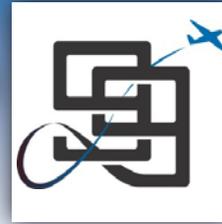


# Squawk



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Int'l Organization of Women Pilots

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### THE NINETY-NINES MISSION:

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.

## From the Governor:

### *Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week*

Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week is a global outreach initiative that takes place annually during the week of March 8, anniversary date of the world's first female pilot license since 1910 and International Women's Day since 1914. This year to be held March 6-12.

The week is designed to raise awareness of aviation opportunities available to girls of all ages while celebrating the accomplishments of past and present women of aviation.

We invite anyone who wishes to foster gender balance in aviation to plan activities during the week to honor women's existing contributions to aviation as well as to engage and introduce girls and women to the opportunities that aviation offers.

To fulfill the vision of the pioneers who stood up to open the doors of aviation for all women, we extend a warm welcome to girls of all ages in aviation facilities across the globe.

Activities such as flying events, factory and school open door events, museum special programs, and much more are organized to showcase today's women of aviation as well as extend a warm welcome to women.

44,000 gathered in 120 venues on 4 continents during WOAW Week 2016.

[www.womenofaviationweek.org](http://www.womenofaviationweek.org)

**New England Section members will be participating this year in the "Women Take Flight" event to be held at the New England Air Museum on March 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week!**

*Feel free to also take part in this important event individually.*

*Bring a non-flying friend or local girl scout to your own airport and show them around.*



*United across borders, we create a warm, welcoming, and hard-to-miss and hard-to-resist message aimed at the female population at large. Each year, the week has a theme that highlights a historical female achievement in aviation.*

*Blue skies and tail winds,  
Glenna Blackwell, Governor*

**[www.womenpilotsnewengland.org](http://www.womenpilotsnewengland.org)**

[www.facebook.com/99sWomenPilotsOfNewEngland](http://www.facebook.com/99sWomenPilotsOfNewEngland)

[www.facebook.com/pages/CT-Chapter-of-the-Ninety-Nines](http://www.facebook.com/pages/CT-Chapter-of-the-Ninety-Nines)

[www.facebook.com/Katahdin-Wings-Chapter-of-The-99s](http://www.facebook.com/Katahdin-Wings-Chapter-of-The-99s)

[www.orgsites.com/me/katahdinwings](http://www.orgsites.com/me/katahdinwings)

[www.womenpilotsene.org](http://www.womenpilotsene.org) • [www.womenpilotsct.org](http://www.womenpilotsct.org)

THE TOLL FREE NUMBER AT HEADQUARTERS IS 844-994-1929

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- March 4      **ENE Chapter Meeting - North Central Airport (KSFZ) Pawtucket, RI**  
9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting
- March 6-12    **Women in Aviation Worldwide Week**
- March 11      **WOMEN TAKE FLIGHT 10-4 pm**  
New England Air Museum
- March 24 & 25 **Spring International Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City**
- March 25      **New England Aviation Safety Expo**  
All Day event held at the North Shore Community College in Danvers, MA
- March 31 & April 1    **SPRING SECTION MEETING**  
Red Jacket Mountain View Resort  
2251 White Mountain Highway  
North Conway, NH  
*Hosted by KW Chapter*  
*More details attached - Save the Date!!*
- April 4-9      **SUN 'n FUN 2017**
- May 13        **FLY-IN Meriden-Markham Airport (MMK) rain date Sun. May 21st**
- June 3         **POKER RUN** sponsored by the New England Section & hosted by CT Chapter.
- JULY 24-30    **AIRVENTURE**  
Oshkosh, WI
- July 2017      **International Conference**  
San Antonio, Texas July 10-16
- July 2018      **International Conference**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- July 2019      **International Conference**  
Dayton, Ohio



## NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO 2017 DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

**July 11-16, 2017**

San Antonio, Texas

Registration, Schedule and other information at

[www.travelplannerstexas.com/99s2017](http://www.travelplannerstexas.com/99s2017)

