and gliding, earning ratings and reaching milestones, winning scholarships and raising money for charity, racing and welcoming racers, representing The Ninety-Nines in parades and at air shows—you name it, we've been doing it. And best of all, spending time up in the sky!

Keep reading for updates on member achievements as well as chapter, section, and international activities.

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Join the 99s!

With the Ninety-Nines, you are in the company of friends! Receive understanding, encouragement and strength. Participate in our flying activities, aviation education, and community service as you improve your flying skills and create lifelong friendships. We welcome you to join and look forward to meeting you soon!

Benefits of Membership

- Meet fellow women pilots in your area
- Community service and education opportunities
- Career resources
- Scholarships, grants, and awards
- Free entry to the Museum of Women Pilots and Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
- Annual Northwest Section business meeting and conference
- Annual international conference
- Northwest Section newsletter
- Straight and Level, the International 99s newsletter
- Ninety-Nines Magazine

More information: https://www.ninety-nines.org/join-99s.htm

Welcome New 99s!

The Northwest Section has grown by 30 pilots since May 15! Our new members include 12 student pilots.

We are excited to welcome:

Eliza Akhoudas • Deanna Bender

Margaret Barber • Eden Benkley

Annalisa Berg • Noella Blech

Laurel Bourret • Sadie Bowen

Clarissa Canales • Sophia Canton

Helena D'Angelo • Grace Frame

Sarah Frelly • Mia Gaspard

Jamie Gehring • Madz Gouldby

Darby Hodgen • Morgan Holko

Tera Jones • Carina Karlsson

Ava Lawrence • Alyssa LeMaster

Dierdra Lynch • Zipporah Neathery

Tiy Orpurt • Yelena Prusakova

Catherine Shuman • Stephanie Snisko

Jazmin Stamper • Michelle Tabor

Cindy Winters • Allyson Youngblood Valerie McClymonds (Friend)

We're also excited to recognize Laura Krueger (Columbia Cascade Chapter) as a new Life Member!

Section Webpage

Have you visited our <u>Section webpage</u> lately? If you need the password for the members-only section, contact webmaster Diane Lambert at <u>newsletternw99s@gmail.com</u>.

Friends of the Ninety-Nines

Have a friend who wishes they could join the Ninety-Nines?

The Friends of the Ninety-Nines continues to grow. Encourage your non-flying or gentlemen friends to join Friends of the Ninety-Nines. Our Friends receive many benefits including reduced admission to our museums, listing on our "Find a CFI" webpage, a Friends baseball cap, decal, lapel pin, and much more. For more information, visit https://www.ninety-nines.org/friends-of-99s.htm.

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Sydney Otis (Eastern Idaho) - 1st Solo Ella Bleffert (Idaho) - 1st Solo Julie Polasik (Eastern Idaho) - PPL Sophia Yamas (Greater Seattle) - PPL

Ally Doran (Columbia Cascade) - Instrument Rating
Gabi Scholz (Columbia Cascade) - Instrument Rating
Gina Calvario (Columbia Cascade) - Instrument Rating
Wendy Rover (Columbia Cascade) - Instrument Rating,
Rising Star Scholarship, and Bless Your Heart Scholarship
Amy Laurel Carlow (Columbia Cascade) - 50 hours cross country
Diane Lambert (Mid-Columbia) - 50 hours cross country and
Commercial UAS

Rachel Oedewaldt (Columbia Cascade) - Commercial Myranda Stingley (Wyoming) - First Wings Scholarship Lillian Mutch (Oregon Pines) - Rising Star Scholarship and Bless Your Heart Scholarship

Natalie Tevebaugh - Rising Star Scholarship



Ella Bleffert, Idaho Chapter

Send achievements and milestones to newsletternw99s@gmail.com for publication in the next newsletter!

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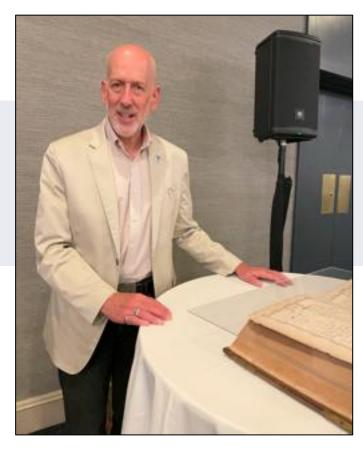
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Governor's Gab

by Beth Chapple

International Ninety-Nines Conference - The big event for me in July was my trip as your governor to Burlington, Vermont, for the International Ninety-Nines Annual Business meeting and the sightseeing and networking opportunities. With a bit of luck and pluck I managed to get on the dinner cruise on Lake Champlain and chat with many pilots.





