



# The Sea to Sky

NEWSLETTER OF THE BC COAST NINETY-NINES CLUB

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

Last year saw some changes in the executive of the BC Coast Ninety-Nines chapter. Jenna Forseth has been appointed as the Chapter Chair. We would like to formally welcome her into her new role and acknowledge the past leadership provided by Cindy Pang and Colette Morin. We would also like to welcome Marcia Strang as our new secretary. Marcia is taking over from Teena Della. Many thank yous to all of the women who so graciously offered their time for many years and to the women who have stepped into their roles. Our club depends on our dedicated volunteers!

In this inaugural newsletter, we have summarized our 2018 activities, spotlighted some activities of our adventurous members and provided an overview of our 2019 calendar of events. If you have news you would like to contribute to future volumes please email: [bccoast99s@gmail.com](mailto:bccoast99s@gmail.com).

Clear skies and smooth air to all,

*Renata Nicmans*, Editor

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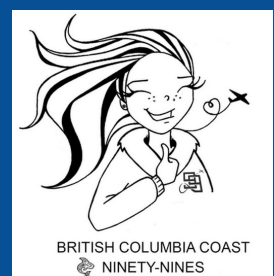
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Jenna Forseth, British Columbia  
Coast Chapter Chair

*Ninety-Nines Mission Statement:*

*The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIR

As we start our Chapter News letters for 2019 it is fitting to remember that it is 90 years since the start of the Ninety-Nines. In 1929, ninety-nine women pilots gathered on Long Island, New York, with the goal to promote aviation, and offer support to each other. Settling on the number of women present, the name The Ninety -Nines was born, with Amelia Earhart as the first president. The organization has grown and spread internationally to include a staggering forty-four countries.

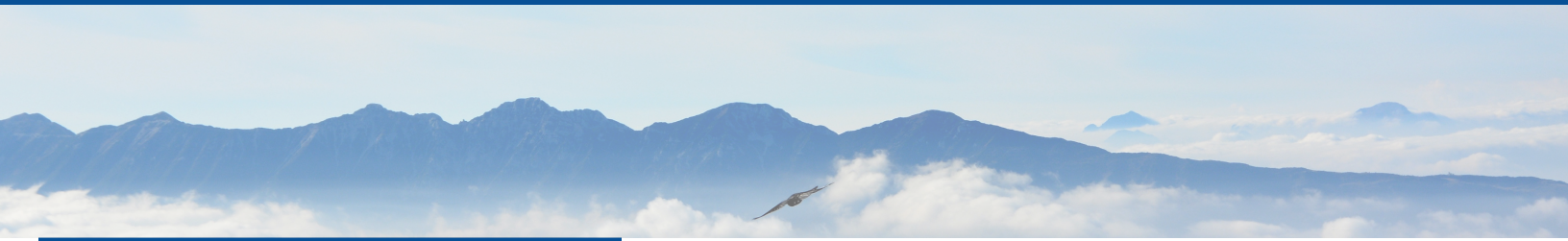
There are many exciting events planned for our Chapter in 2019, including the "Fly It Forward" event with Glacier Air in Squamish on March 9th for first time flyers, and our annual Poker Run this summer. We are happy that our Chapter has experienced growth, with many new members. Expect to hear of lots of action and many more events to come.

I extend a warm welcome to all to come to our Chapter meetings which are usually held at Pitt Meadows' Aero Club of B.C., long time supporters of the Ninety-Nines. We begin the meetings with an aviation themed guest speaker, open to the public, followed by refreshments and a short meet and greet. We then move into our business meeting for members and prospective members. Please also feel welcome to join the many social events happening throughout the year, including activities such as snowshoeing and fly-ins.

I look forward to seeing our chapter members and many new faces at our Chapter events throughout this year.

Jenna Forseth, Chapter Chair





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Tailwheel Endorsement

Editor's Note: our member Katie received a Figure 1 Foundation scholarship to obtain an American tailwheel endorsement. Below is her account of the experience!

