

## June 2019 - News & Events



New England Section 99s

# Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots

### Governor News

This June the New England Ninety-Nines were involved in some fun and skilled activities in the air and on the ground. Great Barrington hosted a **Bike-n-Fly** event. The **Air Race Classic**, the challenging 4 day event around the summer Solstice, went from Jackson, TN to Welland, Ontario, Canada. Two New England 99s were in the top ten winners! Six NE 99s made their **African Fly Sarafi** - an experience they will always treasure. For more on these events, please read below. Other members gained new certifications and started work on scholarship awards.

I assisted at **Above the Clouds for Kids** photographing eager young girls on their first flight in a small plane. Each young flyer receives my book, "What Do you See? Finding Shapes from the Sky"



NBC News Camera mounted on Skyranger Helicopter



Happy Young Flyer after Above the Clouds

That same day, I was introduced to the NBC News helicopter, (hangered at Norwood Ma along with four other National TV helicopters). I was given a demonstration on how flight & camera work. A huge lens is mounted outside the helicopter cabin. Asked if I were available to sub for a photo flight, my reply was Ah, Yes. We shall see...

Thank you all for your stories and photos. Just reading of your adventures, let's us "fly" with you. Keep them coming!

## Events

### 43rd Air Race Classic - 2019



**Mary Build**, (KW) was once again a Judge for the event, June 18-21. Mary's experience with ARC as a pilot and judge make her contributions uniquely valuable. "The difference between this race and when I started racing years ago, was that we have so many young girls participating. It is wonderful to see how proficient these women pilots are." One college team kept their calm when their landing gear light did not go on, flew to another airport as no emergency vehicles were at terminus airport. They burned off all the fuel on their problem side, landed carefully (with emergency vehicles from 3 towns standing by) and discovered it was a corrosive wire not sending correct information. As Mary said " The parents were a wreck, but the girls deserve a lot of credit for staying so cool". (See member News for Section winners)

### **Bike-n-Fly** Great Barrington, MA

The Connecticut Chapter was happy to take part in the annual event Sunday, June 23 at Great Barrington airport. The Bike-n-Fly event sponsored by the Rotary Club is visited by local townspeople as well as families. Three road bike races take place in the morning followed by music, food, vendors, airplane rides and a car show.



Ct 99 Volunteers: **Bev Jones, Nina Anderson Arianna Strand, Robi Kelleman, Constance Castillo**

And **Glenna Blackwell** (photographer) who commented: "I especially enjoyed sharing information about the 99s with three young ladies...maybe they will be future members?"





## Flying to all 48 Continguous States

Two 99s - **Myra Bugbee** (Fl) and **Claudette DeCourley** (Ca) are planning to fly Myra's RV 14 to all 48 contiguous states. **Glenna Blackwell** welcomed them. "I was happy to host them as they flew in New England. They stayed with me in Great Barrington overnight. It was quite an enjoyable visit."



Myra Bugbee (left seat) & Claudette DeCourley as they landed in "Massachusetts"

**Laconia NH Airport Celebrates Amelia Earhart** Come for a Summer Social at Laconia Airport to celebrate Amelia's Birthday (a few days early).

**July 13, 2019 noon to 3:00**

**99s, Friends & Families - all welcome! Fly in or Drive.**

Bring you own picnic lunch or pick up at Klngs Cravings Restaurant, just off airport.

**Karen Mitchell** (ENE99s) is organizing the event and will provide birthday cupcakes. (And her middle school age kids will help with little ones if you want to bring them). For questions and to **RSVP to Karen Mitchell** [karen.mitchell@winnaero.org](mailto:karen.mitchell@winnaero.org)



Laconia Airport KLCI awaits you with lakes and mountains & lots of beauty.

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## Future Events

**Laconia Social** - Laconia NH Airport Saturday, July 13 (see above)

**Let's Fly Now** - Our Own 99s Event! - To prepare properly, this event has been rescheduled to  
**June 22, 2020** at Beverly Airport. More info will follow. Be a part of it - on the ground or in the air

**EAA AirVenture**, Oshkosh, WI **July 22-28**

**99s Int'l Conference & Career Expo** Dayton, OH **July 16-21**

Honoring **90 years of the 99s**...yes, inspiring women pilots since 1929. It's not too late to go! [www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org).