The special guest at the welcome reception was a grandnephew of Amelia Earhart, Bram Kleppner, who brought with him their amazingly large family bible. His birth date and hers are recorded on the same page! He is a tireless advocate for Amelia's legacy. Meeting him was a fun part of the evening, which of course was also filled with hangar flying conversations.

Another optional event that turned out to be lots of fun was an afternoon at the Shelburne Museum, whose collections include Impressionist paintings, the giant steamboat Ticonderoga, fabric art, and quilts. Here is longtime Ninety-Nine Ellen Nobles-Harris, who taught me to look for a spider web in every crazy quilt.





At the business meeting we discussed and then voted on a dues increase of \$10 for all members across the board, which just took effect (see Marjy's article on page 10 for much more about the business meeting). A charming video at the end invited us to the 2026 International Conference in San Diego. At the awards banquet we learned about all the scholarship winners, and then I had the honor of helping President Robin Hadfield present the awards of achievement and inspiration. (Ask me and I'll be happy to tell you all about those!)

Annual Section Meeting - Thank you if you have already registered for this fall's Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting and Conference, October 3-5, 2025, in Butte, Montana (KBTM). We are looking forward to meeting new members and reconnecting with continuing members, both in person and online. Registration, which includes all meals, closes September 30: see nw99s.org for the registration form if you don't have one already. But even more crucial, the hotel rate of \$159 +tax for a King or two Queen beds at the Copper King ends on September 3; so please call (406) 221-2684 and request the group rate for the "Northwest 99s." The festivities start on Friday with our keynote speaker, earthrounder CarolAnn Garratt, who flew around the world three times in her Mooney and wrote about it in her *Upon Silver Wings* books,



which she is bringing with her. There will then be a welcome reception so we can continue the conversation as well as hear about Amelia's connections to Wyoming. At Saturday morning's meeting we plan to discuss our section scholarship, brainstorm about the location for the 2028 International Conference (to be hosted by our section!), and select three new board directors. After lunch we have several aviation speakers lined up before the evening's finale, the awards banquet.

We hope that every chapter in our section can send at least one representative, since we all want to learn what each chapter has been up to all year and celebrate individual accomplishments: new wings, ratings, and more. And, if you can, please bring a snack or drink for the hospitality room and a book, artwork, gift card, or other aviation-related item for the silent auction that benefits the section scholarship, which we hope to grow. If you can't make it or your item is too heavy to travel with, please mail it to Montana chapter Vice Chair Charity Fechter to the address in the Ninety-Nines.org member directory, or contact her to find out the address if you prefer to send it via UPS or FedEx. Then contact me at northwest99s@gmail.com to let me know what you plan to bring or send. Thank you so much.

Local Chapter Activities

Send chapter updates to newsletternw99s@gmail.com for publication in the next newsletter

Midnight Sun Chapter

Friendly Fishes Film is working on a documentary about the Midnight Sun 99s featuring the stories of Phyllis Tate, Heather Zulkanycz, and Kelly Reynolds. This film will dive into legacy, resilience, and the unique culture of female bush pilots in Alaska. We are honored to be part of a project that highlights the strength and determination of women in aviation.

Eastern Idaho Chapter

The Eastern Idaho Chapter has had a busy summer! In June they hosted the Jerome stop for the Air Race Classic and supported the Young Eagles event in Teton Valley. In July, the chapter was in the Teton Valley 4th of July parade and participated in the Tin Cup event in Driggs.



Montana Chapter

The Montana Chapter is having a painting year! They started by painting a compass rose at Three Forks (9S5) in July. They'll also be airmarking at Glendive (KGDV, August 30), Townsend (8U8, September 20), and Seeley Lake (23S, TBD) Airports this fall.

Crater Lake Flyers Chapter

The Crater Lake Flyers have been involved in a variety of events in recent months. Members enjoyed Balloons over Bend in May, then painted a compass rose at Siskiyou County Airport (KSIY) and airmarked at Malin Airport (4S7) the same month. They also had booths at the Ashland Airport Day in June and at the Kingsley Field Wings and Eagles airshow in July.



