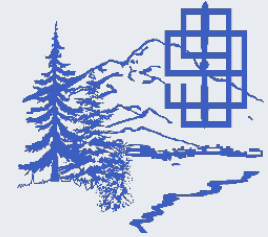


Northwest Navigator

Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



Northwest Section members at the Farewell Ceremony of the Ninety-Nines International Conference in Aqaba, Jordan, November 1, 2023

Governor's Gab

By Beth Chapple

On September 23, 2023, I stepped up from Vice Governor to Governor at our fall annual business meeting in Madras, Oregon. In addition to the website I helped to redesign in 2015, nw99s.org, a team of four has just come forward to launch a new quarterly newsletter, to which I will contribute a governor's letter.

Membership: As of February 2024 we have 618 members in eighteen chapters. Not only are new student pilots joining but we are seeing 99s from other areas move here and the addition of a few career pilots. Columbia Cascade chapter is to be particularly commended for their successful chapter elections, after which a full new set of officers was installed.

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International Conference

By Cheryl McCord

The Arabian Section of the 99s and Governor Alia hosted the 2023 conference in Jordan. Over 220 members of the 99s and their guests from around the world arrived at the Queen Alia International Airport outside of Amman, the capital of Jordan.

The Dead Sea Marriott was the site for the conference, which began October 27 and included a hospitality welcome and the annual business meeting and the awards banquet.

Annual Business Meeting: Highlights of the business meeting were a review of the membership numbers—99s pilots membership is over 7,385 (an increase of 10% over last year). Student pilot count is 1,594, and Friends of the 99s is at 224.

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Northwest Section 99s ride camels at sunset in Wadi Rum, Jordan

Fall 2023 Northwest Section Meeting

By Beth Chapple

The Central Oregon High Desert chapter hosted the Northwest Section annual business meeting and conference September 21-24 in Madras, Oregon (S33). The event started with a Thursday evening meet and greet. On Friday, we enjoyed a talk by Mike Kloch of Specialized Aero on upset prevention and recovery, a lunch, and a tour of Epic Aircraft in Bend, followed by a BBQ dinner and movie night at Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras. Saturday started with the annual business meeting, then lunch with keynote speaker Cecilia Aragon, and finally the awards banquet. The event finished up with a pancake breakfast at the Madras airport on Sunday.

FALL 2024 SECTION MEETING

The 2024 Section Meeting will be September 12 -15 in Olympia, Washington, hosted by the Greater Seattle, Western Washington, and Mount Tahoma 99s! Watch for more information to come.

The Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship

The Patty Mitchell Memorial Scholarship was combined with the Northwest Section Scholarship in January 2024. The new combined scholarship honors the legacy of Patty Mitchell by supporting women pilots in the continued pursuit of aeronautical skills, both professionally and recreationally with an award up to \$1500. The application deadline is March 15, 2024. Visit <https://nw99s.org/scholarships> for an application and more information.

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Mahroo Hamedani - First Wings Scholarship
Gina Wilke - First Wings Scholarship
Vanessa Schultz - First Wings Scholarship
Cat Keller - \$7000 Fran Bera Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Ruemenapp - Delta Airlines Pilot
Dani Linehan - Private Pilot License
Alyssa Rittel - Instrument Rating
Stacy Uebelhor - Multi-engine Rating
Erin Recke - Alaska Airlines Captain
Wendy Rover - Private Pilot License
Lauren Richmond - Private Pilot License
Rachel Manning - Private Pilot License



Dani Linehan, Intermountain Chapter

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

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 <http://www.ninety-nines.org/friends-of-99s.htm>.

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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>

Local Chapter News

Mid-Columbia: After our February Suncadia retreat, we will be gearing up for an Outdoor Survival Course fundraiser in Pasco, WA, on June 1.

