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Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



Northwest Section Annual Meeting

Female Aviators Make History!

According to recent FAA Pilot Population Statistics via Aviation Across America, there are over 100,000 female U.S. pilots (11.4% of all U.S. pilots) for the first time in history. This number grew by 72% in just the last 5 years (from 58,541 in 2020 to 100,704 in 2026). 60,764 of this number are student pilots, 16,000 are private pilots, 13,983 are flight instructors, 12,867 are commercial pilots, 10,376 are airline pilots, and 2,630 are captains. Keep on following your dreams above the clouds!

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News from International

International Election Results

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https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1FDGcd8Mvf/

See You in Sydney in September!

Mark your calendars for a trip to Australia in early September 2027! The Ninety-Nines Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sydney, which will be our home base for Sydney-based optional tours and activities offered September 7-11, 2027 (who wants to climb the Sydney Harbour bridge??) and traditional Conference events on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, including (but not limited to!) the Welcome Reception, Keynote Breakfast, Keynote Address, terrific speakers, the Annual Meeting and the Awards Banquet. AKA Travel is pricing post-conference tour options to destinations beyond Sydney, and that information should be available very soon. Registration is expected to open later this fall.

Ninety-Nines

Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Ashley Reese (Columbia Cascade) – PPL Knowledge Exam

Mackenzie Blosfield (Columbia Cascade) – PPL Knowledge Exam, and NWAAC Meichen Plumhoff Memorial Scholarship for Primary Training

Nita Tallent (Wyoming) – 1st Solo

Desiree Carson (Greater Seattle) – 1st Solo

Kim Wisneski (Mid-Columbia) – 1st Solo

Ashley Reese (Columbia Cascade) – 1st Solo

Nadiia Ramthun (Mid-Columbia) – 1st Solo, I Hart Flying Scholarship, and AOPA Scholarship

Kendra Uhl (Columbia Cascade) – Second 1st Solo

DeAnna Ankrum (Mid-Columbia) – 1st Solo, and Cross Country Solo

Rachel Warling (Columbia Cascade) – 1st Solo, and Cross Country Solo

Adelina DiTomasso (Columbia Cascade) – Cross Country Solo

Skye Consolini (Eastern Idaho) – PPL-Glider

Catherine Day (Mid-Columbia) – PPL

Candance Ann Duyck (Columbia Cascade) – PPL

Teala Coleman (Greater Seattle) – PPL

Brooke Mabey (Eastern Idaho) – PPL

Shelby Johnson (Eastern Idaho) – PPL

Sydney Otis (Eastern Idaho) – PPL, and Instrument

Lillian Mutch (Oregon Pines) – Instrument

Julianne Jones (Eastern Idaho) – Instrument, and Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Scholarship

Savanna Summers (Intermountain) – Multi-Engine

Natalie Trevebaugh (Central Oregon) – Commercial

Julia Polasik (Eastern Idaho) – Commercial, and Mountain & Canyon Flying Course

Wendy Rover (Columbia Cascade) – Commercial, and Reach for the Stars Scholarship winner



Savanna Summers

Gina Calvario (Columbia Cascade) – Commercial Multi-engine

Grace Frame (Columbia Cascade) – IRA, IGI, FOI Knowledge Exams

Katie Krapes (Eastern Idaho) – Glider CFI

Kaeley Johnson (Columbia Cascade) – CFI

Rachel Odewalt (Columbia Cascade) – CFI

Eryn Tehan (Columbia Cascade) – CFI

Sara Baker (Columbia Cascade) – CFI

Natasha Stenbock (Columbia Cascade) – Spin Endorsement, and CFI

Gabi Scholz (Columbia Cascade) – A320 Type Rating

Mandy Schmidt (Columbia Cascade) – NWAAC Art Armstrong Memorial Tailwheel Scholarship

Grace Frame (Columbia Cascade) – Instrument Training Scholarship

Jodie Lyons (Alaska) – Alaska 99s 2026 Scholarship

Allison Perrine (Intermountain) – Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Scholarship

Emily Paxson (Columbia Cascade) – Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Scholarship

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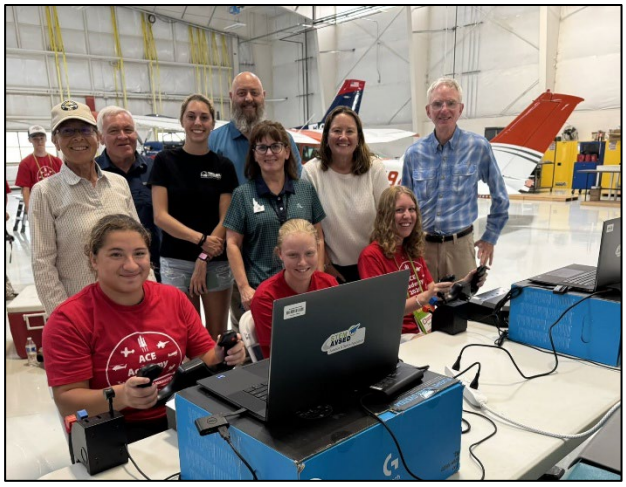
Welcome New 99s!

