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July - August 2019

News & Events



New England Section 99s

Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots

Governor News

The summer is flying by...hope you have been out flying too! Much has happened and about to come.

The 99s International Conference & Career Expo, held in Dayton, Ohio had a large turnout, soon followed by **EAA AirVenture** in Oshkosh. Glenna Blackwell (Ct) reports with photos below. **African Fly Safari** with the six NE 99s is further reviewed by Olga Mitchell (ENE) The **CT Chapter** of the 99s were **awarded a Citation from the Lt. Governor** on July 24 (Amelia Earhart Day)

To come:

***Scavenger Hunt Aug 1 - Oct 27** - to commemorate 90th Anniversary of the 99s.

***Poker Run - Oct 12** Hosted by Katahdin Wings

***90th Anniversary Celebration Nov 2, 2019** at Ninety-Nines HQ in Oklahoma City.

***New England Fall Section Meeting** is **Oct 25-26** in Worcester, MA Registration & Info to follow.

Member Certifications have been earned this summer and at present, the total international membership in the Ninety-Nines stands at **6159**.

I had the pleasure of spending the night at Glenna Blackwell's home en route to see my family. The next morning was my birthday and Glenna surprised me with a home-made Birthday Cake for breakfast.



Thank you for sending in your stories and photos. Keep them coming!
Blue Skies, Margot Cheel, New England Governor

Events

Amelia Earhart Day - with Ct 99s at New England Air Museum



The Connecticut Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was recognized for its work by the State of Connecticut on Amelia Earhart Day, July 24, 2019. **Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz** and **Secretary of State Denise Merrill** presented the chapter with a **Citation** for, “their continued commitment to work towards the advancement of women in aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support.” The Citation concluded with "Thank you for serving as an inspiration for so many!"



The event celebrated **Mary Goodrich Jensen** (1907-2004) Ct 99 **Peggy Loeffler** was a friend of Mary & spoke of her contribution to women's aviation history. Mary was the first woman to obtain a Private Pilot Certificate in Connecticut and one of the original Ninety-Nines.

Mary and others who had roles in New England's aviation history will soon have a permanent exhibit at the New England Air Museum (NEAM)

Watch the Youtube 3-min video of **Women Take Flight** Program at NEAM. "Girls" of all ages are amazing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BR-EE1HaSo>

Air Venture 2019 - Oshkosh

AirVenture 2019 was a special anniversary year.... 50 years of a continuous week-long aviation event. 50 years since the Apollo 11 "Walk on the Moon"

75th anniversary of D-Day

80th year for AOPA

90 years since the Ninety-Nines was formed!



Special Year!



left - ENE member Anastasia Nikiforov



KW Maria Harrison Dooley & husband George

KW Mary Build & Brian Shiff, guest speaker at 99s Dinner



Ct Glenna Blackwell ENE Jaimie Rousseau

Fireworks above the planes at Oshkosh 50th

As Glenna reports: "I was happy to participate in all the celebrations!

While in Oshkosh I saw many 99s from the **New England Section**. (Candie Oldham, Lauren Lee). As I snapped photos I also realized there were most likely more members in attendance that I didn't see. The 99s hosted an enjoyable **Appreciation Dinner** on Tuesday evening. **WomenVenture** was held Wednesday with all women pilots gathering in Boeing Square for a group photo (purple T-shirts this year), followed by a "Power Lunch" with a dynamite keynote speaker – U.S. Air Force Col. Kim "Killer Chick" Campbell

Thursday afternoon the **Lightspeed Co. honored the 99s** with a reception at their booth – we had a fantastic turnout! I especially enjoyed **volunteering at the 99s booth**, also watched the air shows daily, attended the FAA General Awards Luncheon, receptions at the Red Bird Co as well as Hartzell Propeller, talks, workshops, etc.

Be sure to put AirVenture on your 2020 calendar!

Future Events



Scavenger Hunt

Is it even possible to make flying more fun? Maybe, if you like scavenger hunts! Join in on an aerial scavenger hunt and sharpen those eagle eyes. Ninety-Nines and Friends of The 99s are challenged to find "**90 Things in 90 Days for the 90th Anniversary.**" Sign up for the aerial scavenger hunt for \$25. Take aerial photos of as many items on the list as you can between **August 1 and October 27**. Post

your photos in the album you create in The 99s **Scavenger Hunt Facebook group**. The pilot with the most **points** will receive a paid registration to the 90th Anniversary Dinner on November 2 in Oklahoma City, or a \$50 Amazon gift card if unable to attend the dinner

Rules and instructions may be found at www.ninety-nines.org/scavenger-hunt.htm.

