

Greetings ladies.

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

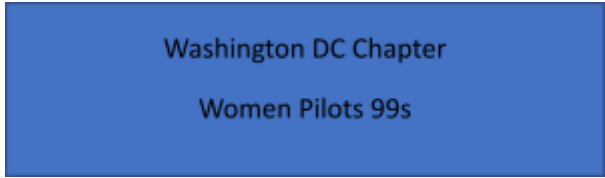
**First Monday , March 4, 2024, 7 – 8 PM.** Lucia Mencia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

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

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



**AGENDA topics for meeting (s):**

**Persons in attendance:** Lucy Mencia, xyz, zyx

**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 will be taking over the Membership chair position. The Washington DC Chapter membership report as of today: The Wash DC Chapter has 49 members We will need to find out their level...student/ or not. We need ideas on how to get more of the “signed up Washington DC Chapter” members to attend our functions.

**Continuing Education:** Pat Manos has agreed to continue to serve in the Education chair position.

**Awards :** Debi Dryefuss Dare to be Different DDDD award submissions were due and are being reviewed by the Award Committee. In the future, we will plan how to best promote the award to get the best candidates. All submissions had to be from a Mid-Atlantic member, had to be about aviation, had to show cleverness or daring to be different. The winner is to be announced at the March 2024 meeting.

**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. Are you in search of the perfect scholarship to meet your aviation goals? Check out our scholarship database, now live on the DC99s website. 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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Our Raliene Banks, who was AF pilot, has alerted us to this new scholarship:

**The Air Force holds a Flight Academy** each summer for 16–18-year-olds with an interest in flying. It's a competitive application process, but attendance is free for applicants who are selected. Do our members know anyone who is interested in applying? If so, here's the link to more info:

[https://www.recruiting.af.mil/Aim-High-Flight-Academy/?utm\\_source=ahfa&utm\\_medium=qr\\_code&utm\\_campaign=det1\\_promo](https://www.recruiting.af.mil/Aim-High-Flight-Academy/?utm_source=ahfa&utm_medium=qr_code&utm_campaign=det1_promo)

**Facebook page:** Please take a look at **Washington DC 99s Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/DC99s/>. **Kim Wood** has been doing a great job of uploading news and expanding the Washington DC chapter's social media presence. Please send her photos and a sentence or two about our flying adventures, new ratings, new news. Thanks. Our last post was Nov 2022. We need a Facebook guru.

**We need photos of flying adventures.** Photos of adventures and new ratings news please !!!

FYI: Please take a look at the **Mountaineers 99s Facebook page**. This is the new 99s chapter, that is Chaired by Brenda Tibbs. Good job Mountaineers. Nice Facebook pages. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2263679613783602/?paipv=0&eav=AfY6tvjF2cRrFlv1YWWjOYgegkbvLkACBB2Y3ZQyHZgsflbjEHk5Cew9jNljFqi61Y&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2263679613783602/?paipv=0&eav=AfY6tvjF2cRrFlv1YWWjOYgegkbvLkACBB2Y3ZQyHZgsflbjEHk5Cew9jNljFqi61Y&_rdr)

**We have a Mid-Atlantic web page** HOWEVER, the only active link is for the Sugarloaf chapter. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
<https://mid-atlantic99s.org/chapters/>. We need ideas to promote our Washington DC chapter.

**Ninety nines swag:** If any of you want hats/ T shirts/ books: <https://festivewear.shop/2023-own>



**PAST ACTIVITIES : Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter winter events:**

**Holly Run to Tangier Island.** The **Chesapeake Sports Pilots hosted their 14th Holly Run on Saturday Dec. 10, 2023.** This was sponsored and directed by Helen Woods, director/owner of Chesapeake Sports at Bay Bridge airport. It was from Bay Bridge Airport, Queen Anne's County, MD KW29 to KTGI. Tangier Airport. The Washington DC 99s made our annual pilgrimage to Tangier Island. There were about 20 airplanes from the area that converged at TGI and brought school supplies and holly. <http://www.tangierhollyrun.com/>