Oregon Pines Chapter

The Oregon Pines celebrated the chapter's 45th anniversary in May! They also participated with a booth at Wings and Wheels at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and Museum in June. On June 27, the Oregon Pines Chapter honored the legacy of the Petticoat Derby, an annual event held by the 99s Oregon Chapter from 1961 to 1969. With an onshore marine layer over Western Oregon, we adjusted our route to ensure safety and visibility. Taking off from Independence State Airport, we made stops in Lebanon, Corvallis, Aurora, and McMinnville before returning to Independence. Seven pilots flew in tribute to the pioneering women who embodied the spirit of The Ninety-Nines 60 years ago.



1961 (above) - Petticoat Derby - 2025 (below)



PORT OF BENTON OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION – 25-02 HONORING THE MID-COLUMBIA CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES

WHEREAS, the Mid-Columbia chapter of the Ninety-Nines, part of an international women in aviation organization, volunteered to improve the Richland Airport with the creation of a compass rose: and

WHEREAS, over the past 90 years, through a legacy of service, the international organization has contributed greatly to countless airports across the world; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Columbia chapter devoted upwards of 250 volunteer hours preparing for, outlining, and ultimately painting the 80-foot diameter compass; and

WHEREAS, this airmarking will be a permanent visual landmark for pilots in the skies as well as a practical calibration tool for aircraft on the ground.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Port of Benton Commission does hereby commend all the members of the Mid-Columbia chapter of the Ninety-Nines for what they have done and continue to do, through their volunteer efforts to further aviation for everyone.

DATED AND SIGNED at Richland, Washington, on the 6th day of August 2025.





Mid-Columbia Chapter

In early August, the Port of Benton (WA) issued an official proclamation honoring the Mid-Columbia Chapter for their work on the Richland Airport compass rose in May. The chapter also supported the Richland Young Eagles event that month. They really got around in June: chapter members provided a "Preflight with a Pilot" activity at the Yakima Aviation Day kids' zone, volunteered as timers for the Air Race Classic stop in La Grande, OR, and hosted 99s booths at the Moses Lake Airshow and the Pangborn Festival of Flight. Members met up at the Wallowa County Fly-In in July, and the chapter will be airplane camping at Electric City (3W7) in August. In September, you can join them at Cashmere Airport Day or painting a compass rose in Wenatchee.

Columbia Cascade Chapter

The Columbia Cascade Chapter did a fabulous job representing The Ninety-Nines at the Oregon International Air Show in Hillsboro at the beginning of the summer.



Section Awards

It's that time of year Ladies! Let's get those Awards Nominations turned in on or before September 10th. The awards will be given at the Awards Dinner at the Northwest Section Meeting in Butte, Montana.

Spinning Prop Award

This award is to encourage us to get out in our planes and log some hours. It is given to the person who has logged the most time between our annual section meetings in a noncommercial status. Individuals receiving instruction training may count those hours toward the award. Hours flown will be verified by nominees submitting logbook entries to the Section Awards Chairman, NOTE: Logged time will be from July 1 to June 30.

Hot Pavement Award

Airmarking has been an important and fun tradition of The Ninety-Nines. This award honors those chapters that have been active in airmarking.

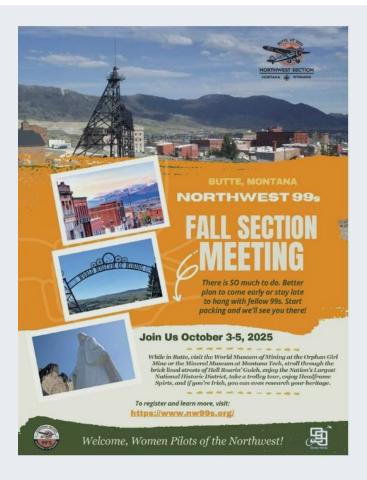
Behind The Clouds Award

The success of our chapters depends upon the hardworking individuals who put in time and energy and are always there to help. This award honors those individuals. This award is to honor someone who has not had prior recognition for her efforts. It may be given to a chapter officer or general member.

Aviation and Space Education Award

In keeping with the educational mission of The Ninety-Nines, this award is given to the chapter that has made the most contributions to Aerospace Education in a given year.

Send all nominations to Bonnie Molitor, Awards Chairman, at bonniemichele@outlook.com. Thank you!





News from International

Notes from The Ninety-Nines International Business Meeting by Marjy Leggett



The annual International Ninety-Nines Business Meeting was held on July 12, 2025, in Burlington, Vermont.

Endowment Fund:

It was only a few years ago that the Ninety-Nines were struggling to reach one million dollars in the Endowment Fund. At the July 2025 meeting, Chairman Mary Wunder reported we now have over \$4,713,000 in the Endowment Fund, thank to the generous donations of our Ninety-Nines members.

