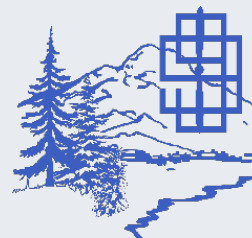


Northwest Navigator

Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



Mid-Columbia Chapter members Lynn Harbinson and Sandra Phenning participated in the 2024 ARC Air Derby

2024 ARC Air Derby

By Sandra Phenning, Mid-Columbia Chapter

Lynn Harbinson and I flew the ARC Derby Saturday, September 28th. The ARC Air Derby was created in 2021 as an alternate event when the traditional race, the Air Race Classic, was cancelled for the second year in a row due to the ongoing pandemic. The Derby is a race against your own time prediction, after designing a route meeting a specific set of rules. Lynn and I discovered it was a challenge, a lot of fun, and learned many lessons about predictions and accuracy.

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2025 International Awards

It's time to shine a spotlight on the outstanding members who make our organization what it is! Do you know someone who's gone above and beyond, made a difference, or inspired others in aviation? Nominate them for our upcoming awards and let's recognize their impact!

The deadline to submit nominations for our prestigious International Awards is fast approaching on **January 31, 2025!** This is your chance to recognize exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations whose achievements make a difference in our community and in aviation.

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT (for Ninety-Nines):

- Contributions to The Ninety-Nines
- Contributions to Aviation
- Humanitarian Efforts

AWARD OF MERIT (for non-Ninety-Nines):

Recognizes a significant contribution to any facet of aviation, such as aviation or aerospace education, aviation science, aviation history, aviation commerce, aviation legislation, etc.

GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM AWARD (for non-Ninety-Nines):

Recognizes support provided to The Ninety-Nines by an individual (male or female, living or deceased) or an organization. The contribution may have occurred in the past or present, as a single action or a series of events.

Let's honor the incredible contributions within our organization! For questions or additional details, don't hesitate to contact the Awards Committee Chair, Awards@ninety-nines.org. Note: Previous nominees may be resubmitted. Submitting a nomination is simple, and it's a meaningful way to celebrate the dedication, passion, and achievements within our community. Don't miss this chance to honor those who soar above the rest—send in your nominations today!

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>.

A Request from International

Our International board needs your help! We are looking for candidates for our available positions:

- 2 Directors
- 2 members of the Nominating Committee

Both are rewarding opportunities to serve our organization.

If you or anyone you might know could fill any of these positions, please let me know. Since the few on the committee do not know everyone, this will be very helpful. The deadline is **December 31**.

Sincerely,

Mae Marquet, 99s International
Nominating Committee Chair
maemarquet@gmail.com

NW Section Webpage

<https://nw99s.org/index>

Have you visited our Section webpage lately? It shares announcements, congratulations, recent videos, the newsletter and blog, and information on our section and chapters, meetings, scholarships, and awards. If you need the password for the members-only section, contact webmaster Diane Lambert at newsletternw99s@gmail.com.

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Debra Plymate - FAA Master Pilot Award

Savanna Summers - Private Pilot

Colleen Kozacheck - Completed PPLI

Sophie Dignan - Commercial

Danielle Linehan - Private Pilot

Vanessa Schultz - First Solo

Gabriella Damron - Private Pilot

Josie Hill - First Solo

Erica Juberg - E175 First Officer, Horizon Air

Joelle Erickson - E175 First Officer, Skywest

Issy Strugarevic - Private Pilot

Deirdre Ratigan - Commercial

Chloe Martin - Passed CFII Written Exam

Cat Keller - Long XC Solo

Gina Olina Swan - Long XC Solo

Abigail Burkett - Upset Training

Diane Lambert - Completed Fly Washington Passport 100%

Vanessa Jump-Nelson - Instrument Ground Instructor

Holly Benson - Passed CFI, AGI, Commercial, & FOI Written Exams



Vanessa Schultz, Midnight in the Sky

Send achievements and milestones to 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 Activities

By Section Directors

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

Oregon Pines

In July, the Oregon Pines hosted a fly-in movie night at Independence Airport, showing "The Legend of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club." In August they attended a WINGS credit presentation by Dr. Bill Origer MD on the Oximeter-what it does, how it works, and what the readings mean.

Wyoming

Rebuilding is currently in progress and the chapter is well on its way to being active again. Online and in-person meetings are being organized and regularly held once again! The Wyoming Chapter is currently working alongside the Montana Chapter to plan and organize the 2025 NW Section Annual Meeting.

Greater Seattle

The chapter completed two compass roses for airmarking, one at Auburn, WA, and the other at Toledo, WA. The chapter again had a booth at Auburn Aviation Day in July, where they spoke with many young girls and their parents. Chapter meetings have been alternating between in person meetings and virtual meetings.