68 pilots joined the Northwest Section since May, including 40 student pilots!

Mraa Al Sadah • Daytona Arnzen
Johanna Ashley-Nye • Calie Bailey
Megan Banz • Kat Barnard • Sara Billey
Megan Black • Emma Blackwell
Riley Boyd • Teeya Bussaban • Ella Canon
Karlee Coble • Iris Collins • Caitlin Collom
Skye Consolini • Bridget Crossman
Stephanie Day • Adelina DiTommaso
Madison Earl • Esther Edwards • Holly Fisher
Kaite Gorman • Mikayla Gyfteas
Annika Harmonson • Alyssa Hecht
Shelbie Hemphill • Arai Hoekema • Lula Hugo
Jeanie Jacobs • Bev Johnson • Aviyah Jones
Ryna Karnik • Bailey Kemp • Rachel Kempf
Tierney King • Ashlie Kloft • Betsy Kohl
Mele Kuahiwinui • Kaylie Lacovara
Sydney Lucker • Isabella Marunde
Shelley Mathews • Deon Mayer
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Karla Schaapveld • Elise Stables
Ophelia Sullivan • Sophia Taylor
Mackenzie Tokish • Michelle Van Slack
Kylie Viens • Rachel Warling • Anika Wiklem
Kimberly Wisneski • Lisa Wolff • Anna Wruck
Riley Young • Taylor Zehetmir

New Friends:
Karl Schricker, Selah Mae Thody, and Amber Kemmerling

We're also excited to recognize the Section's newest Life Members!
Carma Glasser (Montana)
Sharon Rajnus (Crater Lake Flyers)
Cynthia Armentrout (Mid-Columbia),
Donna Hanebut (Mid-Columbia)
Jennifer Sumner (Greater Seattle)
Thora Boede (Greater Seattle)



Idaho Chapter Members participated in the ACE Academy

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://ninety-nines.org/join-the-99s/

Northwest Section Annual Meeting Brings Adventure, Fellowship, and Inspiration to Driggs

The Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines gathered in beautiful Driggs, Idaho, August 27-30, 2026, for the Annual Fall Meeting, co-hosted by the Eastern Idaho and Idaho Chapters. While an unexpected runway closure at Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport (KDIJ) created some logistical challenges, attendees demonstrated the flexibility and determination that pilots know so well, flying into alternate airports including West Yellowstone, St. Anthony, Rexburg, and Idaho Falls before making their way to Teton Valley.

The spectacular setting provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend filled with aviation fellowship, sightseeing, and outdoor adventure. Throughout the meeting, attendees enjoyed opportunities to explore Driggs and the surrounding Teton Valley, ride the chairlift to the summit at Grand Targhee Resort, visit nearby Jackson, Wyoming, and hike and tour the area's many scenic attractions.

The weekend officially began Thursday evening with a welcome reception at Teton Peaks Resort. Members reconnected with old friends and welcomed new faces while enjoying the warm hospitality of the host chapters.

Friday evening's barbecue dinner at Teton Peaks Resort offered another opportunity for fellowship and fun. Adding a special touch to the evening was a performance by Alexa Sluder, an Eastern Idaho Chapter member who also performs at weddings and community events. Her musical talents delighted attendees and helped create a memorable evening.

Annual Business Meeting

On Saturday morning, members gathered at Teton Aviation Center for the Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting. Terry Carbonell, newly elected International President of The Ninety-Nines, shared updates about several exciting initiatives underway at Headquarters.

Among the most significant is preparation for the organization's upcoming centennial celebration. The Ninety-Nines will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2029, and planning has already begun for this historic milestone. As an early kickoff to the celebration, a discounted three-year membership option is available through December 2026 for current, new, and reinstating members.

Banquet Celebrates Achievement and Service

Saturday evening's banquet at Teton Aviation Center highlighted the accomplishments of members throughout the Northwest Section.

Four prestigious section awards were presented:

- The **Spinning Prop Award**, recognizing the member who logged the most noncommercial flight time between annual section meetings, was presented to **Julie Polasik**.
- The **2026 Governor's Award**, honoring a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in aviation, was awarded to **Rachel Consolini**.

- The **Behind the Clouds Award**, recognizing dedicated service to chapter and section success, was presented to **Elsbeth Roach**.

- The **Hot Pavement Award** was presented to the **Montana Chapter** in recognition of its extensive airmarking efforts during the past year.

Another memorable banquet moment came when Dexter Klock presented the Nancy Overton Klock Scholarship, established in honor of his grandmother, an aviation pioneer and engineering innovator of the early 1900s. The scholarship will support women pursuing flight training and engineering studies, helping carry Nancy's adventurous spirit and innovative legacy forward by creating new opportunities for future generations.

Inspiring Stories from Distinguished Speakers

Conference attendees were treated to presentations from several exceptional speakers whose experiences highlighted both the challenges and rich history of aviation.