*Hosted by the South Central Section*

**Deadline March 31 for early bird registration**



**SPRING SECTION MEETING**  
***Plan to attend! March 31 & April 1***

*Hosted by Katahdin Wings Chapter*

*See attached registration form  
as well as more details*



## Join us for Women Take Flight

A day long celebration of women in aerospace at the New England Air Museum on Saturday March 11, 2017. This event will provide visitors (especially young women) with opportunities to —

- Meet women employed in the aerospace industry
- Participate in hands-on activities and demonstrations relating to aerospace and STEM
- Discover the history and enduring legacy of women in aerospace

*The New England Section will be participating!*

# Congratulations

## CT Chapter Scholarship Luncheon Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

*held at Westbrook Lobster, Wallingford, CT*



*Winners Arianna Strand (left)  
and Stacy Williamson*

### **The Ninety-Nines sponsor three email networking forums for women pilots:**

**The 99s Email Network** is for the educational discussion and productive exchange of information on topics pertinent to The Ninety-Nines, including being women pilots and 99s members, flying, chapter/section innovations, and 99s events and activities. Perfect for getting more informed about and/or involved in our international organization of women pilots. (Members only.)

**The 99s Flight Training Forum** is for the educational discussion and productive exchange of information related to flight training, flight safety, flight currency, aviation education, and the related activities of The Ninety-Nines - ideal for finding a flight school or instructor, completing a rating, maintaining currency, and becoming a safer pilot. Moderated by 99s members who are flight instructors and designated pilot examiners. Guest registrations are welcome for a period of 90 days.

**The Pro 99s Network** is for the educational discussion and productive exchange of information about pilot careers and the related activities of The Ninety-Nines. This is a virtual meeting place for women worldwide to discuss the benefits and disadvantages of different pilot career opportunities, finding scholarships and jobs, balancing work and family, and being women professional pilots. Moderated by 99s members who are professional pilots in different sectors of aviation. Guest registrations are welcome for a period of 90 days.

***SIGN UP TODAY! Visit [Ninety-Nines.org](http://Ninety-Nines.org) / click the "Resource Center" tab at top of page***

**Welcome**  
*to our new Section members –*

**Eastern New England**  
**Chapter**

**Lauren Willey**  
Brighton, MA

**Servet Yatin**  
Weston, MA



**Frederick, MD to Santa Fe**  
**June 20-23**

Once again Denise Robinson and Teresa Camp of the CT Chapter will be participating!



*Captain Sharifah Czarena (left) and senior first officers Dk Nadiah Pg Khashiem (middle) and Sariana Nordin*

A B787 Royal Brunei Airlines flight landed in Jeddah this past January 2017 piloted by three Muslim women.

A bit ironic that a plane priced at \$200 million with 300 passengers was being piloted by 3 women to a country (Saudi Arabia) which won't let them drive a car.



## **Teen Flyers**

Young pilots get their wings before their wheels  
By **Sue Mead** (CT Chapter member)

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<http://townvibe.com/Berkshire/Spring-2017/Teen-Flyers/>

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**Double click on the above link to read a wonderful story Sue Mead, journalist, recently wrote for the "Berkshire Magazine". The story was also picked up by AVIATIONeBRIEF by AOPA on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**



## THE APPLE ORCHARD

I feel such joy in being healthy today. While waiting for the FAA to finally decide I could fly again, I thought I would be okay if I couldn't. Okay is all I would be. I will still be confident in whatever I do. I will still share wonderful moments with my children and grandchildren. The light around my heart now that I'm flying again makes me bounce on my feet. I have a bubble of air surrounding me protecting me from harsh words, or disgruntled people.

I hear others complain that it's too cold to fly, or too much trouble in the winter. Shoveling 240 cubic feet of snow in front of the hangar is a lot to do after a long day shoveling at home. The cowl cover is heavy and awkward and needs to be put in the back of the plane in case I stop somewhere. The cowl cover was keeping the engine nice and warm while the engine heater was warming it up for flight. Shoveling and hassling with the cowl cover alone could be too much. Working around that cold airplane in the sunless hangar is uncomfortable. For me, these are all necessary steps to be able to enjoy the thrill of flying on skis in the winter.

