

Northwest Navigator

Northwest Section ~ Ninety-Nines



The 2025 Air Race Classic is coming to the Northwest!

2025 Air Race Classic

In case you haven't heard, the Air Race Classic, the only all-women air race in the U.S., is coming to the Northwest this year! Racing teams will take off from Fairhope, Alabama, on June 17 and land in Spokane, Washington, by June 20. The racers will pass through the Northwest with stops at KGCC (Gillette, Wyoming), KRKS (Rock Springs, Wyoming), KJER (Jerome, Idaho), KLGD (La Grande, Oregon), and KSFF (Spokane, Washington). We already have multiple teams registered from the Northwest region!

If you'd like to join the race, registration is open through March 31 at <https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-enter.htm>.

If you're not racing, you can sign up to volunteer at one of the stops <https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-volunteer.htm>.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

[International News](#) - 2

[Achievements](#) - 3

[Chapter News](#) - 4

[Governor's Gab](#) - 5

[Mental Performance Training for Aviators](#) - 6

[Flying West](#) - 7

[Getting to Know the Wyoming Chapter](#) - 9

[Events Calendar](#) - 10

[Scholarships](#) - 13

News from International

Lightspeed Headset Giveaway

The Ninety-Nines International are excited to partner with Lightspeed for a quarterly giveaway of a Lightspeed Delta Zulu headset! Once every 3 months, there will be a drawing for a headset - no purchase is necessary, all you have to do is fill out the [online form](#). The first drawing will be held during Sun 'n Fun, April 1-6, 2025.

For many years, The Ninety-Nines have been supported by Lightspeed Aviation, and this year, there is a triple program in place:

- 1) \$100 off the price of the Delta Zulu and a Zulu 3 ANR headset. This offer is open to all 99s and Friends of The 99s.
- 2) 10% of sales through our portal will be donated to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund!
- 3) ALL 99s can enter a NEW Quarterly Drawing to WIN a Lightspeed Delta Zulu ANR headset each quarter!

Executive Director Search

The search is on for an Executive Director to join The 99s Headquarters staff in Oklahoma City. The Moran Company, a search firm specializing in nonprofit organizations, is conducting the search on our behalf. The 99s and the International Board of Directors "seek a dynamic and experienced Executive Director as we lead the organization into its next century. This role is a unique opportunity for a visionary leader to expand our vibrant membership, increase financial support through a robust fundraising program, and enhance the organization's brand and recognition."

Please consider sharing the [position profile](#) with qualified individuals. All applicants must [apply through the Moran Company portal](#) for this position.

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>.

Welcome New 99s!

Between November 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025, our Northwest Section saw great growth, with 35 pilots joining, including 22 student pilots!

We are excited to welcome:

Erika Affenita • Jamie Angulo
Sabrina Bell • Megan Bleck
Paige Brooke • Katelynn Brooks
Rachel Churchill • Amie Coffey
Logan Damewood • Megan Farve
Rene Fleming • Victoria Gonzalez
Hadya Hamed • Emerson Hanchette
Ann Hansen • Reagan Heale
Jessica James • Peyton Lysen
Ellie Manske • Rumeisa Maresha
Elizabeth Menozzi • Kendall Miller
Ashleigh Oliver • Marjolein Pawlus
Alaina Peters • Annabell Plush
Courtney Reimers • Karly Siroky
Milo Smith • Alice Spencer
Annie Stimmel • Sutapa Svetamani
Jozie Taylor • Pat Wetzel
Karri Wheeler

Section Webpage

<https://nw99s.org/>

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

Congratulations!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Vanessa Schultz - PPL

