

Greetings ladies.

Herewith is the link for the Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter meeting.

First Monday , June 3, 2024, 7 – 8 PM. Lucia Mencia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter. Events past, present, future.

Time: This is a recurring meeting, first Monday, each month.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88487404268?pwd=OXIXWnppSmM3Tncwb2dLT3JscjZJdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 8740 4268; **Passcode:** zsu6ef.

Washington DC Chapter

Women Pilots 99s

AGENDA topics for May meeting (s):

Persons in attendance: (via Zoom) **Lucy Mencia**, presenter, xyz, zyx

Vice President: **Laura Takacs** has graciously agreed to take over from **Kim Woods**, who was intending to retire from the Coast Guard and was in the process to moving. Laura, has agreed to maintain our web page.

Treasurer: Report: **Linda Litwin** has agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer. Yearly chapter donation. Dues in the amount of \$20 were due by December 1, 2023. Please send in your contributions.

Venmo: **@WashingtonDC-Ninety-Nines** or, Address for Check: Linda Litwin, Washington DC Chapter Treasurer, 11509 Bedfordshire Ave, Potomac, MD 20854

Membership: Report: **Kathleen O'Neil** is our Membership chair position. The Washington DC Chapter membership report as of today: As of 5/5/2024, the Wash DC Chapter has 45 members who are registered. We need ideas on how to get the others who frequent our functions, to register and participate.

Continuing Education: Report: **Pat Manos** has agreed to continue to serve in the Education chair position. **Raeline Banks**, has provided support for available scholarships.

Awards : **Debi Dryefuss** Dare to be Different DDDD award team of Award judges selected a winning candidate and have presented her with the award certificate for scholarship.

Other Scholarships Available: (from other aviation groups: from the 99s, Women in Aviation, and other groups). Make sure to look at our link to our **Washington DC 99s Facebook Page**. Remember ladies, there are many scholarships out there that need good homes. Thanks to @huberj8 for doing the research to put it together! And remember all junior birds, feel free to call on any of the senior birds of the Washington DC 99s chapter to help you read and edit your applications. Pat and Sandra, both past judges will be able to provide good advice.

<https://www.dc99s.com/scholarships>

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Facebook page: Please take a look at **DC 99s Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/DC99s/>. **Kim Wood** had been doing a great job of uploading news and expanding the Washington DC chapter's social media

presence. **Lucy** will now maintain our Face book page and upload photos of our events. **We need photos of flying adventures.** Photos of adventures and new ratings news please !!!

Ninety nines swag: If any of you want hats/ T shirts/ books: <https://festivewear.shop/2023-own>
.....For those of you who are brave, there are even terminal chart leggings.

I. PAST ACTIVITIES : Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter:



May 1, 2024 Bev Sharp Award Event at Airbus offices at 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC.: was a glorious success! Many thanks to the entire Washington DC Ninety Nines team for pitching in and making it happen ! We did it ! A grand success. Please a report as to status and next steps.

Barbara Rhode was instrumental in planning and organizing the Award event from beginning to end. Thanks! We were impressed by your project management skills to assign tasks to all of the members. Barbara was able to find a wonderful venue for the event. Thank you for organizing the team to produce the desired result.

Project to help better promote the accomplishments of women pilots:

a) **Amelia Earhart** We need cooperation with 99s Headquarters to add to Amelia Earhart artifacts that are presently exhibited at the Smithsonian Air and Space Udvar Hazy Museum. **There are too few.** Now, we have a 99s button, her hair cutting scissors, a dinner invitation (dinner invitation in her honor). That is very slim pickings, inconsequential and WE CAN DO BETTER ! I provided a draft to the group. Only got a few comments.



Amelia Earhart "exhibit"



Bobbi Trout "exhibit"

b) **Bobbi Trout.** Was one of the original legacy Ninety Nines and an accomplished aviatrix. At the Burbank – Bob Hope airport (KBUR). I looked forward to seeing her "exhibit". There is a trophy, **one shoe** (not even a pair) and a book. We can do better to promote our aviation aviatrix grandmothers. Ideas?

Attached is the Spring Section announcement. We should use it as an example of the planning required for the October 5-6, 2024 Fall meeting that the Washington DC chapter will be hosting.

May 11, 2024, GA coordinated Flyover -- National Celebration of General Aviation DC Flyover of forbidden Washington DC airspace. The National Celebration of General Aviation D.C. Flyover on May 11 featured 54 aircraft flying from Frederick Municipal Airport in Maryland to Washington, D.C., at 1,000 feet over the National Mall and many of the capital's most prominent monuments, and within Prohibited Area P-56, created decades prior to the attacks of September 11, 2001, to keep aircraft away from the U.S. Capitol. The aerial parade, each pilot carefully screened and with required waivers in place, was the culmination of months of planning and preparation. AOPA secured support from Congress and permission from 11 government agencies, including the U.S. Secret Service, the FAA, and the Transportation Security Administration. It was a great success. The flotilla started from FDK, were checked out and clearance was given for each to take off in a controlled orderly manner. Even Mike Baker of AOPA, took part in the flotilla.