Bylaws:

The membership voted on three amendments to the International Bylaws:

- 1. Definition of a woman. "Woman" refers to how a person identifies herself under sex/gender on her pilot's documentation, official government ID, or equivalent. The motion needed 2/3 of delegates to vote in favor in order to pass. The vote was 100 For, 85 Against. The motion failed.
- 2. Definition of a pilot: "Pilot," for the purpose of qualification for membership, means the certification or qualification, by the applicable authority of the home country, for operation of aircraft which require one or more pilots to be physically on board the aircraft to directly control the aircraft. (In other words, "piloting" a drone would not be considered qualifications for membership in The Ninety-Nines.) The motion needed 2/3 majority to pass. The vote was 129 For, 35 Against. This met the 2/3 rule, so that amendment passed.
- 3. Membership Dues: This proposal would increase dues across the board to all members by \$10.00. Currently, student pilot dues are \$35 and regular membership in the U.S. is \$65. Members objected to increasing dues for student pilots. Because this is a Standing Rule, rather than a Bylaw, only 50% is needed to pass. An amendment was added to NOT raise dues for student pilots. It passed 92 to 88. Raising dues \$10 for all except student pilots passed 164 to 17. Dues are now increased to \$75 for regular U.S. membership and will remain \$35 for student pilots for two years. After two years at the student pilot rate, the student will have to pay \$75, even if they are still a student pilot.

Watch for information about the 2026 International Conference July 8-12, 2026 San Diego, California

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT		
8/15 - 8/17	Arlington Skyfest https://www.arlingtonskyfest.com/	Arlington, WA KAWO	
	Flying Legends of Victory Tour https://commemorativeairforce.org/events/411		
8/16	Tacoma Narrows Airport Day https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8134/Tacoma-Narrows-Airport-Day	Gig Harbor, WA KTIW	
8/16	Northwest Antique Airplane Club Pie-in https://www.flynwaac.org/pie-in	Scappoose, OR KSPB	
8/16 - 8/17	Magic Valley Airshow https://magicvalleyairshow.com/	Twin Falls, ID KTWF	
8/16 - 8/17	Wings over Willamette Fly-In and STOL Wars https://wow-flyin.com	Independence, OR 7S5	
8/20 - 8/23	Hypoxia Chamber Event Contact Willamette Aviation Service	Aurora, OR KUOA	
8/22 - 8/23	Airshow of the Cascades https://cascadeairshow.com/	Madras, OR S33	
8/22 - 8/23	Airplane Camping Electric City/Gra Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter		
8/23	Sheridan Pilots Association Open House, Fly-In & Air Show https://www.sheridanpilots.org/events/fly-in-air-show-2025	Sheridan, WY KSHR	
8/23 - 8/24	Warhawk Air Museum Warbird Roundup https://warhawkairmuseum.org/event/warbird-roundup-2025-sunday/	Nampa, ID KMAN	
8/30	Airmarking at Glendive Airport Contact the Montana Chapter	Glendive, MT KGDV	
9/1 - 9/26	ARC Derby Registration https://derby.airraceclassic.org/		
9/6	Thomas Memorial Fly-In https://www.facebook.com/share/19JnB7AuqR/	Glendo, WY 76V	
9/6	Cashmere Airport Day Mid-Columbia Chapter hosting 99s booth	Cashmere, WA 8S2	
9/6 - 9/7	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In https://www.waaamuseum.org	Hood River, OR 4S2	
9/19 - 9/21	Painting compass rose at Pangborn Contact the Mid-Columbia Chapter	Wenatchee, WA KEAT	
9/20	Airmarking at Broadwater County Airport Contact the Montana Chapter	Townsend, MT 8U8	

DATE	EVENT	
9/20	Girls in Aviation Day	Boise, ID
	Contact the Idaho Chapter	KBOI
9/20	Omak Wings & Wheels Fly-In & Car Show	Omak, WA
	https://www.facebook.com/groups/175252396431665/user/100000163914090	KOMK
9/26 -	Oregon International Air Show McN	Minnville, OR
9/28	https://oregonairshow.com/	KMMV
10/1 -	Air Race Classic Derby	
10/14	https://derby.airraceclassic.org/race-information.htm	
10/3 -	Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting Copper King Hot	tel/Butte, MT
10/5	https://nw99s.org/meetings	

Submit event information to newsletterNW99s@gmail.com.