Santa Paula is an experience in itself, practically indescribable. It's an oasis for students, plane owners and aerobatic pilots alike. Not only is every pilot there above average and half of them own a Pitts but there is a

real sense of community and they are so welcoming to newcomers like myself.

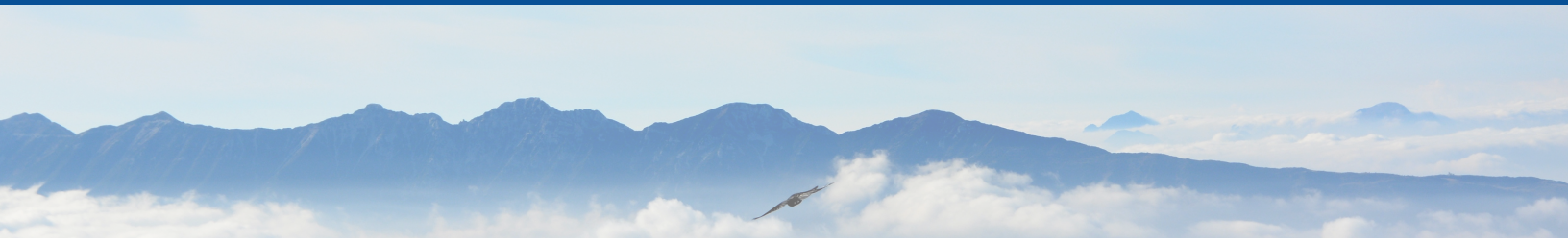
Sunny everyday, flying open cockpit mid October, sunsets every night on the "west-end" of the runway and the most unique scholarship experience you could ever ask for. I got so much more than I bargained for.

Staying in a hangar on the airport gave me

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Katie, seen here, with her instructor



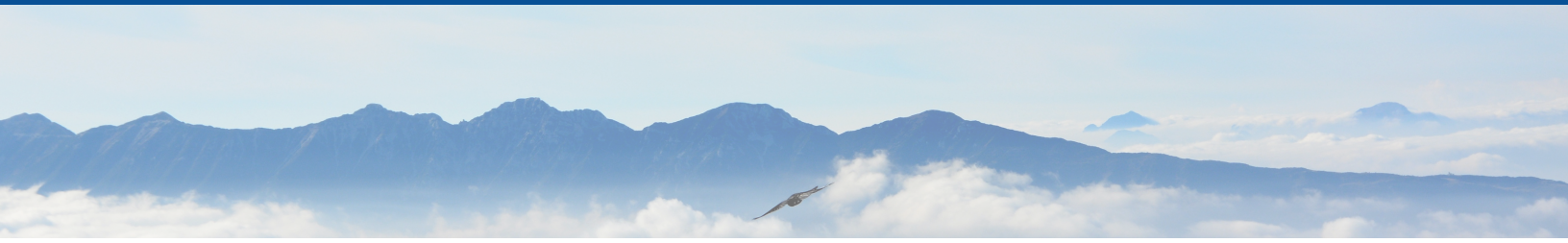
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the opportunity to really immerse myself into their lifestyle and fly everyday. I had the opportunity to, not only get my tailwheel endorsement, but also land on grass strips and experience flying in another country. There are so many countless experiences from this place that opened my eyes to the different groups of pilots out there and I would recommend anyone to apply

for this award and see a different aviation community for themselves. While I was down there I went to a student aviation day with the Figure 1 Foundation and helped promote their scholarships. I came to really appreciate how simple their process is, I've applied for a lot of scholarships in the past year and some make you jump through a thousands hoops just to enter. FIF

keeps it to a one page questionnaire and straight to the point and are just looking for passionate individuals that are going to stick with it. They offer a variety of other scholarships as well and are definitely worth the time checking out!





## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Madeline Ungurain who was awarded a 99s "Fly Now" scholarship in 2018 as well as to Jenna Forseth who was awarded the West Canada Section Ninety-Nines Scholarship for her multi-engine rating. Congratulations again!



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Figure 1 Foundation –  
Tailwheel  
Endorsement

Requirements:

- Private Pilot license or higher
- International applications okay
- Training held in ZSP – Santa Paula CA, USA

BCGA – Sparky Imeson  
Memorial Bursary

Requirements:

- Nominated by BCGA member (can nominate self)
- Become BCGA member once nominated (it's free!)