Midnight Sun: The recent spate of -40° temperatures has slowed our flying, but not the fun. The winter solstice gave us an excuse (3 hrs 39 minutes sunrise to sunset) to get together at Maddy Hurley's new home to celebrate followed by the city fireworks display downtown. January 13 we held our annual holiday potluck at Kate Lamal's beautiful log home on Becker Ridge. The following Saturday we put on an Aviation Super Saturday at the Children's Museum to introduce young children to aviation.

Columbia Cascades: Over the winter we hosted a holiday party, the successful fundraising raffle of an Abingdon Co. ladies aviation watch, and monthly social meal time gatherings, and weather caused us to cancel our NOAA facility tour. Our upcoming events include Arty Trost, "Flying Low & Slow around the Lower 48," a companion flying class hosted at Cascadia Technical Academy on March 9th, and a corporate flight department hangar tour in addition to our monthly mealtime socials. Chapter Vice-Chair Natasha Stenbock spoke at the Evergreen Air & Space Museum celebration of 120 years of Aviation.

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Mid-Columbia Chapter October Meeting
Deer Park, Washington

Central Oregon High Desert 99s 2024 Calendar



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All proceeds go toward our scholarship fund to help fellow aviators with flight training. Head to our website to get your hands on a copy!

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Governor's Gab C O N T I N U E D

Section Activities / Outreach: The chapters were busy with many local activities, such as survival gear talks and other safety seminars, flying companion seminars, airport community days, high school career days, and Girl Scout aviation days. Some of the larger regional events where our 99s staffed booths and had a presence included:

- SheTech at the College of Idaho, January 31, volunteers from Idaho 99s
- Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show, February 25-26, at Thun Field, Pierce County Airport (KPLU), booth by Greater Seattle 99s
- Mat-Su Valley chapter fly-out to Talkeetna, Alaska, on April 16
- Alaska Airlines Aviation Day on May 13 at Horizon Air Maintenance Facility at Portland, OR, airport (KPDX), an event for youth with lots of participation from the Columbia Cascade chapter
- Grant County Moses Lake Airshow (KMWH), booth by Mid-Columbia chapter
- Palms-to-Pines Air Race, August 11-12, started in Santa Monica, CA, and ended in Madras, OR

Section Scholarships: The 2023 Northwest Section Scholarship was awarded to Stacey Uebelhor, past chair of the Greater Seattle 99s, for her CFI rating, now already achieved. The Patty Mitchell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Gina Wilke of Columbia Cascade, toward her PPL.



Stacey Uebelhor with the Diamond Star in which she did her training.



Gina Wilke after her first solo on August 15th.

Section Meetings: Our spring BOD meeting was held at McAllister Air Museum in Yakima, WA (KYKM), April 14-16. Northwest 99 Aileen Coverdell, who is also the current International treasurer, presented information from the March IBOD meeting. Twenty-one members attended in person and another half dozen attended virtually via Google Meet.

Our fall annual business meeting was held on September 22-24, 2023, at the Inn at Cross Keys, Madras, OR (S33), with International Vice President Minnetta Gardinier attending. On the Friday, the hosting Central Oregon High Desert 99s chapter set up a fantastic manufacturing tour and sim demo at Epic Aircraft in Bend (KBDN) preceded by an Upset Prevention and Recovery Training Wings seminar. They also fed us great barbecue and screened the film *Devotion* at the Erickson Aircraft Collection, which had a major part in the flight scenes of that movie. At the fall meeting we made the decision to merge our section scholarships into one, to be called the Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship.

International Conference Report - Continued

Scholarship awards were announced:

- 21 Amelia Earhart Scholarship awards for advanced training totaled \$168,000. One was awarded to a NW Section winner from Seattle for a ME rating.
- 30 First Wings awards for pilot licenses totaled \$116,000. There were five NW Section winners - Columbia Cascade (2), Intermountain, Montana, and Mid-Columbia

Mid-term elections returned two Directors to their positions and two positions were filled on the Nominating Committee. Trustee elections were filled for the Endowment Fund and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, and also both museums.

