

# Northwest Navigator

Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



NW Section members toured the U.S Customs and Border Protection hangar April 13, 2024, at Bellingham International Airport during the spring Board of Directors meeting

## Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI)

Two of our NW Section members, Kelli Weed and Heidi Roth, were recently selected for The International Ninety-Nines Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI)! The PPLI is a mentoring program that connects members with other supportive fellow Ninety-Nines. It helps develop and enhance leadership talents and qualities and assists in strengthening and advance career progress.

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

Learn more and apply at: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm>

Get to know Kelli and Heidi in the NW Section blog, [99s Fly!](#)

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## Spring 2024 NW Section Board of Directors Meeting

by Beth Chapple

Vice Governor Theresa White arranged a fun tour of Bellingham International (KBLI) airport's Customs and Border Protection and aircraft rescue/ firefighting (ARFF) operations after our Spring Board of Directors meeting on April 13. Some of us, including the International 99s Director Janet Patton, later went for a walk and to dinner at Anthony's Hearthfire on the waterfront.

## Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship Awarded

The Northwest Section is excited to announce the winner of the 2024 Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship is Alyssa Rittel of the Midnight Sun Chapter. Alyssa Rittel, a Ninety-Nine and pilot from Fairbanks, Alaska, began flying in 2022 and is excited to pursue an aviation career as an airline pilot. She is a participant in the Horizon Air Pilot Development Program and is training to become a certified flight instructor. Her favorite part of aviation is exploring the vast landscapes and untouched wilderness of Alaska. She is also a member of the Midnight Sun Ninety-Nines and is grateful for the mentorships and friendships formed with other women pilots. When not flying, Alyssa enjoys being a mom, exploring trails with her huskies, knitting, gardening, fishing, and outdoor adventures.



## 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.

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

## Friends of 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

Lorraine Martinelli - Madras Airport Manager

Alyssa Rittel - Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship

Alyssa Rittel - AEMSFS Scholarship (Multi-Engine)

Stacy Uebelhor - AEMSFS Scholarship (CFII)

Savanna Summers - Greater Seattle 99s Nancy K. Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Kelli Weed - Selected for Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

Heidi Roth - Selected for Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

Angela Warner - Completed Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

Wendy Rover - Instrument Ground Instructor

Diane Lambert - Private Pilot License

Holly Benson - Instrument Rating

Rosemary May - Airline Transport Pilot

Abby Hettina - United First Officer

Erin Tehan - Horizon Cadet Program

Savanna Summers - First Solo



Send achievements and milestones to [newsletternw99s@gmail.com](mailto:newsletternw99s@gmail.com) for publication in the next newsletter!

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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

**Columbia Cascades:** The chapter recently hosted a Flying Companion Seminar with hands on activities, classroom training, and simulator time, which raised over \$300. They also toured the Nike hangar and their Gulfstream G550, attended and/or volunteered at the Northwest Aviation & Trade Show in Puyallup, WA, and successfully completed a raffle for an Abingdon Elise Aviation Watch to raise funds for their scholarship, which raised approximately \$675!

**Greater Seattle Chapter:** In February, the chapter hosted a booth at the Northwest Aviation Trade Show. Chapter meetings have been alternating between in-person and online meetings.

**Idaho:** The chapter recently provided an aviation badge workshop to the American Heritage Girls.

**Intermountain:** This summer there are plans to do airmarking. They will be helping with Challengair, participating in Skyfest at Fairchild airfield with a 99's booth and they will also have a booth at Felts Neighbor Day.

**Mat Su Valley:** The chapter had two big events in May: the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering and the Valdez STOL competition and airshow.

**Mid-Columbia:** In June the chapter is hosting a Survival Course fundraiser, helping with Young Eagles, and will have booths at the Moses Lake Airshow and Wenatchee Aviation Days. They also have plans for a fly-in campout this summer.

**Midnight Sun:** The chapter enjoyed a presentation on wilderness survival by the army.

**Montana:** The chapter recently enjoyed getting together for a retreat at Fairmont Hot Springs and will host a 99's booth at several airport functions.

Send chapter updates to [newsletternw99s@gmail.com](mailto:newsletternw99s@gmail.com) for publication in the next newsletter!