Each airplane needed to stay 90- 120 knots over the Mall in Washington, DC. It was an epic flight in celebration of 85 years of @AOPA and general aviation. It was nice to wave the "GA flag" over DC and in an extremely well coordinated flight. You can watch the flight on AOPA's YouTube channel. [#DCFlyover](#)

Election of new officers for Ninety Nines 2024:

Officers and Trustees of our Organization! Your elected representatives are:

President: Robin Hadfield: First Canadian Chapter, East Canada Section

Vice President: Minnetta Gardinier: Iowa Chapter, North Central Section

Secretary: Debi Dreyfuss: Washington DC Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section – CONGRATULATIONS.

Treasurer: Aileen Coverdell: Mid-Columbia Chapter, Northwest Section

Director: Mary Build: Katahdin Wings Chapter, New England Section

Director: Pat Chan: Bay Cities Chapter, Southwest Section

May 18, 2024. Girl Scouts Aviation Day. The Mid-Atlantic section hosted their first ever Girl/Boy Scout Day on May 18 at College Park Aviation Museum in College Park, MD. It was presented with the cooperation of the Ninety Nines and the Women In Aviation. It was a success and many scouts attended and learned about aviation. The learning stations were set up as chart work and how airplanes fly, females in aviation, air traffic control and flight operators, flight simulator and a museum guided tour. It was a good event for scouts.

II. Future Events:

June 20-23, 2024. The Air Race Classic. From Carbondale, Illinois to Loveland, Colorado.

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/race-information.htm> and

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/route-map.htm>

This women's-only air race started in 1929 as the Women's Air Derby by pilots including Amelia Earhart at the time when female pilots were banned from competing against men. Originally called the Powder Puff Derby races. The Air Race Classic is an all-woman VFR, daylight-only race held every year around the third week in June. Race teams (sometimes up to 40 airplanes) have up to four days to fly a defined, limited course of approximately 2,500 statute miles, from point to point to point, flying a timing line at each location. The goal is to have the actual ground speed be as far over the handicapped speed as possible.

We are sending our support to the Washington DC Chapter: Team #20, “The DC-3s).

This year it is our own Washington DC chapter member Debi Dreyfus and Joy Halcott (Connecticut chapter member), same co-pilots as from the 2022 team.



Our sister Ninety-Nines, from the Sugarloaf Chapter will be going as Team #12, “The Fearsome Awesomes” Their team will be headed by Lin Caywood and Susan Beal, both of the FDK-based Sugar loaf Ninety-Nines. **Good luck ladies !**

July 3-7, 2024. The Ninety-Nines conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. There is more information in the Ninety-Nines web page: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=472> and registration is open (discount tickets if book early). https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Columbia Registration in open!! [click here](#) [Conference information](#)

July 22-28, 2024. Oshkosh, Wisconsin. EAA Air Venture Oshkosh fly-in, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, attracting more than 600,000 people and 10,000 airplanes. <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>

Sept 16 - 20, 2024. Niagara Falls.

From our Ninety Nines sisters in Florida, we have an invitation. They say, “*We have put together **another awesome air***”

Sept 7, 2024. Thursday. Fall 99s Picnic, co-hosted with EAA-4, College Park group, who are

having their seventieth (70 th) founding anniversary. Pot-Luck picnic. Families and friends are invited. At College Park Aviation hangar. 6 – 9 PM.

Sept 16 - 20, 2024. Niagara Falls.

From our Ninety Nines sisters in Florida, we have an invitation. They say, “We have put together another awesome air tour with SiriusXM called Rock the Falls Air Tour. It is an opportunity to join your 99s sisters and other pilots for a fun and “semi-structured” air tour. NO registration fee to join in!

- 9/16: Meet in Frederick, MD KFDK for a casual meet and greet (optional).
- 9/17: Depart Frederick KFDK (you can fly in early morning or just join en route to stop 1). We plan to fly up the Hudson River Corridor and spend our first night in Lake Placid KLKP.
- 9/18: Leave Lake Placid KLKP for Montreal CYHU. This gives you a great opportunity to hone your paperwork skills and gather the necessary papers, stickers, etc. to fly to Canada.
- 9/19: Re-enter the US and overnight at Niagara Falls, NY KIAG.
- 9/20: Depart Niagara Falls, NY KIAG at your leisure.