Christine Mortine shared the story of an emergency landing she successfully executed in a metropolitan area, offering valuable lessons in preparation, decision-making, and pilot professionalism.

John McKenna, a founding leader of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF), spoke about the organization's mission to preserve and maintain recreational airstrips throughout North America. His presentation emphasized the importance of protecting access to some of aviation's most remarkable backcountry and recreational destinations for future generations. The RAF also generously contributed items to the silent auction and attendee goody bags.

Closing out the speaker presentations were Greg and Suzanne Herrick, who shared the fascinating and often-overlooked story of Amelia Earhart's 1928 journey as the first woman to fly across the United States and back. The Herricks described their restoration of the historic Avro Avian aircraft and their efforts to recreate Earhart's groundbreaking flight, bringing an important chapter of aviation history vividly to life.

A Wonderful Weekend

Despite the unexpected airport challenges, the 2026 Northwest Section Fall Meeting proved to be a tremendous success. Between inspiring speakers, meaningful business sessions, well-deserved recognition of member achievements, and the stunning beauty of Teton Valley, attendees enjoyed a memorable weekend that celebrated the spirit of aviation, friendship, and service that defines The Ninety-Nines.

The Northwest Section extends its sincere appreciation to the Eastern Idaho and Idaho Chapters for their outstanding work in hosting an exceptional meeting and creating an unforgettable experience for all who attended.



Join us for the Northwest Section Spring Board Meeting

Meeting: May 1, Pearson Field (KVUO)

Activities April 29 – May 2, Vancouver, WA

Watch for more details coming soon!

Governor's Gab

by Beth Chapple

Now that the summer flying season has come to an end, I'll share with you all excerpts from the overview report I'm sending to International headquarters for the IBOD meeting in Oklahoma City this month. Our section, with 609 members across eight US states, is working on recruiting a section membership chair, inspired by the new International membership committee monthly Zoom meetings and WhatsApp group. Members in rural areas such as eastern Montana, the Dakotas, and Wyoming are struggling to figure out how to establish enduring connections and achieve their aviation goals. The board is offering our help to chapter leadership with online booster meetings. Northwest 99s in other areas who want to help brainstorm ideas are welcome!

We involve the hosting chapters of future fall section meetings in the process of debriefing the just finished conference, to help chapters know what's involved and what questions to ask. Chapters partner with each other and sometimes with the local WAI chapters on events. Our 99s continue to staff booths and have a presence (conducting talks and workshops) at some of the larger regional aviation trade shows and gatherings.



Northwest Section at the International Conference, San Diego, California, July 2026
Third row: Anne English, Marjy Leggett.
Second row: Gina Calvario, Wendy Whitsell, Elsbeth Roach.
Front row: Heather Curtis, Elizabeth Menozzi, Beth Chapple

The Patty Mitchell Northwest Section of the Ninety-Nines Scholarship was awarded to Oregon Pines secretary and NWS director Lillian Mutch in spring 2026. Our section has been able to increase the funds available for scholarships starting in 2027, in large part because we operate within budget and have received generous donations from individuals and chapters, especially Columbia Cascade. Four NW section members received the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship in 2026: Gina Calvario (Columbia Cascade, chapter secretary), Elizabeth Menozzi (Western Washington, chapter membership chair), Julia Polasik (Eastern Idaho, chapter vice chair), and Savanna Summers (Intermountain, chapter secretary). Deanna Ankrum won a First Wings scholarship in Spring 2026, with Lynn Harbinson as her mentor.

We are building up in-person attendance, in particular gals flying in, at our twice yearly section meetings. Our Spring Board of Directors meeting was held April 17-19, 2026, at a fire station near the Pangborn Memorial Airport (KEAT), with the conference hotel located next to a popular farmers market and the river walk. We got to go on a tour of the Miss Veedol and on rides in two locally based airplanes. The Fall Annual Business Meeting was co-hosted by the small-but-mighty Eastern Idaho and Idaho chapters, August 27-30 at Teton Aviation at Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport (KDIJ), with outstanding keynote speakers Christine Mortine on her engine out in Ohio, John McKenna on the Recreational Aviation Foundation, and Greg and

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Suzanne Herrick on the 2001 reenactment of Amelia Earhart's transcontinental flight in their restored Avro Avian. Planned balloon and glider rides did not work out due to the thunderstormy weather, but most of us went on pleasant hikes and paddle trips and enjoyed the live music performed by 99 Alexa Sluder.

Here are the dates for the next two section meetings: April 17-19, 2027 at Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA, and July 31-August 1, 2027 in Fairbanks, Alaska! Look for more information soon, as well as planning to start for the July 2028 section meeting in greater Seattle and the August or September 2029 conference in and near Albany, OR. Please join us.

On a personal level, I keep busy flying east and west across the Cascades when I am not visiting and helping family members out of state. My husband and I flew our Evektor Harmony LSA all the way to Montgomery Field from Arlington, Washington, and back to attend the International 99s conference in San Diego. Ten Northwest 99s were able to attend in person, including two AE scholarship winners (see the picture). During a family trip to England in September, I got to see all the wonderful historic airplanes on view at the Avro Heritage Museum, Shuttleworth House, and Duxford.