Madeline Hurley - Fall 2024 First Wings Scholarship

Lindsey Smith - Fixed Wing Add-on

Bonnie Molitor - PPL Written Exam

Nora Turner - CFI

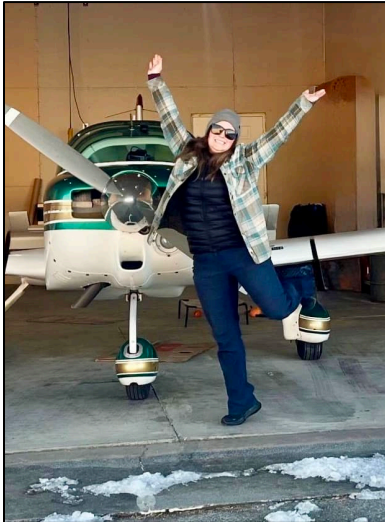
Allyson Doran - Instrument Written Exam

Mickey Fearn - Commercial

Willow Bailey - USArmy Warrant Officer Candidate
(pathway to becoming a Blackhawk helicopter pilot)

Susan Clarke - PPL-Glider

Melanie Hight - Chief Pilot & Director of Safety at OpenAir



Top Left: Mickey Fearn, Eastern Idaho Chapter

Top Right: Melanie Hight, Eastern Idaho Chapter

Bottom Center: Lindsey Smith, Oregon Pines Chapter

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

NORTHWEST SECTION OFFICERS

GOVERNOR

Beth Chapple

VICE GOVERNOR

Theresa White

SECRETARY

Marian Jensen

TREASURER

Elsbeth Roach

DIRECTORS

Andrea Johnson

Bonnie Molitor

Andrea Chay

FIND US ONLINE

SECTION WEBSITE

<https://nw99s.org>

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/nw99s/>

INTERNATIONAL 99s

<https://www.ninety-nines.org>

NEWSLETTER

Diane Lambert

Marjy Leggett

Bonnie Molitor

Cecilia Aragon

Cheryl McCord

Submit Items for the Newsletter to newsletternw99s@gmail.com

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>



Left: Eastern Idaho Chapter Members and the Teton Valley Girl Scouts, January 2025

Local Chapter Activities

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

Greater Seattle

We still need volunteers for the booth we'll be sharing with Women in Aviation at the NW Aviation Conference in Puyallup February 22-23. If you'll be at the conference and would like to help out, sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AEA72BA5FEC70-54825473-nwtrade#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AEA72BA5FEC70-54825473-nwtrade#/)

Columbia Cascade

Check out this fabulous interview with Columbia Cascade member Arty Trost by ROTAX United by Passion - Our Aviation Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8duRsYr8uhs> and <https://www.flyrotax.com/p/community/arty-trost-female-pioneer>.

Idaho

The Idaho chapter participated in SheTech again this year - STEM exploration for high school girls at the College of Idaho with over 470 girls. Idaho 99s had the opportunity to share our aviation knowledge and passion with girls around Southern Idaho. Also, check out the Idaho Chapter 2024 video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ-cX-iL4k0>.

Intermountain

You may have heard that Skyway Café at Felts Field burned in January. The owners are trying to rebuild their collection of memorabilia and model planes for when they reopen. If you're interested in donating items (or money), visit the Restore Skyway Cafe GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/1e28749b>.

Eastern Idaho

Our Eastern Idaho Ninety-Nines co-hosted a fun event at the Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport, helping the local Teton Valley Girl Scouts earn their Aviation Badge. We had nine of our Ninety-Nines in attendance helping to put on the event (including 3 student pilot members). We also got the opportunity to introduce them to two female flight instructors from our gracious hosts Teton Aviation who let us tour their flight school. It was a fun day exploring aviation!