Other International business included reporting on the progress of the website update and the expansion of the Museum of Women Pilots. Accessions to the Museum included some of Gene Nora Jessen's research materials and Wally Funk's photos and trophies.

The 2024 conference location was announced for July 4-7 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Post Conference Tours: Even though the business meeting and awards banquet were over, the conference included additional days of travel on buses to amazing sites for special experiences unique to Jordan.

Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, was truly extraordinary and worth a longer visit.

The Wadi Rum Desert with the red sand and tall, rugged, majestic sandstone and granite mountains was stunning and a great place to spend two days as guests of the Bedouin people. We had luxurious glamping, camel rides, stargazing, hot balloon rides, and a train ride on the historic Hejaz train for the reenactment of the 1916 Arab Uprising against the Ottoman Empire.

To wrap up the conference, we went south to Aqaba on the Red Sea for two days. Our hosts arranged a Charity Raffle with special gifts from conference sponsors. Many went on the boats for snorkeling, diving, and enjoying the day at sea and seeing the coastal sites—Eilat, the southern-most city in Israel, The Port of Aqaba next to the Saudi Arabia border, and the Sinai coast to the west.

The Farewell Ceremony concluded the conference. The next morning we boarded the buses for a five-hour trip north to Amman for departures over the next few days. Some added a few days to explore northern Jordan and the city of Amman and others traveled to Egypt, Turkey, and Europe on their way home.



Words are not enough to describe the 2023 Ninety-Nines Conference in Jordan - the beauty of the country, the warm hospitality of its people, and the history and culture of the region. And yes, the remarkable experience of meeting and spending time with so many Ninety-Nines from around the world! To help paint the picture, a compilation of photos from the trip are in a slideshow put together by Cheryl McCord of the Idaho 99s at: <https://youtu.be/7h4069f7hm0>.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
2/24 - 2/25	Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA https://www.washingtonaviation.org/conference
March	Women's History Month https://www.womenshistorymonth.gov/
3/1 - 3/2	International Board of Directors Spring Meeting Oklahoma City, OK https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=471
3/15	Deadline for The Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship applications https://nw99s.org/scholarships
4/1	Deadline for First Wings Scholarship spring applications https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm
4/12 - 4/14	Northwest Section Board of Directors Meeting KBLI, Bellingham, WA All section members are invited https://nw99s.org/meetings
5/11	Back Country Flying presentation by Long Bach Nguyen Pangborn (KEAT), Wenatchee, WA Sponsored by the Mid-Columbia 99s
6/1	Back Country Survival Course Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA Mid-Columbia 99s fundraiser
6/15 - 6/16	Moses Lake Air Show 2024 Grand County International (KMWH), Moses Lake, WA https://moseslakeairshow.com/
6/18 - 6/21	Air Race Classic Carbondale, IL, to Loveland, CO https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=326
7/3 - 7/7	99s International Conference Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=472
8/8 - 8/10	Palms to Pines Air Race Santa Monica, CA to Madras, OR https://palmstopinesairrace.com/
9/12 - 9/15	Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting Hosted by the Greater Seattle, Western Washington, and Mount Tahoma Chapters https://nw99s.org/meetings

Submit event information to newsletterNW99s@gmail.com.

Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show

The Greater Seattle 99s are hosting the Northwest Section 99s booth at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup (see <https://www.washingtonaviation.org/attendee-information>). Pilots often come from as far away as southern Oregon and Idaho. Can you volunteer for a two-hour shift in exchange for a badge (normally \$10)? Please sign up on the [Google form here](#). We'd like to invite 99s chapters to donate since even the 50% nonprofit discount is over \$300. Suggested donation: \$50, sent via check to treasurer Rebecca Raney, Attn: Seattle 99s, 9195 North Town Dr NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-3524, or contact her at treasurer.seattle99s@gmail.com if you want to send a Zelle payment.