## 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 by **August 30, 2019**.

## Member News

**Maria Harrison Dooley** - Recipient of **Fly Now Award**



**Fly Now** awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot members of the 99s. "I am very, very grateful and very excited about being worthy of receiving it".

**Rika Ballard**





Rika flies an Arrow out of Westfield Barnes Airport (KBAF) and recently received her Commercial Certificate.

Congratulations!

### **Air Race Classic Winners in the Top 10!**

**Jan Aarsheim & Elin-Mari Heggland** (both Eastern New England 99s) placed **Third ...3rd!...** in their *Beechcraft/Bonanza A36*. **Congratulations!** Hope to see photos & hear your story for our next issue. (hint!)

### **Jaimie Rousseau, Achieves her CFI**

This ENE member has been on a roll with attaining her ratings this year! As she herself wrote on FB on June 25, 2019: "Guess who is officially a flight instructor? Up at 0430, oral scheduled for 0800, finished at 1830. Today was long, exhausting and hard, buuut I did it!"



Her sis made a legit brag - "she's a freaking bad ass chick that's conquering goals and will be breaking glass ceilings. Quit her career as a flight attendant to focus 100% on becoming a pilot." Big Congrats, Jaimie!

Send in *your* news if you have achieved a new level -so we can ooh and ya-hoo to you!)

### **Members Report from Africa Self Fly Safari.**



Part 1. Mighty are the preparations when one thinks about flying in Africa in a rented plane. Our Katahdin Wings member and mentor, **Mary Build**, put together a wonderful group of aviators to join her on this incredible adventure. Mary, **Jenny Jorgensen**, **Brenda Thibodeau**, **Denise Robinson**, **Teresa Camp** and **Olga Mitchell** did not hesitate to join the group when they first learned that this was in the works. Brenda's husband, Donnie, was not going to be left home so we humored him and let him join us! All kidding aside, we learned a lot about South African Aviation rules and procedures in a short three day period in order to acquire the necessary South African Pilots License. That is another story for another day.

Our trip started in Lanseria for validations and flight planning. We met our guides, Louie Ashpole and his son, Devin. They put together our flight plans, made reservations at several camps, and prepared the planes for our use. This takes months and we were so grateful that their work was exceptional and every detail well planned out. They were hired by Hanks Aero to do this trip for them. Great choice, I say!

Once we were ready to fly, our first trip was to Mala Mala Camp in Kruger National Park in South Africa. The accommodations were exceptional and not anything we could have imagined. The first safari of many on this trip took place after we settled in and enjoyed a nice lunch and high tea.



Everyone piled into the Land Rovers and off we went to see the imagined wildlife we learned about as youngsters. I must say that seeing them up close and observing their behaviors is hard to describe. Liken it to describing the first time you soloed and how it made you feel! Words are hard to find to explain the emotion and beauty of such experiences.

Because we are just getting back to Eastern Daylight Time, work and pouring through mail a mile high, time is of the essence, so we will continue our journey in next months Squawk. Our enthusiasm and eagerness to share will not wain, I guarantee! Besides, we still have photos to go through and share with all of you.

Blue skies and fair winds ladies!

Brenda Thibodeau





More to come from the **Flying Safari** in South Africa! New England 99s **Mary Build, KW, Jenny Jorgensen KW, Olga Mitchell, ENE, Teresa Camp & Denise Robinson (Ct)** and **Brenda Thibodeau KW**. Learn about life and flight from their adventures in Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

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If you are going to the **Ninety-Nines International Conference** - "The Wright Way to Dayton" - July 16-21, 2019, please send news and photos of the event - honoring **90 years of the 99s!** In the past few years a Career Expo has been added. It has been highly successful with airlines and aviation companies meeting potential candidates - Women Pilots of the Ninety-Nines!

# Pathway to Success Pilot Career Expo

Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 10 AM - 5 PM  
Dayton, OH



HOSTED BY THE NINETY-NINES, OPEN TO ALL

## Event Highlights

- Women in Leadership Discussion Panel
- Networking Lunch
- Hiring Briefings
- Exhibit Hall
- Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

## CAREER EXPO EXHIBITORS

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