Governor's Gab

by Beth Chapple

As always this time of year, I'm looking forward to the [Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show](#), held at the Puyallup, Washington, fairgrounds on February 22 and 23, 2025. If you've never been, there are numerous safety and inspirational seminars, a static display of aircraft and museum artifacts, booths representing aviation businesses and nonprofits, fly-in destinations, and more. The Northwest Ninety-Nines will share a booth this year with the Washington Chapter of Women in Aviation; if you're interested, sign up for a time slot to volunteer through SignUpGenius [here](#). And I just discovered that Western Washington Chapter Vice Chair Cecilia Aragon will be giving a talk at the event! There's even an IA Maintenance Renewal program and an aviation career forum targeting high schoolers. Washington pilots won't want to miss the WPA annual lunch meeting on Saturday. I've attended this event for most of the past twenty years, and I always manage to meet women pilots and learn something new. The weather tends to be pretty cloudy, so if you can't be flying, why not spend your time listening to pilot stories and advice? Admission is \$10 per day, or \$15 for both days.



The other big event coming up this spring in the Northwest as we get into flying weather is our Spring Section Meeting, April 25-27, 2025. Director Bonnie Molitor and Vice Governor Theresa White are working hard on the logistics as I write this. The preferred hotel for Friday and Saturday nights (and even Thursday, if you'd like to arrive early) is the Red Lion Hotel Pasco at the Tri-Cities Airport (KPSC), and the Saturday morning meeting, lunch, and talk by an A&P on maintenance issues will be at the newly renovated [Pasco Aviation Museum](#) and at [Bergstrom Aircraft, Inc.](#) That's also the FBO where you will find tie-down and other pilot facilities, including a lovely gift shop. Fun optional hot air balloon activities are being planned with balloon expert Mandy Johnson in the small nearby town of Prosser. I hope you can join us!

Who's going to the [International Conference](#) in Burlington, Vermont, July 9-13, 2025? The January/February issue of *Ninety-Nines* magazine has all the details, with an early-bird registration deadline of March 31st. I'd like to take out a quarter-page advertisement in the program promoting the Northwest Section but I lack the graphic design experience. Contact me at bethchapple@gmail.com to help with design, or to ask me the details for your own chapter's ad. Deadline to submit a program ad is May 1st.





Wendy Rover
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Crosscheck “Mental Performance Training for Aviators” Course Review

By Wendy Rover

I went into instrument training immediately after getting my private pilot certificate. Having experienced a few difficult setbacks during that initial training, I brought un-processed emotions, feelings of performance anxiety, and imposter syndrome along with me. I quickly learned that when flying solely by instruments, there is no room for anything besides the task (or task

saturation) at hand. My feelings informed my performance, and my inability to let go of mistakes and keep flying the plane made it hard to progress. My tendency to beat myself up for mistakes during the flight was ultimately wasting energy and kept me behind the airplane. I knew there must be ways to get to the other side of my feelings and fly the plane, but I didn't know where to find them and felt stuck.

While scrolling through women pilot-centered groups on social media, I found a post from [Tammy Barlette](#) about her Mental Performance Training for Aviators course. I did some investigating and thought it might help me break through the barricade of “Brain Weasels” (those unruly self-destructive thoughts that can run away with you) that stood in the way of becoming the pilot I wanted to be.

In flight training, you constantly weigh the costs of things against the cost of flight hours. The Crosscheck course cost about the same as a dual cross-country flight, and it was a good bargain. I enrolled in the course last February and am so glad I did.

The [Crosscheck Mental Performance Training for Aviators](#) course is a four-week course with online study modules and weekly discussion groups. Tammy's approach teaches pilots how to govern their thoughts, stay in the moment, chair fly effectively, and, most importantly, how to center the body and “re-cage” their brain in moments of stress, high workload, and, most importantly, after making a mistake during flight.

I came away from the course with practical tools that I continue to use not only in flight but in my daily life, a measurable increase in confidence and performance, and resources to continue the process of mental performance training to be a better pilot. The Crosscheck course requires a commitment to complete the study modules, do the homework assignments, and participate in the weekly discussions, and every bit of the work is worth the effort. The weekly discussion groups helped me work through the course material and created a community of pilots working to up their game and support each other. I highly recommend this course for pilots at any stage of their training or career.