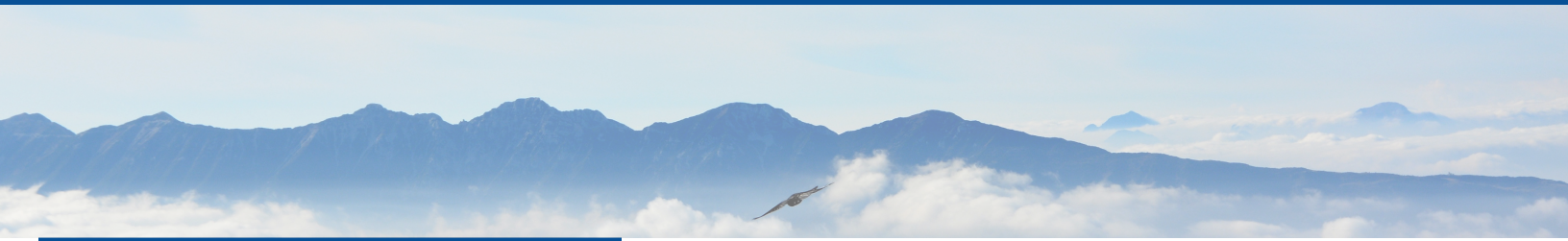
BCAC - Harbour Air  
Advanced Float Plane  
Endorsement

Requirements:

- Minimum 150 hours flight time
- Must be BCAC Member
- Nominated by BCAC member in good standing







## CLUB ACTIVITY RECAP 2018

### Snowshoeing March, 2018

This member excursion was originally scheduled to take place in late February but was rescheduled due to a snow blizzard!

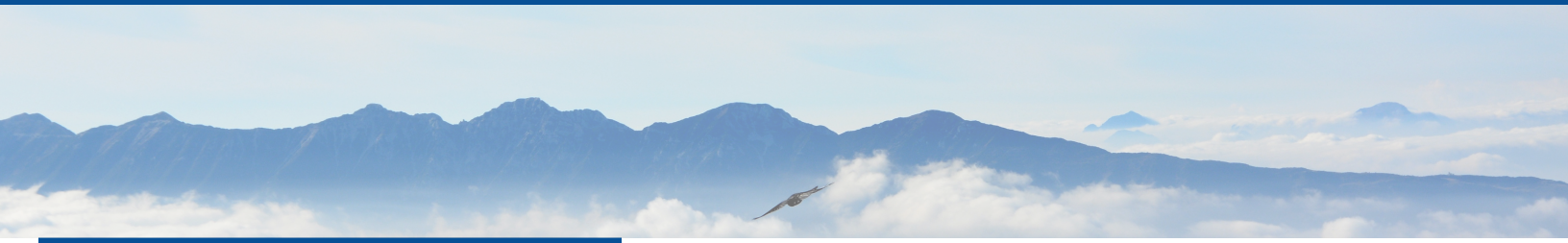
Six of our chapter members made it to Cypress Mountain for a day of wilderness adventure. The weather and snow conditions were great. We had an exhilarating mountain day trip in fresh powder snow. Some of us tried snowshoeing for the first time and it was quite an experience. This was a fantastic adventure that we can't wait to make a BC Coast Chapter annual tradition!

### Poker Run June, 2018

It was a rainy and smoky year for British Columbia, as such, our Poker Run, the biggest fundraising event for our Chapter, was cancelled three times due to weather. Weather decisions are very important and we are always happy to play it safe!

All our prizes will be carried forward. Our 2019 dates are May 26 with a rain date of June 2, 2019. We look forward to seeing everyone there!





## ACTIVITY RECAP

### Airshows July-August, 2018



Airshows and airport days are a wonderful opportunity for 99s to promote aviation with the public, raise the profile of women in aviation, and share our joy in flight. Our members participate regularly in these occasions. 2018 included Pitt Meadows Airport Day in June and the Abbotsford Airshow and the Chilliwack Flight Fest in August.