Happy flying,
NWS Governor Beth Chapple



Help Shape the Future of Pilot Training

Seattle Chapter member Jenn Sturgill, a long-time 99 and former NW Nominations Committee Member and NW Aviation Education Chair, is researching the roadblocks pilots face throughout their aviation journeys, from ground school and checkride prep to funding, community, career guidance, and insurance.

Jenn is inviting pilots at every stage, from new student pilots to seasoned aviators, to share their experiences in a 5 to 10-minute anonymous survey. She plans to share her findings and resources with her chapter and beyond. Once she has tested traction here, she intends to expand the effort by connecting with other aviation organizations, such as AOPA and Women in Aviation International.

Jenn, an Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor, is also available to tutor members who would like extra support with ground training. Her approach replaces rote memorization with custom visual tools and targeted memory drills, with accountability built-in through guided practice, such as role-playing and chair-flying. To learn more or get in touch, email her at info@thebutterflycfi.com, visit The Butterfly CFI, or follow her on Instagram at @thebutterflycfi.

Ultimately, Jenn's aim reaches beyond any single student or program. She wants to help change how the industry trains and supports pilots, making aviation education more thoughtful, structured, and accessible for everyone, especially women and underrepresented groups, so that fewer aspiring aviators get stuck along the way.



Submit your aviation-focused, vertical (portrait) videos featuring flying, training, aircraft, or life in aviation for use in The Ninety-Nines social media.

For questions, reach out to shannon@arrowmmc.com

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.

Compass Rose at Pearson Field Carries Forward Legacy of Women in Aviation

by Christina Crea, Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division, originally published in the WADOT Aviation Newsletter



A freshly painted bright blue and white compass rose now welcomes pilots at Pearson Field in Vancouver, thanks to volunteers from the Columbia Cascade Chapter of The Ninety-Nines.

The local chapter is part of an international organization of women pilots with a decades-long tradition of "air marking" which involves painting compass roses, airport names and other identifying information at airports. These markings can help pilots identify airports from above and, when properly surveyed and certified, calibrate aircraft compasses.

For Pearson Field Airport Manager Meredith Fox, bringing a compass rose to the historic airfield was both a professional and personal goal.

Fox joined the Idaho Chapter of The Ninety-Nines while living in Idaho, where she first became interested in the organization's air-marking work.

"We were exploring the idea of painting a compass rose at Idaho Falls Airport," Fox said. "I moved away before that project came to fruition, but it left a lasting impression on me."

After becoming Pearson Field's airport manager, Fox saw an opportunity to bring that vision to Vancouver. She contacted the Columbia Cascade Chapter, and its members were happy to help.

"Representing the City of Vancouver and as a proud Ninety-Nine, I see an incredible opportunity to continue a tradition that reflects both our aviation heritage and the enduring contributions of women in flight," Fox said.

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On July 24, that vision came to life as volunteers painted the compass rose at Pearson Field, one of the oldest continuously operating airfields in the United States.

Knowing The Ninety-Nines' long history of painting compass roses at airports across the country, Fox said Pearson Field felt like the perfect setting for the project.

"As the second-oldest continuously operating airport in the nation, it is the perfect place to carry that legacy forward," Fox said.

The new compass rose will become part of the airfield's rich history while honoring the women who have contributed to aviation across generations.

"To me, being a Ninety-Nine means leaving aviation better than we found it and inspiring the next round of aviators," Fox said. "A compass rose is more than just paint. It's a symbol of mentorship, service and the women who have helped shape aviation for generations, often with too little recognition."

Fox said the project also provides an opportunity to celebrate aviation's shared heritage while creating something that can inspire future pilots.

"By painting a compass rose at Pearson Field, we honor those who came before us, preserve the remarkable history of this airfield and inspire the next generation of women aviators," Fox said. "It's an opportunity to unite women in aviation through a project that celebrates our shared heritage while leaving a lasting legacy for the future."

A tradition powered by volunteers

Wendy Whitsell, a volunteer photographer with the Columbia Cascade Chapter, said air-marking projects are often championed by members who have a personal connection to an airport.

"It's often someone's 'home' airport," Whitsell said.

Members bring their time, skills and enthusiasm to projects that benefit the larger aviation community. For Whitsell, volunteering is also a way to give back to the network of airports and aviation professionals she relies on as a pilot.

"The support of professionals who keep the aviation network safe and organized is greatly to my benefit," Whitsell said. "We are lucky to have the time and volunteer spirit to share with each other."

The Pearson Field project joins other Ninety-Nines compass roses at Washington airports. Members of the Mid-Columbia Chapter painted an 80-foot blue-and-white compass rose at Richland Airport in May 2025, while Ninety-Nines volunteers have also painted and maintained a 100-foot compass rose at Arlington Municipal Airport.