Poker Run

October 12, 2019 Hosted by Katahdin Wings

Airports: **Auburn Lewiston, ME** KLEW (**Terminus**)

Jaffrey, NH KAFM **Concord, NH** KCON

Laconia, NH KLCI **Bethel, ME** 0B1

Save the date! Mark your calendar!
Save it on your device & set a reminder!
It's Poker Run Time!!
Saturday, October 12, 2019

Get ready for some fun fall foliage flying this October!! The Katahdin Wings Chapter of The 99s will be hosting a fabulous Poker Run on October 12, 2019 (rain date Oct. 13). Take advantage of this time of crisp blue skies and spectacular views by flying this year's route over southern New Hampshire to central Maine. Stops include Concord Municipal Airport (KCON), Jaffrey Airport-Silver Ranch (KAFN), Laconia Municipal Airport (KLCT); Bethel Regional Airport (0B1) with the terminus at Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport (KLEW).

How the Poker Run works:

Start at any of the five participating airports after 9 a.m., then fly to each of the other participating airports to receive a card for each hand purchased. Arrive at the terminus airport KLEW by 1 p.m. for card scoring and prize awarding. You do not need to fly every airport, just be at the terminus airport by 1 p.m. In fact, you don't have to fly at all — drive in, buy a hand and enjoy the fun! Arrive early and enjoy lunch at Mike's Runway Diner, located in the KLEW terminal. Remember, you don't have to fly to enjoy the fun — hands can be purchased by non-flyers as well. **Hands are \$10 each or three for \$25.**

Why we hold a Poker Run:

This is an important fundraiser for your New England Section as it covers travel expenses to send our governor to the biannual International Board Meetings at The 99s' headquarters in Oklahoma City. This ensures our section governors have access to and can provide input for the governing of The 99s organization.

Please help make this the most successful Poker Run yet! You can:

- **Sell hands** to all your family and flying friends or buy hands for yourself (remember, you don't have to fly)
- **Request a prize donation** from your FBO or make a prize donation yourself. This makes the prize table overflow with excellent prizes that keeps people interested in participating in our poker runs each year.
- **Help out at any of the stops** — we'll need two volunteers at each stop and as many helpers as possible at the terminus.
- **Spread the word** by talking it up on social media or the old-fashioned way of flying to airports and hanging up a flyer — makes a great excuse to go flying
- **Or you can do all of the above!!**



**Join the fun –
participate in
the Poker Run!!**

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Poker run

hosted the Katahdin Wings Chapter



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| **Bethel, ME** *OB1* |

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November 2, 2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of The Ninety-Nines and you are invited to a celebration! The 90th Anniversary Celebration dinner ("Roaring 20s" theme!) **is 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 2**, at The Ninety-Nines Headquarters Building at Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members, Friends of The Ninety-Nines, and guests are invited. Register and submit payment online at <https://www.ninety-nines.org/anniversary.htm>.

Dinner registration deadline is **October 15**. The Ninety-Nines group hotel rate is available at the Hilton Garden Inn Oklahoma City Airport, 801 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, 405-942-1400.

Come join us and have a roaring good time!

New England Section Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Friday-Saturday October 25-26** for our Fall Section Meeting in **Worcester, Ma** at the **Beechwood Hotel**.



Our **speaker** Friday evening is **Bebe O'Neil** - United Airlines, First Assistant Chief Pilot
Full Information and Registration to follow. Plan to join us!

Member News

Flying Safari, June 2019

Special Report



By Olga Mitchell (ENE Chapter)

This June, I was privileged to participate in a Flying Safari Adventure, along with several other Ninety-Nines from the New England Section: **Mary Build, Jenny Jorgenson, Brenda Thibodeau, Denise Robinson, and Teresa Camp**. In all, our group included nine women, seven of whom were pilots, and three men.

It was exciting to be able to fly in African airspace. We had fabulous support from the Hanks Aero Adventures team with airspace around Johannesburg, flight plans, refueling, and customs & immigration. The Hanks C210 escorted our five C182s.