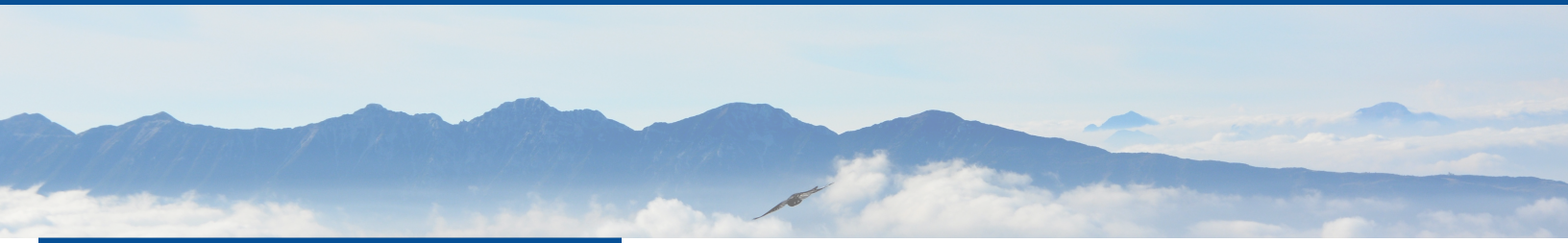
We are especially happy to meet 99s from other regions, or local women pilots, students, and aspiring pilots, to encourage them to join our chapter.

In the Spring we will plan our 2019 participation; come to our meeting and volunteer!

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Approximately 10 of our members and one dog supported these events by flying in to display aircraft, setting up our information booth, and talking to hundreds of people.





## ACTIVITY RECAP



### West Canada Section Ninety-Nines Meeting September, 2018

This year's West Canada Section Ninety-Nines Meeting was hosted by the BC Coast Chapter at the Abbotsford Flying Club September 21-23, 2018. There were twenty-six 99s members in attendance! Our new Chapter Chair, Jenna Forseth, hosted her first Section meeting and it was a great success!

### Movie Night October, 2018

Teena hosted our chapter for a screening of "Amelia" at her hanger. It was a great selection by her, providing amazing history and great motivation for women to pursue their dreams! Thank you Teena, for hosting the activity!



### Annual Christmas Party November, 2018

Marcia hosted our annual Christmas party. Members joined for the pot luck and we were thrilled to have so many new faces join! Marcia and Gavin were fabulous hosts. As always, they filled the home with festive cheer and heart-warming Christmas songs. Lots of laughter and great food. Thanks Marcia!



## MEMBER ADVENTURES

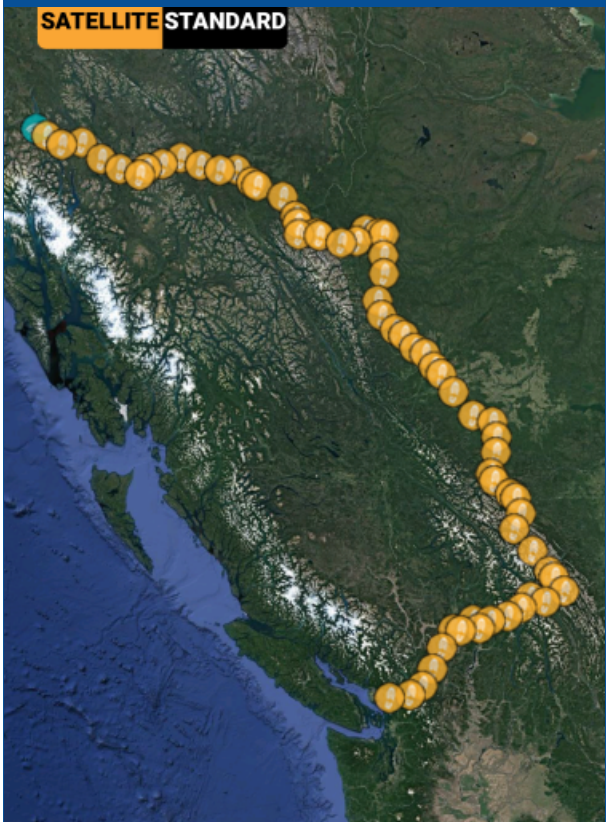
### IFR Training in the Yukon with Fanny

Editor's Note: our BC Coast member Fanny traveled up to the Yukon to obtain her IFR rating and chronicled her adventure for us!

