



May 2019 - News & Events

Governor News

May 3 & 4 we held our New England Spring Section Meeting in Mystic Ct. The turn out was very good and we were delighted to see so many new members. Friday evening Kathy Wadsworth, Ct, Chapter member presented a talk on her many experiences flying hot air balloons...in far away locales (e.g.,So. America launching off mountain mesas).



Kathy Wadsworth at her Presentation



Constance Castillo (Ct) Billie Downing (ENE)

That evening the Amelia Earhart Award was presented to Arianna Strand, Ct. Chapter member & student at Vt Technical College. She will put her award toward training this summer with Peggy Loeffler at the Great Barrington Airport (Ma)

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Peggy Loeffler, Arianna Strand, Laurie Strand (mom)

International Secretary, Cathy Prudhomme from the Houston Chapter brought HQ news of the upcoming conference in Dayton, future sites, strategic plans, sponsors & supporters. She noted that all Chapters in our New England Section have a stronger than average retention rate for membership. We have been increasing in numbers. "Small but mighty"!



Two 49.5s, Margot Cheel, Candie Oldham, Cathy Prudhomme

After the morning meeting & lunch, there was a visit to the Connecticut National Guard Helicopter Repair Facility.



Our Visit was Courtesy of Ct Chapter Emily Lukowski's Dad - Colonel Jerry Lukowski, Chief of Staff



New England Section Members at Mystic....and a special guest in the back!

Thank you Glenna Blackwell (Ct 99) for these photos. Our hearts are with you in the loss of your Mom who flew to New Horizons right after this Section Meeting.

Future Events

Let's Fly Now - Our Own99s 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

Air Race Classic Jackson,Tn to Welland, Ontario **June 18-21**

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.

Honoring 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



ENE Members **Heather Buxton** and **Jessica Webster** were recently featured on WMUR's New Hampshire Chronicle. I (**Lori Plourd - KW**) got to meet both of them recently at an ENE meeting. They are both awesome! But surprisingly they were equally impressed with me because I have received a Seaplane rating. Neither of them have been in a seaplane. I promptly invited them to Maine to experience that!!

Jaimie Rousseau, ENE member has been on a roll with attaining her ratings this year! Recently

it was her Commercial and now she is in Florida working on her CFI. Congratulations!!



Jaimie has also recently become the Section Secretary.

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

Peggy Loeffler, Ct. has received a \$20,000 Award from the National Aviation Hall of Fame which now initiates fundraising for the permanent multimedia exhibit at the New England Air Museum honoring New England women who have contributed to the history and industry of Aviation. Please donate. <https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=exhibits>

Special Members Adventure



It's a **Flying Safari** in South Africa! New England 99s on this adventure are **Mary Build, KW, Jenny Jorgensen KW, Olga Mitchell, ENE, Teresa Camp & Denise Robinson (Ct)** and **Brenda Thibodeau KW**. Five to six planes (Cessna mostly) are flying this Safari right now till mid June. Before the flights, they visited Cape Town then went to Lanseira for ground school for 2 days. With check rides completed, they are off to Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa. We will be sending news from them as it comes in! As they all have said, it's an opportunity of a lifetime!

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



Do you know the Wright Way to Dayton? Do NOT miss this event honoring **90 years of the 99s!**



At each International Conference, a skit is performed in the theme of the next year's conference. It's an invitation to attend! This was last year in Philadelphia inviting all to Dayton & the Wright Brother's arena. Lots of Aviation History to Discover at this International Conference of 2019! It's not too late to register. www.99sconference.org.

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