We stayed in four camps in National Parks and Game Reserves in luxurious cabin or tent accommodation (two nights in each) in order to see African wildlife on the ground. In addition, we flew over Victoria Falls and stayed at the world famous Victoria Falls Hotel.



Olga Mitchell, Mary Build, Jenny Jorgenson with our red and white C182 ZS-IWP before departing from Lanseria International Airport.



At Mala Mala, we could see baboons and impala from the deck of our luxurious cabin.



There was much wildlife in the parks and it was difficult to choose photos. Our first lion sighting of a lioness was very exciting, We found her sleeping. She woke up, yawned, and walked to a pond for a drink.



Here's a Foreflight map of our route in three countries in Africa - South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. We flew about 1400 nm on five mornings. Johannesburg Lansaria International Airport FALA is located near the bottom and Victoria Falls near the top. Our first leg was to Mala Mala in Kruger National Park (FAMD). Each camp had a landing strip. In addition to landing at these, we landed at several other airports for Customs & Immigration and for refueling. .



Giraffes, AKA a 50 foot obstacle if they were near the landing strips, were taller than the trees.



One of our first elephant sightings. They are known as “a parade”. They had the right-of-way. In one of our camps, they paraded right past the dining area.



After our first game drive, coming back in the dark, we spotted a white rhino at a pond.



Zebras near a water hole. Many of these water holes are created by solar-panel driven pumps to help keep the animals in the parks during the dry season.



At the second camp - Mashatu - in



At the end of the day, our final sighting was a cheetah. We were alerted by the other vehicle, and we drove 30 minutes to see it. Cheetah population has decreased by a factor of 10 in the last 100 years. It's quite surprising that we can get so close to these animals and are completely ignored.



Later, Jenny learning to basket weave.

Botswana - Olga with Denise Robinson CT 99, Teresa Camp formerly CT 99 and now working for Boeing in OK, and Professor Cheryl Conrad, Teresa's sister. The couple in the back of the Range Rover was from San Diego and were experienced in group flying in other countries.



Our next camp, Shindi, was in the Okavango Delta where there was water for boating. Mary and Jenny in a canoe. Later in a larger motor boat we saw hippos in the water.



Finally at our last camp, Linkwasha, in Zimbabwe we spotted hippos out of the water.

There are many photos - impalas, baboons, leopards, ... and many birds. It was very difficult to choose photos to include.



Victoria Falls

The most surprising thing was how narrow the gorge was at Victoria Falls. It has twice the flow of Niagara Falls but is not as visually impressive since there is not as good a viewing point on the ground. On the other hand, it was quite impressive to be so close to it that you had to wear a raincoat to stay dry in the spray. The roar was almost deafening. (See the picture at the top of this article.)



The spray is visible from the Victoria Falls Hotel.

Aside from the aviation adventure, I learned that I didn't know much about African history. We went to the Apartheid museum in Johannesburg and discovered that Apartheid started in the 1960's. I thought it was much earlier. Very interesting history with Dutch and English (Boer war) - I want to learn more about that.

Member Achievements

Jessica Citrin, CT Chapter

Won a AOPA Scholarship for \$3,000 towards Private Pilot Certificate

Sarah Mallon, CT Chapter

Received Instrument Rating



Jaimie Rousseau, ENE Chapter

received MEI (multi-engine instructor)

I did the thing! I am officially finished with with flight school.

I feel so good and can now teach people how to fly planes.

Send News & Photos of your adventures & accomplishments! to margot@margotcheel.com

Remember to Honor a Member

The **Award of Merit** is one of the most prestigious awards the New England Section offers. It is presented to an active New England Section member in recognition of her outstanding service and contribution to the Ninety- Nines and to the field of Aviation.

We need your vote! **Chapter Chairs**, discuss candidates with your members at a summer meeting. Have each 99s write their choice on a private ballot. Ballots are then sent to the Award Committee for

selection. Please send to Committee Chair, Martha Dunbar 99mdunbar@gmail.com by **August 30, 2019**

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2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



July 8-11, Long Beach, California
Hosted by the Southwest Section

Registration and Information
(coming this fall)

**More Conference information will be in the January/February 2020 issue
of the *Ninety-Nines* magazine**

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