Since nothing happens exactly as planned in aviation, we had some issues with the Seneca I was supposed to train on. I decided not to waste any time, got checked out on a Cessna 172, and went exploring. I did some amazing flights on snowy gravel strips since, yes, Whitehorse and Watson Lake are the only paved runways up there!

I was already conquered by the skies but the ground was another reason why I fell in love with the place.

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My little adventure began with stunning October days. The weather was so nice that I chose to make a detour to visit Lake Louise, the Icefields highway, and Jasper. I then went through the wonderful Muncho Lake area and the Alaska Highway until, 3 days and 3,000 km later, I reached the city of Whitehorse. This was going to be my home for the next 2 months!

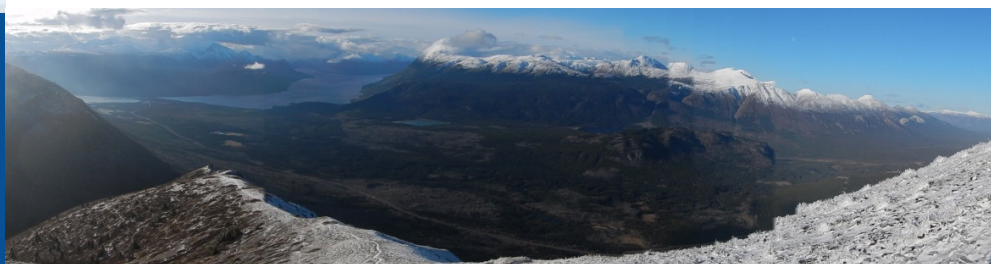
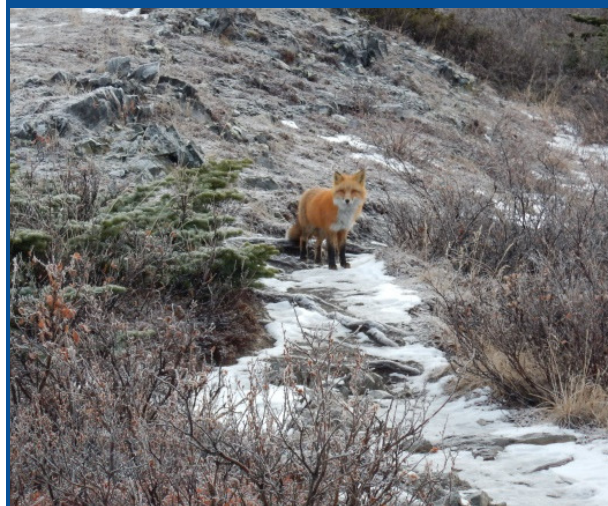


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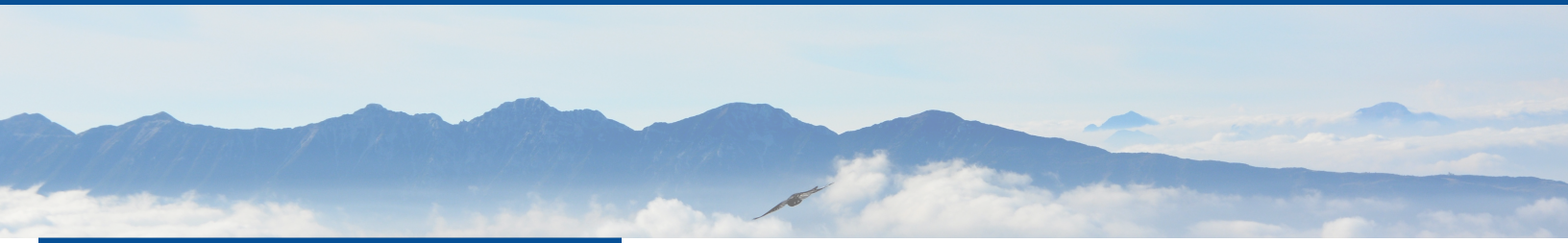


Some wonderful hikes with friendly wildlife encounters, a small city full of life, and amazing people. In Whitehorse there is always something going on: live music, open mic sessions, art exhibitions, sport events ... All of this made the adventure worthwhile and, on top of it, got me my first flying job!