The book [Performance Pilot](#) by Ross Bentley and Phil Wilkes, available in digital, print, and audio versions, is an excellent resource for using with the Crosscheck course or as a stand-alone tool for mental performance training.



Tammy Barlette, U.S. Air Force Lt Col (Ret)
Founder & CEO, Crosscheck Mental
Performance Training

*For more details and upcoming course dates, visit www.CrosscheckMentalPerformance.com.
Use code 99 at checkout for \$50 off enrollment.*

Flying West

REMEMBERING THE WOMEN WHO CHARTED THE COURSE

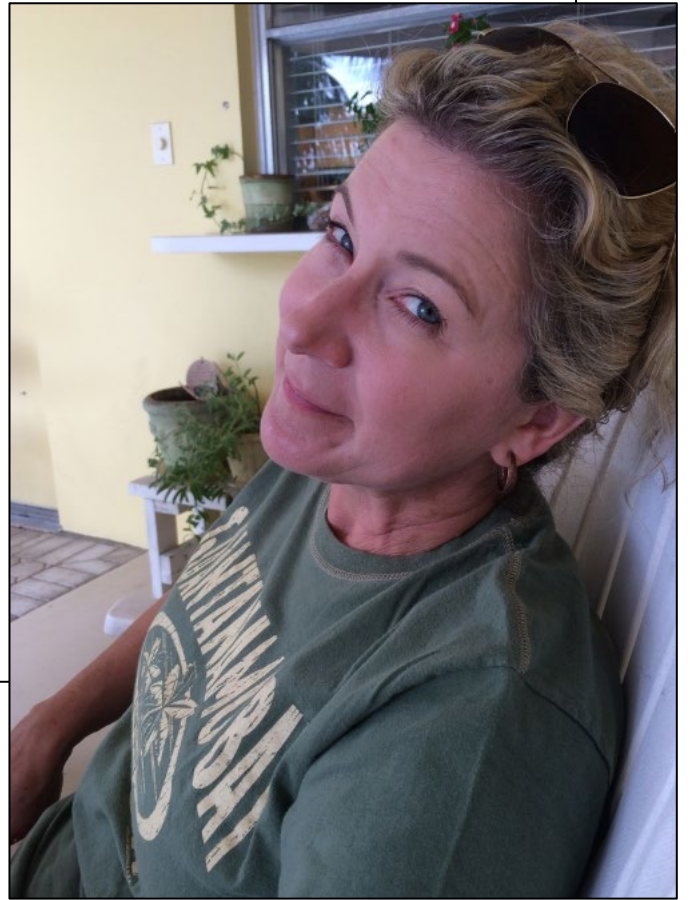
In Remembrance of Becky Burghy

by Peggy Phillips, President, Washington State Chapter of Women in Aviation, International

With heavy hearts, we honor the memory of Rebecca Burghy, a dedicated member of the Intermountain Chapter, mentor, pilot, and friend. She inspired many with her quick wit, candid guidance and inspirational mentorship.

Rebecca "Becky" Burghy flew west on December 6, 2024. She had an extraordinary career in aviation, beginning as a student at Cochise College in 1985 and later returning as an instructor in 2024. She flew corporate and charter flights, managed a flight school, and worked for Boeing, earning two patents along the way.

A dedicated advocate for women in aviation, Becky was deeply involved in the WA State Chapter of WAI, as well as other Chapters, the Ninety-Nines, and aviation education. She was also a guest writer for the Ninety-Nines, contributing to aviation publications. Her wit, wisdom, and mentorship touched so many lives, and she will be greatly missed.



Becky Burghy

In Remembrance of Iris Cummings Critchell

by Robin Hadfield, President, The Ninety-Nines Inc.

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Iris Critchell, an extraordinary aviator, Olympian, and lifelong advocate for women pilots.