Flying West



Carolyn Hambidge (left)
and Candyce Goudy (right)

Carolyn Hambidge flew to New Horizons on December 8, 2025. She was an active member of The Ninety-Nines for many years, serving as Secretary, Membership Chair, and much appreciated Scholarship Chair to the Intermountain Chapter of the Northwest Section. She often remarked that "earning her PPL gave her more confidence than she had ever had in her life." She was a blessing to the Intermountain Chapter and is sorely missed.



Marian Jensen

Former Northwest Section Secretary and Board Director **Marian Dodge Jensen** passed away on June 10, 2026. Marian's first job was as a stewardess with Pan American World Airways, which sparked an interest in aviation. A number of years later she had the opportunity to take flying lessons and did so, though she was not really interested in obtaining a pilot's license. Then came the solo!! Life has not been the same since.

Retired after thirty years with the Washington State Patrol as an emergency dispatcher, Marian and her husband Tom together had her Citabria, his C-180, and their Navy N3N. Through the summer they tended to go to aviation gatherings nearly every weekend, and last fall, they went to the National Air Races in Roswell. She participated in the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club for many years. Marian was longtime secretary of the Washington Pilots Association and editor of their state newsletter Wings, so when she was not flying, she wrote about flying. In a memorable article she recounted her flight to the Bahamas with friends.

Marian was active in the Greater Seattle Chapter, often helping at booths at aviation events when she was not helping some other local aviation group at theirs. In 2019 she accepted the position of director on the Northwest Section board, and she served the section well in her two terms as secretary during 2021-25. She will be sorely missed.

Bobbie M. Herbert, age 95, passed away on August 20, 2026, at her home in Boise, Idaho. Bobbie's first love, from a young age, was flying. She started an aviation club while studying at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. She took flying lessons without telling her parents, then became the first student at Colby to earn a pilot's license. She joined The Ninety Nines International Organization of Women Pilots in 1964 and remained a member for the rest of her life. She was a member of the Idaho Chapter.

At an aviation club gathering in the early 1950s, she met a handsome young pilot named Dana G. Herbert. They married in 1952 and were together until Dana's death in 1998.

Bobbie was a force for good everywhere she lived. She was generous with her time and an enthusiastic volunteer in every community. She will be remembered for her active lifestyle, and for her brave, kind, thoughtful, and independent spirit.



Bobbie Herbert

Columbia Cascade 99s Living Legacy History Project

The Columbia Cascade Chapter is working on a project to collect the flying stories and Chapter memories of Legacy members of the Northwest Section. A form has been created to provide names of members who have important stories, memories, and advice about participation in the 99s to share with current and new members as well as submit questions you'd like to have these members answer. The form is available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYU_8RxIbChblTGcPAY6MLGJNO9ciBATiUrZ98Kok3xHl_7w/viewform

Interviews and stories will be recorded and shared on the Columbia Cascade 99s YouTube Channel, and links will be available on the Columbia Cascade 99s and Northwest Section Website.

Section Members in the News

- Wendy Rover (Columbia Cascade) – Expedition Tries to Solve Amelia Earhart Mystery
  https://www.cbsnews.com/video/new-expedition-tries-solve-amelia-earhart-mystery-legacy/
- Skye Consolini (Eastern Idaho) -- Skye Consolini takes to the skies
  Teton Valley News
- Columbia Cascade Chapter – Airmarking at Pearson Field
  https://youtu.be/gmi1wUrHsZg?si=lU2Y96KWmM41mlO-
- Julia Polasik (Eastern Idaho) – Getting Comfortable in the Mountains
  https://members.ninety-nines.org/pdf/newsmagazine/20260910.pdf
- Penny Rafferty Hamilton (Idaho) – 99 Earns 2026 National Book Recognition
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahx93XHkDjA

Local Chapter Activities

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

Alaska

Jodie Lyons Awarded Alaska 99s 2026 Scholarship

Jodie moved to Alaska with a dream to pursue aviation in September 2026. She finished her private pilot in 96 days and is currently wrapping up her instrument rating. In 2024, Jodie founded a women's cycling community @goldilocksgrvl, helping female-identifying riders build skills, confidence, and community through gravel cycling. She is stoked to join the aviation community, to mentor and inspire women to pursue their dreams in a historically male-dominated field. Her current goals are to work through commercial, CFI/II, and multi ratings as she builds hours to work for LifeMed flying fixed wing Medevac and giving back to her community. When not flying, she can be found playing with her two pups, Bridger and Teton.



Jodie Lyons



Red Lodge, Montana

Mid-Columbia

This summer the Mid-Columbia Chapter hosted 99s booths at the Richland Airport Aviation Careers Day, Pangborn Festival of Flight in Wenatchee, and Cashmere Airport Day. We've had fly-ins at Sisters, OR (for airplane camping), Yakima, WA (for lunch), and LaGrande, OR (where we relaxed in the hot springs). We also painted a compass rose at Walla Walla Airport in September.

Montana

Airmarking is big in Montana! The chapter is improving airports across the state with projects completed at Lincoln and Red Lodge.