I feel very lucky and happy to have made the decision to go up North, despite the ups and downs that we all go through sometimes. I am super excited to go back not only to fly but also to fully live the northern experience.







## MEMBER ADVENTURES

### Adventures with Co-Pilot Max: Tips and tricks for flying with dogs



Editor's Note: our BC Coast member Cynthia has contributed a commentary on adventuring with her pup Max and pro-tips for traveling with dogs.

I thought he was going to be tested, but he actually tested me. All went really well and we took off for his first flight. He was shaking on the co-pilot seat. I held the yoke with my left hand, tied up the throttle and calmed him with my right hand.

It was April 25th, 2016 when I met Max the first time. He was 9 months old, arrived to YVR on a WestJet flight from Toronto. I was nervous and anxious at the same time. He was tired, dirty and nervous as well. We learned each other in a short period.

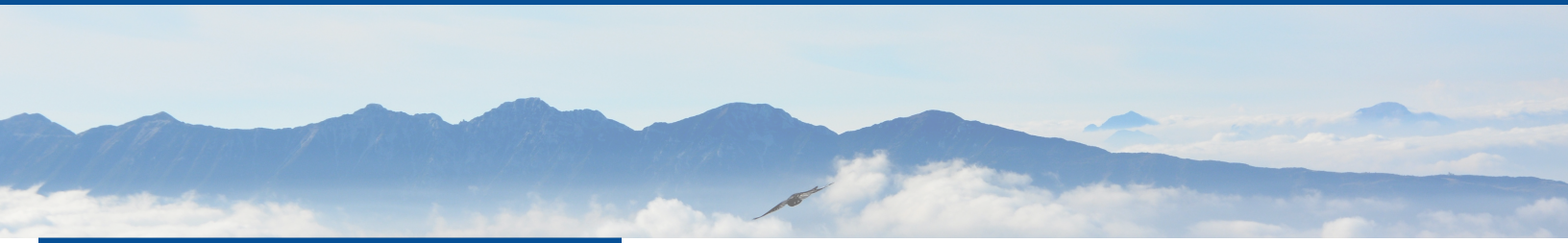
He was looking around and enjoying the ride like he had been doing it for ages. He was fine and really happy. Since then, I take Max with me on every single flight I do. He sleeps, jumps to the seat and watches through the window if he wants.

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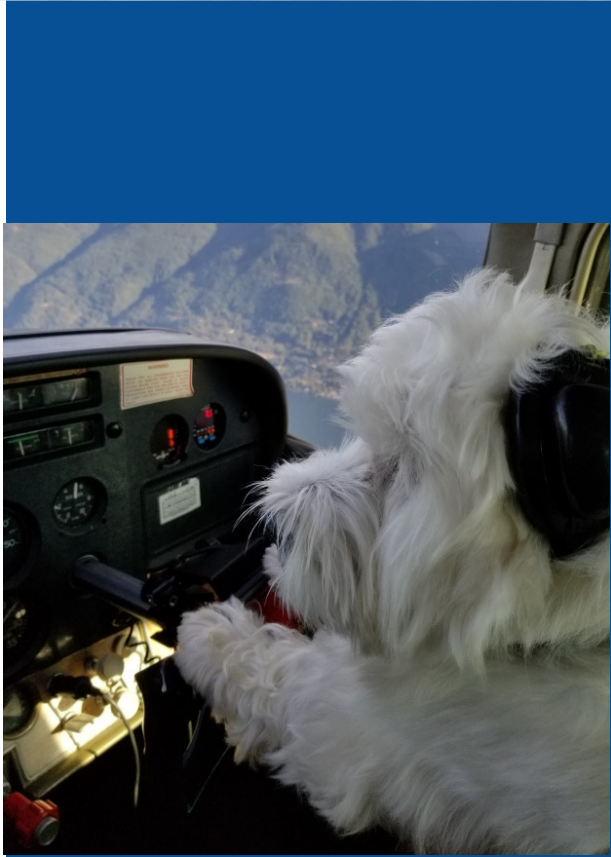
I took him for a "test taxi" ride in my Cessna 182 at YPK.