Iris Cummings Critchell's remarkable journey began in the pool, where she competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. She later turned her focus to aviation, becoming a flight instructor and serving in World War II as a WAFS and WASP pilot, ferrying military aircraft such as the P-38 and P-51. After the war, she dedicated herself to educating and mentoring future pilots, leaving an indelible mark on aviation history.

A devoted member of The Ninety-Nines, Iris was a champion for women in flight, breaking barriers and inspiring generations. As she takes her final flight, she joins her fellow pilots in the 6th Ferrying Group, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Iris.

In Remembrance of Cecile Schwebel Hatfield

by Robin Hatfield, President, The Ninety-Nines Inc.

Cecile Schwebel Hatfield, has completed her final journey. A trailblazing aviator and attorney, she shattered glass ceilings in both aviation and law.

Her aviation passion ignited dramatically in 1962. Just two months after her son's birth, she confronted her fear of flying at Miami's Opa Locka airport. Her flight instructor had previously co-piloted for Amelia Earhart—a fitting connection to our organization's roots. Within a year, she earned her private pilot's license and ground-school instructor certificate.

Cecile became a prominent member of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, serving as our legal counsel for decades. She participated in the Intercontinental Women's Air Derby, serving as an unofficial goodwill ambassador, even delivering presidential letters across the Western Hemisphere. Her flying was so impressive that Vice President Hubert Humphrey once offered her a job as his personal pilot.



Professionally, Cecile's legal career was equally remarkable. She served nine years in the U.S. Department of Justice, leading complex air carrier lawsuits and overseeing aviation attorneys at the Federal Aviation Administration. Her landmark Supreme Court case, *Varig v. United States* (1984), remains a critical legal reference addressing the discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act.

She was a groundbreaking first: the first woman to chair the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee and the first woman to serve as Associate General Counsel for Piper Aircraft Corporation.

Her achievements were widely recognized. The International Association of Women in Aviation honored her with the 2015 Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University established the Award for Excellence in Aviation Law in her name.

We invite members to honor her memory by contributing to the Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, <https://www.ninety-nines.org/donation.htm>, supporting the Cecile S. Hatfield Memorial Scholarship for women student pilots.

May her pioneering spirit continue to inspire generations of women in aviation.

Getting to Know the Wyoming Chapter

by Vickey Souders, Wyoming Chapter Chair



Vickey Souders
Chair of Wyoming Ninety Nines

Greetings fellow aviators, I have a great love for the air inspired by my late father who was a very accomplished pilot with many amazing accomplishments under his belt and the joy of seeing new students coming on and learning about the many avenues of aviation. This was my directive when searching out and joining the Ninety-Nines.

I must say I laughed out loud at other women's testimonies of "getting a late start in aviation" as I earned my Private Pilot certification in September of 2023 at the young age of 68. It was a life long dream of following in my father's wings that I was finally able to accomplish after an extreme life change

not of my own choosing.

Now the real learning has begun, seeking out new airports, comradery with other pilots and the responsibility of taking passengers and completing my IFR certification. Recently I was excited to be a part of the resurrection of the Wyoming Ninety-Nines and was rewarded with the responsibility of chair, alongside an amazing secretary, Myranda Stingley, and rocking vice-chair/treasurer, Nita Tallent; together we are striving to put Wyoming Ninety-Nines on the map again.

My advice to all women endeavoring to enter in the world of aviation would be to be prepared to be very committed and serious about your goals, yet allow yourself the immense joy and awe that will be there for the taking in our unsurpassed Wyoming skies. Mount up with wings of eagles.



SUPPORT AVIATION IN WASHINGTON STATE!

Washington residents, do you have your aviation license plate yet?