Intermountain

The chapter attended several airshows to promote the 99's, helped with Challengair, airmarked Deer Park Airport, and remarked Coeur d'Alene Airport. Several of their members earned their PPL.

Mid-Columbia

This summer the chapter has had 99's booths at one airshow and two aviation days. Several members attended the International meeting in Vancouver B.C. Several members have obtained their PPL and advanced ratings. Several members participated with Young Eagles at Richland airport and Wenatchee airport.

Left:
Eastern Idaho
Chapter Members
September 2024

Governor's Gab

by Beth Chapple

So great to see so many members in person and online at our fall section meeting in Olympia in September. The big event for me in November was my trip as your governor to the Will Rogers World Airport (KOKC) for the International Ninety-Nines Board of Directors meeting and associated networking opportunities. It was also my first time visiting the Museum of Women Pilots, which I enjoyed. One shelf is devoted to our beloved Past NWS Governor Patty Mitchell.



Patty Mitchell Display at the Museum of Women Pilots

At the IBOD meeting on November first, one invited guest was Lin Wells, son of charter member Fay Gillis Wells. Fay and Joe Carrigan cofounded the International Forest of Friendship, and their sons Lin Wells and Pat Carrigan continue to manage it. He made a nice presentation about the 1963 Amelia Earhart stamp, which Ninety-Nines carried away to all fifty states to mail, as well as the history of the Forest. Every year in September new aviation greats are inducted into the Forest, including NWS members Joyce Harding, Nancy K. Jensen, and Gene Nora Jessen. So they are always looking for more nominations. Check <https://ifof.org/> for the list of honorees and how to nominate.



Capitol Banquet Attendees

Lin extended a special invitation to attend the September 11-12, 2026, International Forest of Friendship induction ceremony. To top that, Vice President Minetta Gardinier challenged every Ninety-Nine to fly in to Atchison, Kansas (KS9) for the event. That occasion will be the 50th anniversary of the Forest, with the theme of "World Friendship through Flight." The festivities may involve a fly-away like the 1963 stamp, a seedling for each attendee, and of course a visit to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in the same town. Mark your calendars and think about it!

That evening the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics threw The Ninety-Nines a great 95th anniversary dinner party in the rotunda of the newly refurbished state capitol building. They are pleased that the organization has

been based at KOKC since 1955. Here various international board members, committee heads, section governors, and Texas-based chapter members gather outside before the anniversary banquet. The drink coasters featured OK natives Jerrie Cobb and Eileen Collins. The speeches were delivered in the House chamber, which was fun.

Annual Fall NW Section Meeting

By Diane Lambert

The Northwest Section annual business meeting and conference on September 13 and 14, 2024, was a great success. The setting in downtown Olympia, Washington, was an ideal location for exploring the Washington State Capitol Building, the waterfront, and other local interests. On Friday, many of the Ninety-Nines and their guests enjoyed wine tasting at Walter Dacon Wines before embarking on a chilly but beautiful boat tour through the south Puget Sound presented by the Squaxin Indian Nation.



Squaxin Island Boat Ride

Saturday morning, over 30 Ninety-Nines attended the annual business meeting in person with others participating online. After the meeting, the Mt. Tahoma chair, Kristyn Blocher, introduced us to her fascinating work as an investigator for the NTSB as the lunch keynote speaker. In the afternoon we toured Airlift Northwest's facility at the Olympia Airport. A helicopter pilot and a nurse were happy to answer our many, many questions and gave us a close look at their Airbus H-135 helicopter during a break in the afternoon rain shower.

Saturday evening's banquet at the Olympia Air Museum finished with the annual awards ceremony. The Greater Seattle and Intermountain Chapters received the Hot Pavement Award for airmarking. The Idaho Chapter received the Aviation and Space Education Award as the chapter that made the most contributions to Aerospace Education during the year. Sandra Phенning won the Spinning Prop Award as the pilot who has logged the most noncommercial flight time in the last year. Diane and Stephen Lambert won the Behind the Clouds Award for contributions to the success of local Ninety-Nines. Theresa White won the Governor's Award for her contributions to aviation and the Northwest Section.



Accepting the Hot Pavement Award

Annual Fall NW Section Meeting

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Panel Discussion

Saturday's banquet concluded with a panel discussion on the topic of "The State of Aviation Industry." Four pilots at different points in their aviation careers answered our questions and shared advice based on their experience, challenges, and successes.

