

Greetings ladies.

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

**First Monday , July 1, 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 6/5/2024, 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.

**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 !!! Our own **Jing Suo** and **Kathleen O'Neil** are both pursuing continuing education on higher ratings.

We need to focus our energies to promoting youth and aviation activities. Our mission statement as Ninety Nines is to promote aviation studies, especially amongst young women pilots. The Washington DC Facebook page should reflect adventures and accomplishments of the DC members. We will be highlighting many flying adventures around the area that young women will want to join. Flying meetings such as the Reeding Pennsylvania Antique Aviation Fair and the Massey Classic Air Fair are adventures that will draw new participants to the Washington DC Ninety Nines. The Bev Sharp Award, should have its own separate link to highlight these accomplishments. Young women, interested in aviation should learn from our Face Book page that there are many flying events and activities, and opportunities for them to contribute and have fun. For the target audience of young women who are entering the aviation careers, it is important to show flying activity and flying competence. We are very proud of the First-Place ranking of Team #20 at the 2024 Air Race Classic.

**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.

### **Project: Cooperation with 99s Headquarters**

**a) Amelia Earhart.** We should 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?

### **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 ! **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.

**The Ninety-Nines Magazine** of July/August 2024 showcased Senator Duckworth on the cover. There was a descriptive article, "*Ninety-Nines Celebrate Diversity*", on pages 12-13 of the magazine.

**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>

**Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 women's Air Race Classic, Debi Dreyfuss and Joy Halcott. Debi Dreyfuss and her co-Pilot Joy Halcott, came in FIRST place, winning the 2024 all-women's Air Race Classic, Inc. YEAY YEAY CONGRATULATIONS,**

Our Washington DC Chapter, Team #20 known as “DC3-1”, won FIRST place, Fastest Cessna, Ninety-Nines trophy. ... A FLYING TRIFECTA. Tenacity pays off. This was their thirteenth year racing. The first place trophy was especially well deserved since they were followed/preceded by severe storms. This was a race of experience, skill, tenacity, and just damn great flying. Congratulations ladies. We are so proud of both of you.



Our sister Ninety-Nines, from the Sugarloaf Chapter won third place as Team #12, “The Fearsome Awesomes” Their team was headed by Lin Caywood and Susan Beal, both of the FDK-based Sugar loaf Ninety-Nines.

It was 95 years ago, 1929 that the first all-women’s air race took place. 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. The winner was Louise Thaden, who became the first Secretary of the Ninety-Nines. In 1929 the Ninety-Nines was formed at the end of the first women’s air race. The winner was Louise Thaden, who became the first Secretary of the board of the Ninety-Nines organization. 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.

This year women pilots flew 47 airplanes from across the globe geared up for the 47th annual Air Race Classic, June 18, 2024, from Southern Illinois Airport in Carbondale, Illinois. Racers embarked on a 2,610-statute mile journey across 11 states, culminating at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport in Loveland, Colorado, on June 21, 2024.

This 47th Annual Air Race Classic was from Carbondale, Illinois to Loveland, Colorado. Intermediate stops include airports at La Porte, Indiana; Cadillac, Michigan; Newark, Ohio; Monee, Illinois; Owatonna, Minnesota; Moberly, Missouri, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and Dodge City, Kansas. “From seasoned veterans to fresh-faced competitors, teams of at least two women pilots will take flight, each with their own strategy to conquer the challenging course,” air race officials said.

Competitors flew normally aspirated, piston-powered airplanes in visual flight conditions during daylight hours during the four days of the race. Although it's called a race, the Air Race Classic isn't just about speed — it's also about strategy and teamwork. "A handicap speed system is in place, ensuring every team has an equal shot at victory, regardless of their aircraft's speed," they explained. "Because each plane receives a unique handicap, teams are racing to beat their own handicap speed, not against one another. Teams strategize to play the elements, holding out for better weather or seeking more favorable winds to beat their handicap by the greatest margin. It's a true test of skill and ingenuity as pilots navigate the country, seeking the perfect cross-country."



**Election of Debi Dreyfuss as Secretary of the Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors.**

CONGRATULATION !!! When not air racing, Debi is flying rescue dogs around the country to their new homes. When not air racing, Deb is flying rescue dogs across the country.





### **c) Future Events:**

**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](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! There is no specific route point to point. We*

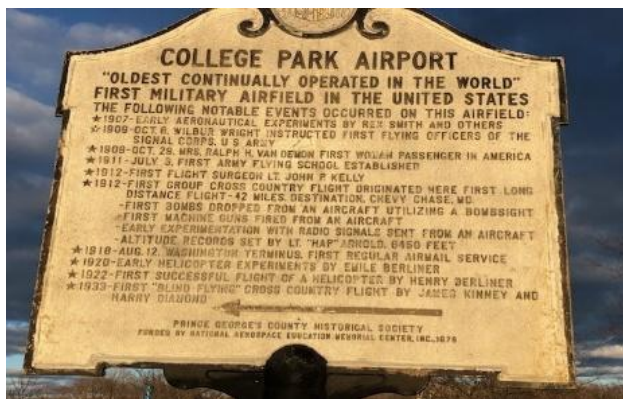
plan short flying days and lots of free time for you to enjoy the flights, the scenes (hopefully some fall foliage), your fellow flyers and to gain some cross-country experience.

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?

**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.

**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).

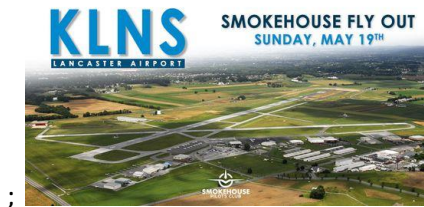
**December 8, 2022**, fly out was to Georgetown, DL, KGED:

**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 8** 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 August 5 , 2024 on Zoom at 7 PM.

**The end of agenda.**

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