We will arrange a block of hotel rooms at each location and have all information listed on a web site where you can register, giving us your T-size (for a really cool SiriusXM tour shirt) and let us know who is coming so we can prepare accordingly. At some point TBD before the tour we will have a weather webinar and information on flying to Canada. For those who are flying themselves to Vancouver for the International 99s meeting, you will be pros by this time!

Please make mention of this to our 99s sisters at your upcoming Section meeting and please add to your monthly newsletters., Terry L. Carbonell, Florida 99s, Owner/Manager; TLC TRAVEL; godusty@hotmail.com; Phone: 239-633-0077”. Sounds like fun. Any takers?

October 5 – 6, 2024. Fall Section meeting (Wash DC chapter will host): Now we need to work on this.

- Funds: I spoke to Lin Caywood. “NO funds are available from International, nor from her group”.
- All funds need to be worked into the registration fees. Count on 40-ish attendants. We need to agree on place/tours/ costs. Schedule: October, Friday 4 – Sat 5.
- I will be Chairman; I will ask Kathleen O’Neil, past chairman of the Section meeting for her good advice and lessons learned. She did a great job.
- Volunteers: I will be requesting volunteers to “head” different elements.
- Brochure: I can design a Publisher-based flyer/brochure (once all the details are refined).
- Laura, would please set up a platform for registration form, This would be able to be sent to the International Section web site, to our own Washington DC 99s site
- College Park aviation museum may be available, but Pins are required, although usually non-pinned pilots are few or/and Leesburg, VA JYO seem to be the front runners



- Meeting Space: We are pursuing whether College Park could provide meeting space for 40 people.

- **Hotels** available to both. If we use hotel meeting space, it would be for a fee.
- **Speaker:** We are looking for witty, charming, interesting, **WINGS providing speakers.** Pat has suggested **Wally Funk.** I have reached out to **Shasta Weitz**, who flew around the world while an aviation student at Emery Riddle Aviation College, Daytona, Fla. To be determined.
- **Tour:** We are working with the **NTSB, downtown** for a docent led tour on Friday Oct 5 at Noon – 3 PM.
- **Tour:** We are working with the **College Park Aviation museum** to obtain a docent. To be determined.

FLYOUTS and aviation events schedules:

To be as inclusive as possible, and to promote all women pilots and student pilots, we will extend a flyout invitation to the sister Sugarloaf 99s and to the Bravo Flight School should they want to join the fly outs. I reached out to Lin Caywood, Sugarloaf Chairman and she was in support of joint fly outs. TBD.

January 23 2023 fly out was Sunday to Hagerstown, MD – KESN; **Feb 12** fly out was Saturday to Lancaster, PA – KLNS; **March 27** fly out was to Easton, MD; **April 10** – fly out from Montgomery Park to Ocean City, Md - OXB; **April 30** was a fly out with the EAA-4 Young Eagles at Tipton, MD; **April 30** was also a girl/boy scout aviation badge day at Bay Bridge, MD; **May 28** – wine tasting event. Cancelled due to scheduling conflicts; **May 28?** - fly out to Ocean city Delaware; **June 21-24**– was the Women’s Air Race Classic. This is the race that was organized by Amelia Earhart and was called the Powder Puff race. Our own Debi Dreyfuss lead Team #20. **July** – was originally organized to Shannon but was moved to Hagerstown, Maryland due to weather; **August 20**,- Flying Circus, Bealton, Virginia; **Sept.** – was planned to Redding, but was cancelled due to stormy weather; **Oct 2022**– Mid Atlantic meeting; **November** – Holiday party; **December 10** – Holly Run and toy drop to Tangier Island KTGI.

January 13, 2024 Saturday – flyout to Hagerstown, MD with the DC Pilots. **February 10, 2024 Sunday** – cancelled due to high winds. Flyout to KLNS Lancaster Airport. **March 9, Saturday.** (These are with Smokehouse pilots group) was canceled due to high winds. **April 13, 2024** Sun N Fun 4/19-4/14. The **May 19 Sunday** fly out to Lancaster, PA was cancelled due to high winds. Postponed possibly to **June 8 Saturday.** Meet at airside restaurant at Noon. There is also a 2nd event: **June** TBD Leesburg KJYO fly in;



July Oshkosh 7/22-28; **August:** 8/24 Saturday TBD; **September 9/15 Sunday** TBD; **October** Monroe NC This is an overnight (10/12-13); **November** Sunday 11/3; **December** 7 Saturday with Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Holly Run and toy drop to Tangier Island KTGI.

Next Washington DC Chapter Meeting:

First Monday of July 1 , 2024 on Zoom at 7 PM.

The end of agenda.