Scholarships

Scholarship Deadlines

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DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION		
8/11	National Business Aviation Association Scholarships:		
	→ C&W Family Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/cw-family-scholarship/		
	→ Corporate Aircraft Association Scholarship for Future Aviation Leaders		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/fred-diane-fitts-aviation-		
	scholarship/		
	→ John F. Rahilly Memorial Scholarship for Future A&P Technicians Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/john-f-rahilly-memorial-		
	scholarship-future-ap-technicians-scholarship/		
	→ Lawrence Ginocchio Aviation Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/ginocchio-aviation-		
	scholarship/		
	→ UAA Janice K. Barden Aviation Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/barden-aviation-scholarship/		
	→ William M. Fanning Maintenance Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/william-m-fanning-		
	maintenance-scholarship/		
	→ Al Conklin and Bill de Decker Business Aviation Management Scholarship		
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/conklin-de-decker/		
8/15	Calvin L. Carrithers Aviation Scholarship		
	https://www.globalair.com/scholarships/		
8/18			
0/10	I Hart Flying Shine Scholarship https://www.ihartflying.org/current-scholarships		
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8/20	Legacy of Flight Scholarship		
	www.fnlpilots.org/fnlpa-legacy-of-flight-scholarship		

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DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
8/31	Sheltair & Avfuel Scholarship
	https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities
8/31	Grand Dames of Aviation Scholarships: → The Wings Of Change (WOC) Scholarships → Professional Aviation (ProAvi) Scholarships www.granddamesofaviation.org
9/4	AVTRIP Scholarship & Avfuel Pilot-in-Training Scholarship https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities
9/6	Women in Corporate Aviation Scholarships https://www.wca-intl.org/scholarship-opportunities/
9/8	Ag Wings of Tomorrow Scholarship https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/ag-wings-of-tomorrow-scholarship/
9/8	National Agricultural Aviation Association Support Scholarship Media Contest https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/support-scholarship-media-contest/
9/15	Charles Stokes Memorial Turbine Training Scholarship https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/charles-stokes-memorial-turbine-training- scholarship/
9/16	Lyons Aviation Foundation PPL Scholarship applications open https://lyonsaviation.org/aviation-scholarship/
9/30	Soaring Society of America Scholarships: → Junior CFI-G Scholarship → Kolstad Award College Scholarship https://www.ssa.org/soaring-scholarships/
9/30	Mat-Su Valley 99s Flight Scholarship in Honor of Elaine Base email: matsuvalley99s@gmail.com
9/30	Figure 1 Foundation Scholarships: (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) → Tail-wheel Endorsement → Upset Recovery, Spin Training, Introduction to Aerobatics http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/
10/1	Deadline for First Wings Scholarship fall applications https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm
10/1	Eastern Idaho Chapter Scholarships: → Final Approach Checkride Scholarship → On Course Milestone Scholarship https://www.idaho99s.org/eastern
10/1	Ninety-Nines Collegiate Women's Achievement Award https://bit.ly/CWAA25-26
10/1	Epic Flight Academy Scholarships (for high school students) https://epicflightacademy.com/aviation-scholarship/
10/4	Whirly-Girls multiple helicopter scholarships https://whirlygirls.org/current-scholarship-offerings/

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DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
10/15	Women in Aviation International 2025 Scholarships www.WAI.org/scholarships
10/31	Leroy Homer Scholarship application opens https://leroywhomerjr.org/scholarships/
10/31	Able Flight https://ableflight.org/scholarships
11/1	ISA+21 Scholarships (International Society of Women Airline Pilots) https://isa21.org/scholarship/
11/1	EAA Scholarship applications open https://www.eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships/eaa-flight-training-scholarships
11/28	Dan L. Meisinger Sr. Memorial Learn to Fly Scholarship https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/dan-l-meisinger-sr-memorial-learn-to-fly-scholarship
12/7	Fran Bera Private Pilot Scholarship https://sd99s.org/fran-bera-info
12/26	Pioneers of Flight Scholarship https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/pioneers-of-flight-scholarship
12/31	Figure 1 Foundation Scholarships (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) → Fixed-wing PPL http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/ → Aerobatic Judge Certification http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/

MORE SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS:

https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarship-registry.htm

https://www.ninety-nines.org/other-scholarships.htm

http://www.flightscholarship.info/

http://www.flightscholarship.info/aviatrix-scholarships.html

https://whirlygirls.org/current-scholarship-offerings/

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