Columbia Cascade

The Columbia Cascade Chapter has been extremely active over the last few months. After airmarking at both Pearson Field (Vancouver, WA) and Scappoose, OR, they supported the reopening celebrations at both airports with booths and activities. Columbia Cascade members have a lot to be proud of, with multiple pilot achievements and scholarship winners (see the list on page 3).



Eastern Idaho

Members of the Eastern Idaho Chater have been very involved in their local community, including presentations in schools, entering a float in the Victor, ID, 4th of July parade, helping out with Young Eagles Day in Driggs, ID, and participating in the Tin Cup Challenge again this year. They also have a new informational display case where locals can learn about the 99s while they watch airplanes at KDIJ.

Intermountain

This year our Intermountain members represented The Ninety Nines at events including Neighbor Day at Felts Field, Girls in Aviation Day, FAA WINGS programs, airport activities, school aviation presentations, and other community aviation events. They also airmarked the Colville Airport.

Watch the Intermountain Chapter Scholarship Workshop recording at https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/_HTf0RwHKdHbTG_NyW--2VHfdsgaz0EeWPLH6B16tUnHF33JCrsJ9Lipulvc18Y6.EtWlipZpqF_aSoJj?startTime=1792882061000



Crater Lake Flyers

In June, the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter welcomed the public to their booth at the Grants Pass Airport Day and did some fabulous airmarking at Prospect State Airport. In August they touched up the Butte Valley Airport airmark and offered ground support there for the 2026 Palms to Pines Air Race.

Oregon Pines

The Oregon 99s Petticoat Derby: A Tradition Revisited!

Back in the 1960s, the Oregon 99s hosted an annual Petticoat Derby, sending women pilots on a friendly aviation adventure to airports throughout Western Oregon. Originally planned for August, this year's Derby was postponed because of low ceilings in the Willamette Valley. On October 10, three crews finally took to the skies, each with carefully prepared flight logs and a planned route to fly.

The results? All three crews averaged three minutes or less difference from their planned flight times! Now the excitement continues as we look forward to presenting the Derby trophy at our November chapter tea party. It's more than a flight-planning challenge. It's a celebration of the women who came before us, the friendships that bring us together, and the enduring joy of general aviation.

Three crews. One tradition. An Oregon aviation adventure!



Wyoming

Check out the new Wyoming Chapter website at https://www.wyoming99s.org/.

The 2026 Ninety-Nines Poker Run hosted by the Colorado, Pikes Peak, and Wyoming 99s was a resounding success!



Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday	Donuts at Lenhardts 8-10 am — Lenhardt Airpark (7S9) Hubbard, OR https://airhaven.net/contact/
1st Thursdays	Museum of Flight Wells Fargo First Thursday — Boeing Field (KBFI) Seattle, WA Free admission to Museum of Flight from 5 to 9 p.m. https://www.museumofflight.org/visit/free-first-thursdays
1st Saturdays	EAA 105 Monthly Pancake Breakfast from 8 am-10 am — Twin Oaks Airpark (7S3) Hillsboro, OR https://eaa105.org/activities/monthly-pancake-breakfast/
1st & 3rd Saturdays	EAA 328 Fly-In Breakfast — KLWS Lewiston, ID https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa328/special-event---mtg-page
2nd Saturdays	Hood River WAAAM Museum Open House — 4S2 Hood River, OR https://www.waaamuseum.org/events/second-saturday
2nd Saturdays	Second Saturday Safety Seminar (Wings credit) — Aurora State (KUAO) Aurora, OR Willamette Aviation Service Education Hangar
3rd Saturdays	EAA 617 Pancake Breakfast — S39 Prineville, OR https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa617
Last Saturday	Huckleberry Pancake Breakfast — Boundary County (65S) Bonner's Ferry, ID https://idahoaviation.com/event/huckleberry-pancake-breakfast/
11/28/26	Warhawk Winterfest, Warhawk Air Museum — KMAN Nampa, ID https://warhawkairmuseum.org/event/warhawk-winterfest-weekend/
December Weekends	Illuminate, Starlight Lane Drive-thru, North American Aerospace Museum — KMMV McMinnville, OR https://noramaerospace.org/upcoming-events/
12/5/26 – 12/6/26	Soaring By the Sea Foundation Christmas Open House — SBSF Hangar (KEUG) Eugene, OR https://www.soaringbythesea.com/events
12/31/26	Deadline for Intent to Seek Election – International Ninety-Nines https://ninety-nines.org/eventcalendar/deadline-for-intent-to-seek-election-submission/
1/8/27 – 1/10/27	Aviation Winter Survival Clinic — Sugarloaf Lodge, Anaconda, MT https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/aero/2027%20WSC-ADA-FLYER.pdf
1/15/27	PPLI Application Deadline (International Ninety-Nines) https://ninety-nines.org/eventcalendar/ppli-deadline-spring/
2/19/27	Annual Inland Northwest Honor Flight Gala & Casino Night — Spokane, WA https://www.inwhonorflight.org/gala
2/20/27	Hops & Props — Boeing Field (KBFI) Seattle, WA https://www.museumofflight.org/exhibits-and-events/hops-and-props
2/25/26 – 2/27/26	Montana Aviation Conference — Billings, MT https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation//conference.aspx
2/25/2 – 2/27/27	Womin in Aviation International Conference — Savannah, GA https://www.wai.org/conference