I ask for help getting the plane out onto the ice covered ramp and I climb in. One leg refuses to come in with me due to the multiple layers of clothing I have on and my winter boots. That leg and I have a conversation and I explain I need it in order to fly and it's attached to me. It reluctantly allows me to drag it in. I am not going to freeze if I get stuck somewhere.

I have wheel penetration skis on that allow the wheels to protrude through the ski just enough to make it possible to taxi to the runway to take off. As I climb out, I realize how freeing flying is. I am grateful each and every time I take off, from beginning to end. I start looking to see where I can land and decide it wouldn't be safe, because the snow is too deep. If I stop, the skis will go under the snow and I don't have my snowshoes with me to make my own runway in order to take off again. Trudging along in two straight lines, one for each ski, and then back again is too much for me today.

Wait! I don't have to stop. Sebago Lake is all water, so that's not an option. Little Sebago has many snowmobile tracks on pristine snow. Looking at the tracks, I see they're filled with snow and not water telling me the ice is safe. I circle around as I descend checking out the conditions everywhere on the lake and find a nice long stretch where I can touch down and have plenty of room to takeoff again without stopping. As I'm circling, all the people ice fishing are waving to me and I wag my wings back in our wonderful unspoken exchange.

I come back on the power and add flaps to be able to descend at a steeper grade, but not increase my speed. Lining myself up on my approach, I enjoy the little flutter of my happy heart. This is an adventure and I'm prepared. Right near the lake, I add some power giving me lift to slow down my descent and I can barely feel the soft snow under my skis. I add power to scoot along on top of the surface to take in the thrill and then add more to take off. I just have to do that again. I do and land right next to my original tracks enjoying the same sensation of soft powdery snow. Where's the next place and can land?

I didn't think I would find anyplace else, but again, who says I have to stop and get stuck? Another lady pilot has a grass strip within about a ten minute flight, so I'll take a look and see how that looks. Heavenly! I doesn't have a track on it, so down I go and do another soft landing, track the runway a short distance and take off again.

There's an apple orchard in Standish with another grass strip, so I'll check that out. Again, what a perfect place to do another touch and go! I've never landed here before and the approach between the woods and the orchard is just beautiful. Another soft run on the snow and I take off over the antique farmhouse at the end of the runway and return to the ice covered ramp just as happy as I can be.

I will never take my health for granted again and I will continue to appreciate every time I can fly. Can't imagine it will ever be too much work. My head, heart and body need the exercise anyway!

*Submitted by Mary Build, Katahdin Wings Chapter member*



*We have a winner!*

**DANNIELLE COURCHENE**

*(Katahdin Wings Chapter member)*

**is going to San Antonio in July!**

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES:**

**WIN**  
**\$500**  
**TOWARDS YOUR TRIP**

We would like to encourage all members  
to attend an International Conference ...

**FIRST TIME CONFERENCE  
ATTENDEES - THIS AWARD IS  
INTENDED FOR YOU!**

**Drawing held February 8th**

*The New England Section is very proud to encourage members to attend the International Conference by offering this \$500 award!*

# What Have Our **MEMBERS** been up to?



Eastern New England member

**PAT THEBERGE**

is now a

**Life Member  
of the Ninety-Nines!**



## Flying in the Florida Keys

I was fortunate this winter to take a vacation in Florida. My husband and I and two friends rented a resort condo on the island of Key West, and it was perfectly located with a view of the Key West airport. All day long jets and GA aircraft took off and landed. I was intrigued. Maybe they have flight school, I thought. A quick Internet search took me to the Signature FBO website and I excitedly gave them a call. They didn't have a flight school, but the very helpful gentleman answering the phone understood my need to fly. He told me about "Hogan", a freelance flight instructor with access to a 1978 C-172. Perfect!