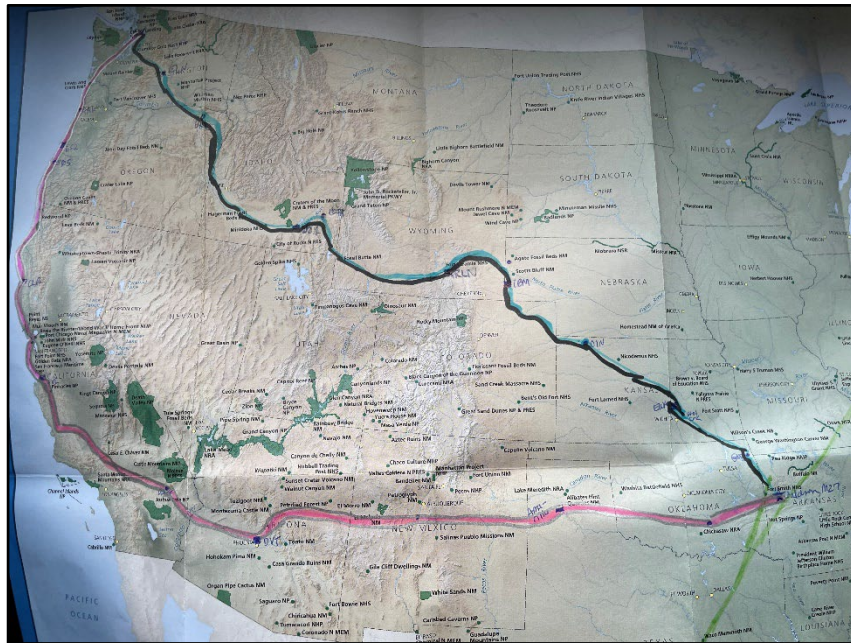
Eastern Idaho Chapter meeting, March 2024, Idaho Falls Regional Airport

# Governor's Gab

by Beth Chapple

Since last fall's meeting, there's been a revival of air marking, with Greater Seattle Chapter painting at Arlington, Bremerton, and Intermountain Chapter at Deer Park. Columbia Cascade Chapter held a successful flying companion seminar at Cascadia Tech in Vancouver, WA, in March, followed by their regular meeting. Our section can be proud that Central Oregon High Desert 99s chapter chair Lorraine Martinelli has recently become the new airport manager at the Madras Municipal Airport (S33).

On a personal note, my 49½ Niklas and I took off on the morning of April 4 in our Evektor Harmony LSA to see the total solar eclipse on April 8. Stormy weather in the interior made us head



Gov. Beth Chapple's trip April 4-11, 2024. The magenta line shows the outbound trip, the blue line shows the return.

over the gorgeous beaches of the West Coast, making it all the way to Watsonville, CA, on the second night, after a night in Florence, OR. We bumped along south of the Mohave Desert, spent a night in Phoenix and another in Amarillo, TX, before finally making it to Waldron, AR, where we were one of only two planes on the tarmac. We had nearly clear skies for the eclipse. I especially enjoyed observing the birds stop their singing, the frogs start up in the creek, and a few stars coming out during the three minutes. The hardest part of the return trip was skirting low clouds on the way into Rawlins, WY, which had a strong crosswind to boot. But I had such a feeling of accomplishment, since the farthest east we had previously flown was Bozeman, MT.

As of May 3, 2024, we have 640 members in the Northwest Section, with a whopping 7,789 members overall in The Ninety-Nines. Please make sure there is one person in your chapter whose job it is to welcome new members soon after they join and let them know about your chapter's activities. Make them feel welcome!

A couple of the upcoming larger regional events that 99s expect to attend include:

- Oregon International Air Show at Hillsboro (KHIO), May 17-19
- Moses Lake Airshow (KMWH), June 15-16

**Scholarships:** The 2024 combined Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship of \$1500, was awarded to Alyssa Rittel of the Midnight Sun chapter. Get to know Alyssa in the [latest blog post](#). She later went on to win the 2024 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for her Multi-Engine Land rating, as did Stacy Uebelhor of the Greater Seattle chapter for her CFII rating. Congratulations to both!

# Governor's Gab

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## Section Meetings:

The Fall Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting will be held during September 12-15, 2024, in Olympia, Washington, cohosted by the Mount Tahoma, Greater Seattle, and Western Washington Chapters. The Fall Business Meeting in 2025 is to be hosted by the Montana Chapter with help from the Intermountain and Wyoming Chapters. Do not hesitate to contact [northwest99s@gmail.com](mailto:northwest99s@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas about section events or to volunteer. And please submit news for our new quarterly newsletter, the *Northwest Navigator*, at [newsletternw99s@gmail.com](mailto:newsletternw99s@gmail.com). We love hearing of your accomplishments!