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2/27/27 – 2/28/27	Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA https://www.washingtonaviation.org/conference
3/5/27	International Board of Directors Spring Meeting Oklahoma City, OK https://ninety-nines.org/eventcalendar/international-board-of-directors-spring-meeting/
4/6/27 – 4/11/27	Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo Lakeland Linder International (KLAL) https://flysnf.org/ Lakeland, FL
4/29/27 – 5/2/27	Northwest Section Board Meeting Pearson Field (KVUO) https://nw99s.org/meetings Vancouver, WA
7/31/27 – 8/1/27	Northwest Section Annual Meeting Fairbanks, AK https://nw99s.org/meetings
9/10/27 – 9/12/27	The Ninety-Nines International Conference Sidney, Australia https://ninety-nines.org/conference/

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Scholarships

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11/27/26	Dan L. Meisinger Sr. Memorial Learn to Fly Scholarship https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/dan-l-meisinger-sr-memorial-learn-to-fly-scholarship	*College students*
12/7/26	Fran Bera Private Pilot Scholarship https://sd99s.org/fran-bera-info	*99s Student Pilot*
12/15/26	Capt Sax Scholarships http://captsaxfoundation.org	*Students, Pilots, Maintenance, More*
12/14/26	Science Ambassador Scholarship https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org	*High school senior or college students*
12/16/26	EAA Post-Secondary Scholarships https://www.eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships/post-secondary-scholarships	*College students*
12/16/26	EAA Flight Training Scholarships → WomenSoar Scholarship → WASP Endowment Fund → Florence "Coffy" Gregory Endowment Fund → Don and Ann Pellegreno Flight Training Scholarship → Adapt to Fly Scholarship → Air Academy Alumni Scholarship → Gary and Mary Baker Flight Training Scholarship → Ellowyn Becker Flight Training Scholarship → John S. Bradbury Memorial Scholarship → Citation Max Scholarship → Jason Depew Memorial Scholarship → Eagles Aerobatic Fund	 *Female student pilots, for Sport or PPL* *Young Eagles pursing flight training* *Female student pilots, for PPL* *Female student pilots, for PPL* *Students with physical disabilities* *EAA's Air Academy attendee or staff, for PPL* *For advanced rating or endorsement* *Age 21 or younger, for PPL* *Age 16-17, for initial flight training* *Age 16-25* *College, university, or tech school students* *Former Young Eagles pursing any flight training*

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	→ Tex Edwards Scholarship	*Youth or adults*
	→ Joey Ermel "Do Your Impeccable Best" Scholarship	*For tailwheel endorsement*
	→ Noah Favaregh Flight Training Scholarship	*Student pilots who have already soloed*
	→ Harrison Ford Scholarship	*Flight training, or any aviation-related degree or program*
	→ Alex Foss Memorial Scholarship	*High school or college students*
	→ Jim and Marge Gorman Scholarship Fund	*For PPL, aircraft ratings, or endorsements*
	→ Stephen (Ben) Haas Fund	*For PPL*
	→ Richard R. Harper Memorial Scholarship	*Former Young Eagles, for PPL*
	→ Jeremy D. Hooper Flight Training Scholarship	*Age 16-25, for PPL or instrument rating*
	→ Jay I. Kislak Memorial Scholarship	*Age 16-21 with a medical, for any certificate or rating*
	→ Leslie Family Aviation Scholarship	*For non-career Sport, PPL, or PPL-G*
	→ Jason Kurt Lohr Aviation Scholarship	*Age 18-23, post-solo*
	→ Tinker Murdock Family Fund	*Young Eagles, for PPL*
	→ Matthew Platt Memorial Scholarship	*Age 25 or under, for PPL*
	→ Tom Poberezny Memorial Scholarship	*For aerobatics training*
	→ Michael J. Rogers CFI Scholarship	*For CFI, CFII, or MEI rating*
	→ Elgin Wells, Jr. Starjammer CFI Scholarship	*For CFI rating*
	https://www.eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships/eaa-flight-training-scholarships	
12/25/26	Pioneers of Flight Scholarship	*College students*
	https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/pioneers-of-flight-scholarship	
12/31/26	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships	*Must complete training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA*
	→ Fixed-wing PPL	
	→ Aerobatic Judge Certification	
	http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/	
12/31/26	AOPA Foundation Aviation Scholarship	*AOPA members*
	https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships	
1/1/27	Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships & Awards	*99s members*
	https://ninety-nines.org/ae-memorial-scholarships/	
1/6/27	International Operators Scholarship	*Entering the business aviation industry*
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/	
1/6/27	King Schools NAFI Scholarship	*CFI rating or add-on*
	https://kingschools.com/king-schools-nafi-scholarship-information	
1/10/27	National Business Aviation Association Scholarships:	
	→ AMT Maintenance Scholarship	*Maintenance technicians*
	→ Hank Hilsmann Memorial Scholarship	*Maintenance technicians*
	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/	
1/15/27	Lyons Aviation Foundation Scholarship	*Age 16-24, for PPL*
	https://lyonsaviation.org/aviation-scholarship	
1/31/27	Ray Aviation Scholarship	*EAA members*
	https://www.eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund	
1/31/27	The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation Scholarship	*Age 16-23, for PPL*
	https://leroywhomerjr.org/scholarships/application/	