Pat Jenkins (Idaho Chapter) summed up the weekend's events well: "Whoever was in charge of the weather did a great job because we didn't get all the rain the weatherman promised! The location for the hotel, right by all kinds of eateries, and so near the farmers market, I just thought it was a wonderful place. I loved the idea of the Saturday night dinner being at the museum; we all had a great time."

Director Andrea Johnson created a Google Photos library of the conference at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/HYFSCBP3QoFFHmFX7> and invites attendees to add their own photos.



Air Derby *continued from page 1*



Planning for the ARC Air Derby

We chose a route starting at a waypoint in the local practice area. By avoiding our home airport, KPSC, which is towered, we were able to control our starting and stopping times more closely. We chose our required layover for a similar reason: a nontowered airport with fuel and a nice bathroom! Our other turning points were airfields that we knew were easy to spot from the air. Finding waypoints along each leg proved a bit trickier. Our times closest to predictions were when we had many obvious waypoints. In those cases, we could compare our predicted time to our actual and adjust our speed accordingly. Legs that were over largely forested rolling hills were not as accurate as we didn't know exactly how much or when to adjust our speeds. It was windier than predicated for one leg and we just couldn't slow enough to offset a wicked tailwind. (S turns to slow down were not allowed.) Doing slow flight at 7000 feet was a new experience.



Stopping in La Grande, Oregon

We chose to do most of our flight planning with paper sectionals and paper flight plans. We used some electronic help for timing, but most of it was manual (as was ALL of the flying).

There was some stiff competition. In the final tally, our best leg had a 0.295% error, and even that was out of the "medals." But, we did win for the best inflight picture, which starred Chelsea, our Pilot Barbie mascot. We look forward to applying the lessons learned to next year's Derby. And maybe an autopilot? Thank you Bergstrom Aircraft, Inc, for the support!



Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	
12/1 - 12/9	India Section Conclave https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=488	New Delhi, India
12/7	Idaho Chapter Holiday Party	Boise, ID
12/7	Eastern Idaho Chapter Holiday Party https://www.facebook.com/events/569935062280837	Driggs, ID
12/14	Mid-Columbia Chapter Holiday Celebration	Moses Lake, WA
12/31	International 99s Intent to Seek Election Deadline https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=469	
1/31	Deadline to submit nominations for the International Ninety-Nines Awards	
2/22 - 2/23	Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show https://www.washingtonaviation.org/conference	Puyallup, WA
3/7	International Board of Directors Spring Meeting	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
3/27	Annual Women In Aviation Conference https://www.wai.org/2025-conference	Denver, Colorado
4/1	SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo https://www.flysnf.org/	Lakeland, Florida
4/25 - 4/27	NW Section Board of Directors Meeting	Pasco, WA
7/8 - 7/13	2025 International Conference https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm	Burlington, Vermont
7/21 - 7/27	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure	Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Submit event information to newsletterNW99s@gmail.com.

Scholarship Workshop Presentation

In case you missed the August 28 scholarship workshop sponsored by the Columbia Cascades Chapter, the video is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_MCi3H-Jo.

Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
11/29	Dan L. Meisinger Sr. Memorial Learn to Fly Scholarship https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/dan-l-meisinger-sr-memorial-learn-to-fly-scholarship
12/3	I Hart Flying Scholarship https://www.ihartflying.org/

Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
12/7	Fran Bera Private Pilot Scholarship https://sd99s.org/fran-bera-info
12/16	Science Ambassador Scholarship https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org
12/16	National Business Aviation Association: -AMT Maintenance Scholarships -Hank Hilsmann Memorial Scholarship https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/
12/27	Pioneers of Flight Scholarship https://www.nata.aero/scholarships/pioneers-of-flight-scholarship
12/31	Able Flight https://ableflight.org/scholarships
12/31	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships: (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) -Fixed-wing PPL -Aerobatic Judge Certification http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/
1/1	Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships & Awards https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm
1/3	King Schools NAFI Scholarship https://kingschools.com/king-schools-nafi-scholarship-information
1/15	Lyons Aviation Foundation Scholarship https://lyonsaviation.org/aviation-scholarship
1/31	Hannah Dollick Memorial Scholarship https://bold.org/scholarships/hannah-dollick-memorial-scholarship
1/31	Ray Aviation Scholarship (EAA) https://www.eaa.org/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund
2/7	AOPA Foundation Aviation Scholarship https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships
2/28	EAA Post-Secondary Scholarships https://www.eaa.org/ea/learn-to-fly/scholarships/post-secondary-scholarships
2/28	EAA Flight Training Scholarships https://www.eaa.org/ea/learn-to-fly/scholarships/ea-flight-training-scholarships
3/15	Women's Soaring Pilots Association Scholarships https://womenssoaring.org/scholarships/

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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