Erica Juberg, Andrea Chay, and Beth Chapple at the 99s booth at the Northwest Aviation Tradeshow in February



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE COCKPIT by Diane Lambert

During a recent Young Eagles event, one young woman enthusiastically told her parents how magical her flight had been. Her mother agreed, saying, "You'll always remember this once in a lifetime experience!" Their comments reminded me how lucky I am to be able to have these magical, once in a lifetime experiences over and over again. Last week I got to take my brother up for his first small plane ride in the morning, then watch the northern lights from 9500 feet with my husband that night. That was a once in a lifetime day. Another day we flew over the Cascades and spotted Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Hood all at the same time. It was magical. Every flight is a once in a lifetime.

# Aviation & Space Events Education

by Jenn Sturgill

Great news, ladies! We are in the process of reviving our Aviation & Space Events Education program for the NW Section of the 99s. Greater Seattle member Jenn Sturgill has taken on the chair position and is looking for fellow 99s to join her. She has created a committee email address ([nw99saviationevents@gmail.com](mailto:nw99saviationevents@gmail.com)), so please do reach out to her with any questions!

As a first initiative in this role, Jenn has created a new form for each chapter leader to enter news about their events, such as safety seminars, pilot training, or booths at tradeshow. Form entries will not only be used in reporting for the section meeting this September, but also as a tool to help encourage collaboration and growth in each chapter. The intention is to use the entries to create a repository of ideas on volunteer and other educational events in case you need assistance and/or guidance. Building a list of events that have happened in year's past will help ladies come up with what to do, and can also create space to ask for mentorship.

In addition to the above, we hope to take advantage of more International 99s resources like:

- Watching the great webinars we have on flight and other pilot experiences - <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm>
- Learning more about the PPLI program - <https://www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm>
- Understanding more where ladies need help and addressing that in a more focused mentorship program (this would be a new initiative)

Some of our favorite webinars include:

- Clouds, Winds, and Weather Theory - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbr1caMq4ec>
- Vancouver 2024 - Thinking About Flying into Canada? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0tKY5Trgig>
- You Belong Here: Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmbvEuKrkic>

We have so much to learn and an amazing network of supportive ladies. Let's make sure we connect! If you have any other thoughts or ideas, we welcome those at [nw99saviationevents@gmail.com](mailto:nw99saviationevents@gmail.com). Blue skies!



The Columbia Cascade Chapter provided aviation education at the Alaska Air Day 99s booth.



The Intermountain Chapter learned more about ATC on a tower tour at KSFF.

# Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
5/31	Registration deadline for 99s International Conference <a href="https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm">https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm</a>
6/1	Outdoor Survival Course Mid-Columbia 99s fundraiser <a href="http://www.midcolumbia99s.org">http://www.midcolumbia99s.org</a> Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA
6/1	Felts Field Neighbor Day <a href="https://spokaneairports.net/neighbor-day">https://spokaneairports.net/neighbor-day</a> KSFF, Spokane, WA (Intermountain 99s booth)
6/1	Madras Airport Day <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550039995969">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550039995969</a> S33, Madras, OR
6/1	Yakima Aviation Day <a href="https://flyykm.com/aviation-day/">https://flyykm.com/aviation-day/</a> KYKM, Yakima, WA
6/1	Annual Poker Run Midnight Suns 99s fundraiser PAFA Airpark, Fairbanks, AK
6/14 - 6/16	Jerry Terlisner Memorial Father's Day Fly-In <a href="https://theraf.org/inspire_events/id-green-valley-fathers-day-fly-in-breakfast/">https://theraf.org/inspire_events/id-green-valley-fathers-day-fly-in-breakfast/</a> U88, Garden Valley, ID
6/15	Rexburg Airshow <a href="https://rexburgairshow.com/">https://rexburgairshow.com/</a> KRXE, Rexburg, ID (Eastern Idaho 99s booth)
6/15	Annual Desert Aire Fly-in <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/298688856664086">https://www.facebook.com/events/298688856664086</a> M94, Mattawa, WA
6/15 - 6/16	Moses Lake Air Show 2024 <a href="https://moseslakeairshow.com/">https://moseslakeairshow.com/</a> Grand County International (KMWH), Moses Lake, WA (Mid-Columbia 99s booth)
6/18 - 6/21	Air Race Classic <a href="https://www.airraceclassic.org/">https://www.airraceclassic.org/</a> Carbondale, IL, to Loveland, CO
6/21	Spirit of Wenatchee Big Band Dinner Dance <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/811022810942283">https://www.facebook.com/events/811022810942283</a> KEAT, Wenatchee, WA
6/22	Pangborn Airport Day & Back Country Course led by Long Bach Nguyen (sponsored by Mid-Columbia Chapter) <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/927861202464771">https://www.facebook.com/events/927861202464771</a> KEAT, Wenatchee, WA
6/22	Young Eagles Day & Eastern Idaho 99s booth KDIJ, Driggs, ID
6/27 - 6/29	Round Engine Round-Up <a href="https://www.staggerwingclub.com/the-roundup">https://www.staggerwingclub.com/the-roundup</a> KIDA, Idaho Falls, ID
6/28 - 6/30	Straight-Tail Fly-In <a href="https://idahoaviation.com/event/straight-tail-fly-in/">https://idahoaviation.com/event/straight-tail-fly-in/</a> U87, Smiley Creek, ID
7/3 - 7/7	99s International Conference <a href="https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm">https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm</a> Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
7/12 - 7/13	Cavanaugh Bay Fly-In <a href="https://idahoaviation.com/event/cavanaugh-bay-fly-in/">https://idahoaviation.com/event/cavanaugh-bay-fly-in/</a> 66S, Coolin, ID