The following day it worked out that both Hogan and the aircraft were available. Hogan was a very experienced flight instructor and as well tour guide. After a thorough preflight, we took off, climbed to 1000 feet, and headed for the coral reefs that run parallel with the Keys on the Atlantic side, searching for sea turtles, sharks and dolphins. We didn't see any, but the beautiful shallow waters around the Keys were a visual treat for me. We continued on the west side of the "Keys", now flying over shallow Gulf waters. Hogan continued his tour guide narrative while keeping us out of Class D Boca Chica Naval Air Station air space and away from a large "surveillance" balloon. Here we searched for "ship wrecks" (mostly grounded fishing boats) and the footings of a cottage said to be once used by Ernest Hemingway as a retreat to do his writing.

An hour later we concluded the flight flying a long final over the town of Key West and landed almost uneventfully except for the bird that decided to cross in front of us on short final. A quick maneuver on our part kept us separated, and we landed without incident.

*Submitted by Lori Plourd, Katahdin Wings Chapter*

Eastern New England member,  
Katharine Barr, checks in...

"Hi everyone!

Glenna asked me to send a quick note to let you all know that I am alive, and healing pretty well for an old gal! It's been a long and painful road, but thanks to a brilliant surgeon, and first-rate care at Lahey Hospital, we avoided amputation of my left leg, which at one point was a distinct possibility! I'm still getting physical therapy, but am making great progress. As soon as my strength and stamina improve, I'll be back with you, but sadly, not in time for Spring Section. Continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers, and I hope to see you before too long!"

Katharine



Let's send speedy recovery wishes to

**Jean Griffin**

*Eastern New England Chapter member*

Jean is scheduled to have foot surgery on March 3rd. She is looking forward to get back into flying once recovered!



# Women Take Flight

## A Celebration of Women in Aerospace

Saturday March 11, 2017  
10:00am-4:00pm



### **Lt. Col. Kristen Snow**

Connecticut Air National Guard's First Female Pilot

### **Lee Boulanger**

General Manager, Bombardier Hartford Service Center

### **Duchess Harris, Ph.D, J.D**

Co-founder of the Human Computers of NASA research project,  
the basis of the feature film *Hidden Figures*

**Meet women pilots, engineers, and aviation industry specialists**  
**Participate in hands-on STEM Build and Fly Challenge activities**  
**Discover the local history of women in aerospace**  
**Take to the skies in NEAM Flight Simulators**

Discounted admission rates are available for groups of 10 or more  
Visit our website at [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org) or call (860) 623-3305

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## 'This is wizard!' 100-year-old woman who flew spitfires during the Second World War celebrates her centenary by getting behind the controls again

- **Mary Ellis was in a select gang of female pilots who flew during World War II**
- **She has now celebrated her 100th birthday by flying a plane over West Sussex**
- **Mrs Ellis flew next to one of the Spitfires she was in more than 70 years ago**

By [Sarah Oliver For The Mail On Sunday](#)

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Mary Ellis (pictured during her time as an Air Transport Auxiliary pilot in WW2) has celebrated her 100th birthday

Tearing through the skies above the South Coast, two Spitfires evoke powerful memories of Britain's wartime resilience.

But this stirring image holds a further poignancy – for in the cockpit of the lead aircraft sits Mary Ellis, celebrating her 100th birthday by recreating her time as one of the 'Ata-girls', the select gang of female pilots who flew Britain's fighters during the war.

And over her shoulder is one of the actual Spitfires she flew during her 1,000 flights as a First Officer with the Air Transport Auxiliary.

'Wizard, this is wizard!' yelled the delighted centenarian through her intercom.

Mary was handed the controls of the 275mph twin-seater as it swooped over West Sussex. After about 15 minutes, she turned for home, and told her co-pilot Matt Jones: 'Goodwood on the nose, you have control...'. Then she settled back to enjoy the ride back to base.

Earlier, Mary watched in delight as Spitfire MV154 took its place beside her in an extraordinary airborne tribute. It was a plane she had delivered to RAF Brize Norton from Southampton on September 15, 1944, and it hides a sentimental secret. For at the end of the 25-minute wartime flight, she signed the cockpit, scrawling her maiden name Wilkins and the initials ATA.