**Congratulations to Kathleen O'Niel.** She earned her PPLI, sponsored by the Women in Aviation. Kathleen, we are so proud of you. Participants dedicate 18 months in which they become mentors. The PPLI is a structured, formal mentorship program where participants communicate weekly with a focus on leadership development, professional growth, and goal setting. They learn valuable leadership and networking skills along with tools to develop and accelerate their careers. Kathleen has successfully fulfilled all requirements of the program which include giving back through volunteering activities. There will be a PPLI Social at the upcoming Women in

Aviation Conference in Orlando FL March 21-23. All Section and Chapter members and Ninety-Nines Members are invited to attend the social. Congratulations Kathleen.

**Saturday, Jan 27, 2024, Young Eagles at College Park Aviation Museum's hangar.**

There is a young aviator's program at College Park to expose 15–19-year-olds to possible careers in aviation, whether it be as pilots, airplane builders, airplane mechanics, ATCs. There are mentoring opportunities to participate in "hands on learning". There are guest speakers, who are adults in these careers. General promotion of Aerospace awareness. Other mentors are always welcome.

**On January 27, 2024, Youth Mentoring.** some of the Washington DC 99s mentors showed 32 local high school students about the theory of wings, rib construction. They saw the (copies) of the original Wright Brother's wing rib blueprints, showing the specific planning that went into the Wright Flyer. Then they broke up into five sections, each building a rib. They got to compare it to the original Wright design. Then they went into the CPAM and saw (a different) Wright airplane.

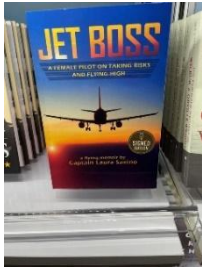
**Bev Sharp Award meeting:**

Barbara Rhode will inform the Washington DC group about updates. Kathleen O'Niel, Laura Takacs, MLM and Barbara Rhode went to the Airbus offices at 1101 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Washington DC. There we met with Besiree Puller who works in the Airbus Experience Center. She was very helpful in showing us potential areas to host the meetings. We are planning details about the speaker, catering, parking, and invite lists.



**Support for other 99s chapters:** Sister 99s: Old Dominion 99s, Laura Savino has written a very interesting book, **Jet Boss** about her experiences as Captain of B747s. **Final Flight Final Flight** is a fascinating book by Erin Miller who took up the challenge of honoring the legacy of her veteran grandmother, Elaine Danforth Harmon, who flew for the US Army, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) but had been denied the request to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Both are available at the Air and Space Museum and at the College Park Aviation Museum bookstores.

**FUTURE : Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter events:** It is always fun to learn what things other 99s Chapters are doing since we often try to help out other 99s chapters with their events and projects.



**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.



### **Future Events :**

**\*\*\* March 7, 2024. Thursday 7:00 PM Lecture, at College Park FBO Operations Building, Second floor, – talk by our own Washington DC chapter 99, Jing Suo, about her adventures flying in the Denali Alaska National Park. Bush plane flying.** She has also recently graduated from the Patty Wagstaff Aerobatics School in St Augustine Florida. Welcome back Jing ! Looking forward to it.

**April 26-27, 2024. The Spring meeting** will in MRB, West Virginia (combined hosts: Sugarloaf Chapter AND Mountaineers 99s). Be sure to mark your calendars and register for our Spring Section Meeting on April 26 and 27 at Martinsburg Airport (KMRB). Our youngest chapter, the Mountaineers, are eager to welcome you to their home base and show you some wild and wonderful West Virginia hospitality. The chapter, assisted by the Sugarloaf Chapter, have lined up some fun events for us to enjoy. Go to [www.sugarloaf99s.org](http://www.sugarloaf99s.org) to register for the section meeting. Our international representative will be past 99s president, Corbi Bullock. Questions? Contact Mountaineer chapter chair Cindy Gresham at [cindygresham@gmail.com](mailto:cindygresham@gmail.com).