Aviation plate registration supports aviation-specific initiatives, including:

- Airport infrastructure improvements to support statewide disaster response and recovery operations (examples: wildland fires, earthquake, landslide response).
- Economic development opportunities to enhance public access to airports, such as informational kiosks.
- Statewide aviation infrastructure-related awareness programs that promote public participation at airports.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	
2/15	AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar https://aopa.org/destinations/event/862	Pasco, WA KPSC
2/18 - 2/19	Multi-Engine Ground School	Stark's Twin Oaks Airpark 7S3
2/21	Grounded Hogs Gala & Banquet https://wspa.wildapricot.org/event-5833466	Seattle Museum of Flight KBFI
2/22 - 2/23	Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show https://www.washingtonaviation.org/conference	Puyallup, WA Visit the 99s booth!
3/1	Captain Bill Hinkle Memorial Shoot Out Competition https://idahoaviation.com/wp-https://idahoaviation.com/event/bill-hinkle-memorial-competition-parma-50s/	Parma, ID 50S
3/7 - 3/8 	International Board of Directors Spring Meeting https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=471	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
3/8	Aviation Safety Stand Down (FAA WINGS credit) https://www.eventleaf.com/e/25AviationStandDown	Garden City, ID
3/15 	Presentation - Canyon Flying with Long Bach Nguyen Sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Chapter	Pasco, WA KPSC
3/27 - 3/29	Annual Women In Aviation Conference https://www.wai.org/2025-conference	Denver, Colorado
3/31	Last day to register for the Air Race Classic https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-enter.htm	
4/1 - 4/6	SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo https://www.flysnf.org/	Lakeland, Florida
4/25 - 4/27 	NW Section Board of Directors Meeting https://nw99s.org/meetings	Pasco, WA KPSC
5/16 - 5/18	Oregon International Air Show https://oregonairshow.com/	Hillsboro, OR KHIO
5/17	Paine Field Community Day https://www.paine-field.com/198/Paine-Field-Community-Day	Everett, WA KPAE
5/24 	Airmarking at Ferry County Airport Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter	Republic, WA R49
5/31 	Registration deadline for 99s International Conference https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm	
5/31	Aviation Careers Day & Young Eagles Flights contact Mid-Columbia Chapter	Richland, WA KRLD
5/31	Madras Airport Day	Madras, OR S33

DATE	EVENT	
6/7	Yakima Aviation Day https://flyykm.com/aviation-day/	Yakima, WA KYKM
6/7	Carey Fly-In Breakfast & Raffle https://idahoaviation.com/event/carey-idaho-u65-fly-in-breakfast-raffle-saturday-june-7th-2025-7-10-a-m/	Carey, ID U65
6/14	Annual Father's Day Fly-in Pancake Breakfast	Desert Aire, WA M94
6/14 - 6/15	Jerry Terlisner Memorial Father's Day Fly-In https://idahoaviation.com/event/jerry-terlisner-memorial-fathers-day-fly-in-2/	Garden Valley, ID U88
6/14 - 6/15	Olympic Air Show https://olympicairshow.com/	Olympia, WA
6/15	Fly-in & Pancake Breakfast https://rexburgairshow.com/	Rexburg, ID KRXE
6/17 - 6/20	Air Race Classic https://www.airraceclassic.org/	Fairhope, AL - Spokane, WA KCQF - KSFF
6/19 - 6/21	Round Engine Round-Up https://www.staggerwingclub.com/the-roundup	Idaho Falls, ID KIDA
6/20	Pangborn Airport Days Mid-Columbia Chapter hosting 99s booth	Wenatchee, WA KEAT
6/20 - 6/21	Moses Lake Air Show 2024 - https://moseslakeairshow.com/ Mid-Columbia Chapter hosting 99s booth	Moses Lake, WA KMWH
6/21	McCall Airport Open House	McCall, ID KMYL
6/27 - 6/29	Community Aviation Day and Airshow Skagit Regional Airport	Burlington, WA
7/9 - 7/13	2025 International Ninety-Nines Conference https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm	Burlington, Vermont
7/11 - 7/12	Wallowa County Fly In https://www.neoafoundation.org/fly-in/	Joseph, OR KJSY
7/11 - 7/13	Mustang Mania - Bremerton Airshow https://bremertonairshow.com/	Bremerton, WA KPWT
7/11 - 7/13	Hometown Fly-In https://arlingtonwa.gov/240/Airport-Events	Arlington, WA KAWO
7/15	Ninety-Nines Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative applications due https://www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm	
7/19 - 7/20	Wings and Eagles Airshow/Sentry Eagle 2025 Open House https://www.173fw.ang.af.mil/Home/Wings-and-Eagles-Airshow/	Klamath Falls, OR Kingsley ANGB
7/21 - 7/27	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure	Oshkosh, Wisconsin KOSH
7/25 - 7/27	Tri-City Water Follies Air Show https://waterfollies.com/water-follies-experience/stcu-over-the-river-air-show/	Kennewick/Pasco, WA