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2/1/27	Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum scholarships	
	→ For Love of Country Scholarship	*Pursuing a career in aviation/aerospace*
	→ Admiral Ronald J. Hays Scholarship	*Pursuing a career in aviation/aerospace*
	→ Brig Gen Robert B. and Judith Maguire Scholarship	*Career in aviation/aerospace*
	→ Col. Robert P. Moore Scholarship	*For initial pilot training*
	→ Col. Robert P. Moore Scholarship	*For CFI or add on*
	→ Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship	*Pursuing a career in aviation/aerospace*
	https://bit.ly/3LlP9AU	
2/1/27	Grumman Owners and Pilots Association Scholarship	*Age 16-22, for initial flight training*
	https://aya.org/Pilot-Scholarship	
2/20/27	Blake Chapman Aviation Scholarship	*Teton area (ID & WY) high school, age 17+, for PPL*
	www.cftetonvalley.org	
3/1/27	Cascade Warbirds	
	→ Flight Training Scholarship	
	→ A&P Mechanic Scholarship	
	https://www.cascadewarbirds.org/youth/	
3/1/27	Alaska Airmen's Association Scholarships	
	→ Flight training	
	→ Aircraft maintenance and fabrication	
	→ Airport operations and aviation management	
	→ Air traffic control	
	→ Drone and unmanned aircraft training	
	→ Aerospace engineering and other aviation-related pursuits	
	https://alaskaairmen.org/scholarships/	
3/15/27	Women's Soaring Pilots Association Scholarships	*Members of WSPA*
	→ Sky Ghost Scholarship	*Age 15-25, for PPL-G*
	→ Mid Kolstad Scholarship	*Age 25+, for PPL-G*
	→ Monique's Scholarship	*Commercial Glider Pilots working toward CFIG*
	→ Flying Montagues Scholarship	*For Commercial or CFIG*
	→ Glider Girl Scholarship	*For Commercial, CFIG, or tow pilot endorsement*
	→ Maria Faber Scholarship	*For cross country, glider aerobatics, or tow pilot endorsement*
	→ Karl Striedieck Competition Scholarship	*For competition gliding expenses*
	https://womensoaring.org/scholarships/	
3/15/27	Idaho Aviation Association Scholarships	
	→ IAA / IAF Scholarship	*Flight student or college/trade student in aviation field*
	→ Larson-Miller Flight Training Scholarship	*Age 18-24, Idaho resident*
	→ Larson-Miller Maintenance Scholarship	*Age 18-24, Idaho resident*
	https://idahoaviation.com/scholarships/	
3/15/27	Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship applications	
	https://nw99s.org/scholarships	

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3/31/27	Soaring Society of America Scholarships: → Fulfillment Flight Training Scholarships → Gary Naber Professional Aviation Track Scholarship → SSA Flight Training Scholarships → Bultman Youth Flight Scholarship → Stoffel Flight Training Scholarship → Costello Insurance Primary Training Youth Scholarship → Dennis Purduski Flight Training Scholarship https://www.ssa.org/soaring-scholarships/	
3/31/27	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships: → Tail-wheel Endorsement → Upset Recovery, Spin Training, Introduction to Aerobatics http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/	*Training to be completed at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA*
4/1/27	First Wings Scholarship spring applications https://ninety-nines.org/ae-memorial-scholarships	
4/1/27	Rising Star Scholarship presented by the Oregon Pines Chapter https://nw99s.org/scholarships	
4/2/27	Aviation Performance Solutions Upset Prevention & Recovery Training (UPRT) Scholarship https://apstraining.com/uprt-scholarship/	
4/30/27	The International Cessna 170 Association Scholarship https://cessna170.org/about/scholarships/	*High school senior or college student*
4/30/27	Bless Your Heart Scholarship https://nw99s.org/scholarships	
Any Time	Thomas R Hatch Flying Foundation Scholarship https://www.trhflyingfoundation.org/	
Any Time	Able Flight Return to Flight Scholarship (for those who have become disabled after already having earned a pilot's license, and now wish to return to flying under the Sport Pilot Rule) https://ableflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/AF-Return-To-Flight-scholarship-app-9-17-2011.pdf	

MORE SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS:

https://ninety-nines.org/scholarships/
http://www.flightscholarship.info/
http://www.flightscholarship.info/aviatrix-scholarships.html
https://whirlygirls.org/current-scholarship-offerings/
https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/
https://www.latinasinaviation.com/pilotina-scholarship/

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