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7/12 - 7/13	Wallowa County Fly-in <a href="http://wallowacountyflyin.com/">http://wallowacountyflyin.com/</a>	KJSY, Joseph, OR
7/19 - 7/21	Old Fashioned Concrete Fly-In <a href="https://concrete-wa.com/events/concrete-fly-in/">https://concrete-wa.com/events/concrete-fly-in/</a>	3W5, Concrete, WA
8/23 - 8/24	Airshow of the Cascades <a href="https://cascadeairshow.com/">https://cascadeairshow.com/</a>	S33, Madras, OR
9/7 - 9/8	Hood River Fly-In <a href="https://www.waaamuseum.org">https://www.waaamuseum.org</a>	4S2, Hood River, OR
9/12 - 9/15	Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting Hosted by the Greater Seattle, Western Washington, and Mount Tahoma Chapters <a href="https://nw99s.org/meetings">https://nw99s.org/meetings</a>	

Submit event information to [newsletterNW99s@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterNW99s@gmail.com).

## Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
5/31	~UAA CAE Entry Level Jet Scholarship (University Aviation Association) <a href="https://www.memberleap.com/members/form.php?orgcode=UAA&amp;fid=6914977">https://www.memberleap.com/members/form.php?orgcode=UAA&amp;fid=6914977</a> ~Northwest Antique Airplane Club Scholarship <a href="https://www.flynwaac.org/scholarship-info">https://www.flynwaac.org/scholarship-info</a>
6/18	Women in Aerospace Foundation Scholarship <a href="https://www.womeninaerospacefoundation.org/foundation/">https://www.womeninaerospacefoundation.org/foundation/</a>
6/30	~IAC CP Aviation Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship in Memory of Vicki Cruse <a href="https://www.iac.org/legacy/iac-cp-aviation-emergency-maneuver-training-scholarship-in-memory-of-vicki-cruse">https://www.iac.org/legacy/iac-cp-aviation-emergency-maneuver-training-scholarship-in-memory-of-vicki-cruse</a> ~Greg Koontz Airshows Aerobatic Instructor Scholarship in Memory of Bobby Younkin <a href="https://www.iac.org/greg-koontz-airshows-aerobatic-instructor-scholarship-in-memory-of-bobby-younkin">https://www.iac.org/greg-koontz-airshows-aerobatic-instructor-scholarship-in-memory-of-bobby-younkin</a> ~UAA DeVore Freedom of Flight Scholarship (University Aviation Association) <a href="https://www.memberleap.com/members/form.php?orgcode=UAA&amp;fid=6969967&amp;">https://www.memberleap.com/members/form.php?orgcode=UAA&amp;fid=6969967&amp;</a>
8/15	Calvin L. Carrithers Aviation Scholarship <a href="https://www.globalair.com/scholarships/">https://www.globalair.com/scholarships/</a>
8/31	Application deadline for Sheltair & Avfuel Scholarship <a href="https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities">https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities</a>

Submit scholarship information to [newsletterNW99s@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterNW99s@gmail.com).



Join your Ninety-Nines sisters in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia July 3-6! Highlights of what to expect: seminars, career panel and networking, keynote speakers, annual business meeting, banquet, receptions, exhibits, fly mart, Vancouver tours, and fun with other Ninety-Nines.