DATE	EVENT	
8/2 - 8/3	Boeing Seafair Air Show https://www.seafair.org/seafair-weekend-festival/air-show/	Seattle, WA
8/16 - 8/17	Magic Valley Airshow https://magicvalleyairshow.com/	Twin Falls, ID KTWF
8/16 - 8/17	Wings Over Willamette Fly-in & STOL WARS https://wow-flyin.com/	Independence, OR 7S5
8/16	Arlington Skyfest https://arlingtonskyfest.com/	Arlington, WA KAWO
8/22 - 8/23	Airshow of the Cascades https://cascadeairshow.com/	Madras, OR S33
8/22 - 8/23	Airplane Camping Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter	Electric City/Grand Coulee Dam 3W7
9/6	Cashmere Airport Day Mid-Columbia Chapter hosting 99s booth	Cashmere, WA 8S2
9/6 - 9/7	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In https://www.waaamuseum.org	Hood River, OR 4S2
9/19 - 9/21	Airmarking Compass Rose at Richland Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter	Richland, WA KRLD
9/26 - 9/28	Oregon International Air Show https://oregonairshow.com/	McMinnville, OR KMMV
10/3 - 10/5	Northwest Section Annual Business Meeting https://nw99s.org/meetings	Copper King Hotel/Butte, MT

Submit event information to newsletterNW99s@gmail.com.

Scholarships

Patty Mitchell Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines Scholarship

It's scholarship season in the Northwest Section! Applications for the Patty Mitchell Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines Scholarship are due on March 15, 2025. The scholarship awards up to \$1,500 to support women pilots in the continued pursuit of aeronautical skills, both professionally and recreationally. Any Ninety-Nines member seeking to increase proficiency or regain currency by adding a new rating or certificate by participating in a



Patty Mitchell





defined training activity, e.g. instrument training, seaplane, tail wheel, mountain flying, aerobatics. This scholarship is also available to student pilots for initial flight training in obtaining their private pilot certificate. To apply or for more information, visit <https://nw99s.org/scholarships>.

Patty Mitchell worked as a substitute teacher to pay for flying lessons. After quickly earning her private, commercial, Instrument and CFI certificates, she became one of Montana's first smoke jumper pilots. Later, she flew charters and borrowed money to earn a type rating on a Citation. She interviewed in 1987-88 with several airlines and ran into gender discrimination barriers, but kept trying. Finally, she was hired by United Airlines in 1988 on the basis of her "thinking out of the box" during communication emergencies. She was one of 200 women out of 8500 pilots. Discrimination and harassment made it difficult but she never gave up. She flew 727's, eventually earning a type rating in the 747 which she loved to fly. Patty retired from United at age 60. She continued flying, instructing, mentoring, was an aviation friend, leader and active member of the 99's until passing in 2021.

Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
2/14	2025 Upwind Summer Scholarship Application https://www.upwindscholarship.com/about/
2/26	Fly for Duke Aviation Scholarships https://dukecarrillofoundation.org/scholarships/fly-for-duke-aviation-scholarship/
2/28	EAA Post-Secondary Scholarships https://www.eaa.org/eaal/learn-to-fly/scholarships/post-secondary-scholarships
2/28	EAA Flight Training Scholarships https://www.eaa.org/eaal/learn-to-fly/scholarships/eaal-flight-training-scholarships
3/1	Alaska Airmen's Association Scholarships https://alaskaairmen.org/scholarships/
3/15	Patty Mitchell Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines Scholarship https://nw99s.org/scholarships
3/15	Women's Soaring Pilots Association Scholarships https://womenssoaring.org/scholarships/
3/15	Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals https://obap.org/outreach-programs/scholarships/
3/29	Women in Corporate Aviation Scholarships https://www.wca-intl.org/scholarship-opportunities/

Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
3/31	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 → CFI-G Incentive Scholarships https://www.ssa.org/soaring-scholarships/
3/31	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships: (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) → Tail-wheel Endorsement → Upset Recovery, Spin Training, Introduction to Aerobatics http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/
4/1	 Deadline for First Wings Scholarship spring applications https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm
4/1	 Rising Star Scholarship presented by the Oregon Pines Chapter https://nw99s.org/scholarships
4/1	 Mid-Columbia Chapter \$500 Award
4/1	Aviation Performance Solutions Upset Prevention & Recovery Training (UPRT) Scholarship https://apstraining.com/uprt-scholarship/
4/15	Ladies Love Taildraggers Scholarships: (training at KSPK, Spanish Fork, UT) → Tailwheel Endorsement Scholarship 2025 → Upset & Spin Training Scholarship 2025 https://www.iac.org/news/2025-02-05-ladies-love-taildraggers-2025-scholarships
4/30	The International Cessna 170 Association Scholarship https://cessna170.org/about/scholarships/
5/1	 Eastern Idaho Ninety-Nines https://www.idaho99s.org/eastern
5/1	International Cessna 190/195 Foundation Scholarship https://www.cessna195.org/foundation.html/
6/30	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
6/30	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
6/30	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships: (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) → Tail-wheel Endorsement → Upset Recovery, Spin Training, Introduction to Aerobatics http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/

Scholarship Deadlines

DATE	SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
6/30	National Gay Pilots Association Scholarship https://www.ngpa.org/scholarships
6/30	Soaring Society of America–Discover Soaring Scholarship https://www.ssa.org/soaring-scholarships/
7/15	 Ninety-Nines Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative applications due https://www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm
7/31	Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation Scholarships https://www.aasfonline.org/scholarships/
8/1	Hal Botsford Gift of Wings Fund Grants http://www.giftofwings.org/grant.php
8/15	Calvin L. Carrithers Aviation Scholarship https://www.globalair.com/scholarships/
8/31	Sheltair & Avfuel Scholarship https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities
9/4	AVTRIP Scholarship & Avfuel Pilot-in-Training Scholarship https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities
9/8	National Agricultural Aviation Association Scholarships: Ag Wings of Tomorrow Scholarship https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/ag-wings-of-tomorrow-scholarship/
9/15	Charles Stokes Memorial Turbine Training Scholarship https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/charles-stokes-memorial-turbine-training-scholarship/
9/15	National Agricultural Aviation Association Support Scholarship Media Contest https://www.agaviation.org/career/scholarships/support-scholarship-media-contest/
9/30	Soaring Society of America Scholarships: → Junior CFI-G Scholarship → Kolstad Award College Scholarship https://www.ssa.org/soaring-scholarships/
9/30	Figure1 Foundation Scholarships: (training at KSZP, Santa Paula, CA) → Tail-wheel Endorsement → Upset Recovery, Spin Training, Introduction to Aerobatics http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply/
10/1	 Deadline for First Wings Scholarship fall applications https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm

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/>

Submit scholarship information to newsletterNW99s@gmail.com.