

Greetings ladies.

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

First Monday , May 6, 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.

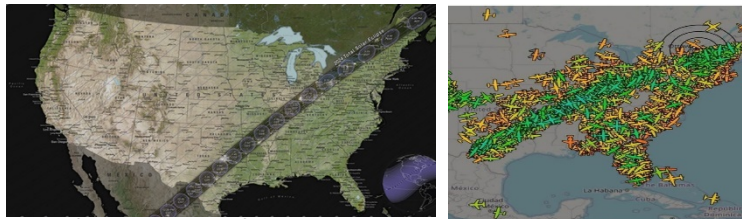
Time: This is a recurring meeting, first Monday, each month.

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Meeting ID: 884 8740 4268; Passcode: zsu6ef.

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Women Pilots 99s



April 8, 2024. Path of total Eclipse from Texas to Maine. Green are General Aviation airplanes during eclipse.



Off Mazatlan, Mexico Those “little” flares are probably like ten times the size of Earth !

NASA web site. Photographer Shari Bird



“The amount of effort that went into this shot is unreal. Planning is so important when you have 4 minutes to get the shot and 3-4 passes. Not many people know that it takes so much effort and people power to pull something like this off successfully. I personally spent the last few weeks doing math calculations to find the right elevation for the planes to get the correct relationship between them and the eclipse, exposing for the eclipse, positioning, and exposing the lighting under the wings, making sure our camera shutters are still high enough so there isn’t motion blur. Not to mention getting some amazing help to line up two of the best pilots in the world with an eclipse during an event that was supposed to be ruined by bad weather was truly unbelievable to be a part of. There were at least 40 people involved in making these shots happen and at the end of the day pushing a button was the easy part.” Red Bull airplanes in McKinney, Texas. Dustin Snipes, production manager, photographer

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. 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. This year the award was for \$3000. We need to timely fund this award.

Elections : PleaseThis is a call out of all our members to vote in the 99s Elections. Vote ! Vote often. Our own Debi Dryefuss is running for Secretary. Let's all support our team. VOTE ! VOTE !

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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Facebook page: Please take a look at **Washington 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. Special heartfelt thanks: (these are only some of the tasks)

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. Thank you for arranging with **David Jones**, to produce a very informative film. Thank you for speaking with the various members of **the Bev Sharp family** including **Ed and Holly Sharp**.

Along with **Desiree Puller** and **Seturah Foxx** of the Airbus Experience Center, Barbabs coordinated the events to promote the legacy of Bev Sharp. Barbara imagined, motivated the team and directed this event. Wow.

Laura Takacs , our new VP, was instrumental in the success of this project with her clever knowledge of Better World, a wonderful tool for planning complicated events. Registration and sales of tickets were very successful. The plastic covered name tags were great to identify participants. Laura even thought to order lanyards for attendants! The flowers, decorations and registration lists made membership attendance clear. Laura was the voice on the original film about Bev Sharp. Thank you for producing a very interesting slide projection loop with relevant photos about the importance of promoting women in aviation. Kathleen and Laura were able to explain why Bev Sharp was an inspirational role model. Thank you for setting up the auction, with many interesting donated items. Laura, is a decorated airline captain as well as an impressive potter and has graciously donated two of her original pieces. Thank you Laura. You did so much work. Wow.

Kathleen O’Niel Thank you for editing so many of the print and video elements. Kathleen’s editing skills kept our endeavours legible and interesting. Kathleen and Laura were able to explain why Bev Sharp was an inspirational role model. Kathleen’s writing skills are impressive and made the PR for this event much clearer. Thank you for writing a note to the **Straight and Level** magazine. Kathleen was instrumental in the success and negotiations for food, service, catering and drink contracts. We are most grateful since all of these very time-consuming tasks were done while she was involved in continuing aviation education, handling a husband and two children. Wow.

Pat Manos was instrumental in organizing the Inspiration award for **Senator Duckworth**. Thank you for speaking about her involvement in the 99s and inspiration to young girls going into aviation careers. Thank you for organizing the trips and attendance of the **Chicago 99s**. It was evident that the Senator really appreciated having “familiar – friendly” faces, even though she questioned whether she had paid her last

99s membership bill; That was so cute! Thank you for organizing the Chicago 99s, including Glenda Blackwell and others from the 99s offices. Wow.

Linda Litwin is our favorite dollar guru, treasurer and has kept us legal and organized to fund this very complicated endeavor. Thank you for organizing all of our event costs and fees. Thank you.
(We need a W-9 for the United Airlines donation)....to do. Me/ you ? which? How?

Caren M. Roushkolb was instrumental in creatively putting together a wonderful aviation themed music list. We extend a very warm welcome to our new member ! Yeay. Welcome. Thank you. Great music. Wow.

CDR La'Shanda Hawkins was instrumental in introducing and gently questioning the Senator in a "fire-side chat". La'Shanda was able to speak about the importance of having women mentoring others for leadership roles in the Coast Guard, which supported many of the military aviation memories from Senator Duckworth. Your questions were respectful, yet brought out the best memories from the Senator. La'Shanda looked so movie star glamorous in an elegant red gown, while nine months pregnant. Wow.

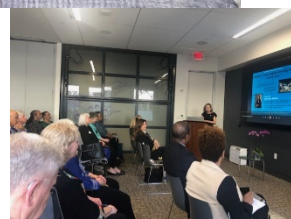


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ALL Ninety-Nines in attendance.

There are other photos (however) listing them all will make this document too large to send (it will bounce); I will send a separate link. These are representative of "the best".





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.



April 26-27, 2024 The 99s Spring meeting was held in Martinsburg, (KMRB) West Virginia (combined hosts: Sugarloaf Chapter AND Mountaineers 99s). Our youngest chapter, the Mountaineers, headed by Brenda Tibbs, was eager to welcome us to their home base and show WV hospitality. The chapter, assisted by the Sugarloaf Chapter, lined up some fun events. **Barbara Rhode** represented our Washington DC Chapter.

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.

II. Future Events:

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. 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. **Now that we have two Wash. DC Ninety-Nines banners we can have a table.**

June 20-23, 2024. The Air Race Classic. From Carbondale, Illinois to Loveland, Colorado. <https://www.airraceclassic.org/race-information.htm>

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 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! There is no specific route point to point. We plan short flying days and lots of free time for you to enjoy the flights, the scenes (hopefully some fall foliage), your fellow flyers and to gain some cross-country experience.

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
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- 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 Emory 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.

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 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. **May 19 Sunday** fly out will be to Lancaster, PA. Meet at airside restaurant at Noon.



June TBD and 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 June 3, 2024 on Zoom at 7 PM.

The end of agenda.