**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 4, Saturday. Compass rose painting at Bay Bridge Airport.** The airport is featuring a Youth Aviation A event for the girls/boy scouts. We have been asked to volunteer. I suggested that we re-paint the compass rose that we originally painted ten years ago. I have some left-over paint, and some rollers, but need more of each. WE NEED some of you to come, and “teach girl/boy scout” helpers, about compass roses. We all would work together to get it done. We would need both the Washington 99s AND the girl scouts. The compass rose that we did ten years ago is much smaller than the one we did at VKX and at FDK and this is a re-painting, not a new, so hopefully, not all needs to be redone.

**May 18, 2024. Girl Scouts Aviation Day.** We have been asked to help. The section will be hosting their first ever Mid Atlantic Section Girl Scout Day on May 18 at College Park Aviation Museum in College Park, MD. You are invited to volunteer/support our upcoming Girl Scout aviation day on May 18, 2024, to be held at College Park Aviation museum. We will have a zoom meeting in March to provide full details of the event. Each Girl Scout will be working towards their aviation, aerospace, and STEM patches and The NinetyNines will be their inspiration, mentors and cheerleaders hosting different aviation learning activities. The learning stations will be 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. Arrival for volunteers will be at 8:30am to help set up Aviation learning activities.

**October 5 – 6, 2024. Fall Section meeting (Wash DC chapter will host):**

- 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: Preliminary plans are for 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, will 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 and to other aviation links.
- College Park CGS is 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: College Park could provide meeting space. JYO would have meeting space, but for fee.
- 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 WF.
- Tour: We are looking for a tour site. Where? We are working with the NTSB, downtown as an option.
- Frankly, I am Smithsonian Udvar Hazy out-ed
- The **downtown A&S Smithsonian** still does not have dates for a reopening of the East half of the museum. That is the side that contains the Emelia Airhart section, with her red Vega, her artifacts and the terrazzo compass rose.
- The NTSB at Ashburn is still open for worker-bees, but Ashburn closed Jan 2024 for tours. We have asked **NTSB for a downtown** tour. I would like to see about arranging for a tour, with docent of the NTSB in Ashburn [https://www.nts.gov/Training\\_Center/Pages/TrainingCenter.aspx](https://www.nts.gov/Training_Center/Pages/TrainingCenter.aspx) We have yet to receive response.
- Ideas for tours. Where would you like to visit? We need time to set up docents.





**Future Events/ Meetings**

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.

**FLYOUTS and aviation events schedules:**

**November 2022 fly out** was cancelled due to high winds and inappropriate weather conditions.

(in December we had a lovely Holiday get together at the College Park Aviation Museum).

**December 8, 2022**, fly out was to Georgetown, DL, KGED:

**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 originally organized to Redding, but was cancelled due to weather; **Oct 2022**– Mid Atlantic meeting; **November** – Holiday party; **December 10** – Holly Run and toy drop to Tangier Island KTGI

**January 13, 2024** – flyout to Hagerstown, MD with the Smokehouse Pilot (about 10 airplanes).

**February 10, 2024.** – cancelled due to high winds. flyout to KLNS Lancaster Airport **March 9, Saturday.** ( With Smokehouse). April 13, 2024 TBD.

**Other options for future fly outs:**

- a) **Williamsburg, VA** (historically interesting) (option submitted by Lin Caywood).
- b) **Penn’s Cave (KN74)** at 1130am and head to the Penn’s Cave Park for a cavern tour (\$21). Please email WashDC99s@gmail.com if you’d like to attend To Penn’s Landing. Lower Brush Valley Rd, Centre Hall, PA 16828, United States. We will need to coordinate for possible boat tours in the caverns. A 45-50 minute fully guided tour of the all-water cavern, given entirely by boat! The cave tour is not handicapped accessible – there are 48 steep concrete steps that lead to the dock entrance where the tour boats are boarded. the water is only 3 to 5 feet deep.
- c) What other near-by favorite, hidden gems airports are of interest? **Vote.**

**Next Washington DC Chapter Meeting:**

First Monday of April 1, 2024 on Zoom at 7 PM. No fooling.

**The end of agenda.**

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