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### Tips and tricks for flying with dogs



Flying with your buddy (don't like to call them Pets), is an amazing experience. They are fantastic company and you will never regret bringing them along.

First time flyer? Test them first on the ground and put them in the static plane first. Get them used to a new temporary "home". Put the mutt muffs on at all times to let them familiarize. Be very careful folding their ears down (covering the ear opening), they are fragile. Once they are ok, take them for a ground ride, taxiing with them around the airport

Check with ATC if required. Your buddy will test you on the first ride, they are very smart!

Then, the big day! Take them up. Where? Just one circuit, or a few. See how they behave. If all goes well, take them for their first real flight! An amazing experience for both

**Tips:** They don't have to be tied down to the seat but you can get harnesses tied to the seat belt. Always have a container with fresh water available, they like to drink in flight. I would not feed them in flight.





## MEMBER ADVENTURES

### Tips and tricks for flying with dogs continued ...



Crossing the border? It is a good practice to let Customs know you are bringing your buddy with you and have proof of their current Rabies vaccine.

(Max uses small). They will thank you for making this purchase, since their ears are so sensitive!

A dog hood is an enclosed cone with intake valve and exhaust valve to ensure your buddy is well oxygenated at high altitudes. It has perforations to vent and let cabin air mix with the supplemental oxygen. Cost is \$149.99USD at [www.4pawsaviation.com](http://www.4pawsaviation.com).

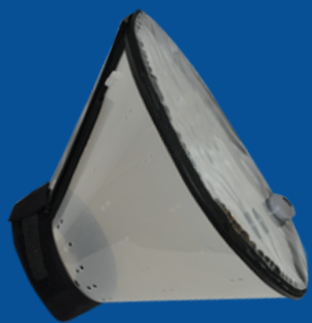


Aviation equipment for flying with your canine buddy:

Get a pulse oximeter which allows pilots and crew to monitor the oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in their blood, an invaluable tool when climbing above 10,000 feet.

“Mutt Muffs” are a brand of canine earmuffs sold at Aircraft Spruce Canada (\$78 to \$97) and they come in small, medium and large

The Mountain High E&S Co supplemental oxygen system is recommended for pilot and furry co-pilot \$1,800.00USD. This system will attach to the dog hood.







**Come to one of our meetings, to find out how you can participate in the Chapter and our fun community events. All are welcome!**

**Don't forget to follow our activities on Instagram @bccoast99s and on Facebook! Or visit our website for more information <https://bccoast99s.com>**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

**February 23:** VFR Tour of Area Control Centre (sign up in advance, contact Alice at [bccoast99s@gmail.com](mailto:bccoast99s@gmail.com))

**March 9:** Women of Aviation Worldwide 'Fly it Forward' event. Includes guest speakers and free flights for girls/women who have not flown in small aircraft. Callout to 99s members who would like to fly girls for this event. Glacier Air will provide fuel for aircraft.

**March 16:** Chapter meeting at the AeroClub with guest speaker beginning at 1:00pm

**May 11:** Chapter meeting at the AeroClub, 1:00pm. No guest speaker (Poker Run prep)

**May 25:** Glacier Air season kick-off BBQ

**May 26:** 99s Poker Run.

**June 2:** Rain date for Poker Run

**June 19-23:** Canadian Women in Aviation Conference, Ottawa

**July 19-21:** BC Float Plane Association AGM Fly-in, Kamloops

**July/August:** Airshows ongoing

**August 3:** Texada Island fly-in and overnight camping

**September 21:** BC Coast AGM at the AeroClub beginning at 1:00pm