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January 2020 - News & Events



Governor News

As we enter the New Year 2020 and this New Decade, we can remember how fortunate we are to be in the company of fabulous women who are still breaking barriers in the world of aviation. As a Ninety-Nine that includes you!

"Women Take Flight" at the New England Air Museum will celebrate women's contribution to aerospace both past & present on Saturday, March 7th. A flyer is attached below. Please print and post at your local airport or other facilities. The 99s will have a table. Come participate for some of the day or all of it. Contact Glenna Blackwell at: blackwells@verizon.net

Cape Air Pilots Association has just announced that the **Massachusetts Air and Space Museum** will open in Hyannis within the next few months. See below along with the photo of our 99s table at the Southeastern Mass Aviation Career Expo at HYA in October.

Our New England Section **"Let's Fly Now"** Event on June 20, 2020 is taking shape. We have several pilots signed up already and are looking for more. Also for help on the ground - just as important and fun! Contact [Suzanne_Tucci @comcast.net](mailto:Suzanne_Tucci@comcast.net). See Flyer below and post also!

A few months ago the Zonta Organization reached out to the Ninety-Nines asking if we would present at an event of theirs. **Zonta** International **is** a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Peggy Loeffler, Ct. Chapter 99 offered to present. The event is highlighted below.

Thank you to the Chapters who have sent photos and news from their areas. This Spring we will have **Elections for Section officers**. Consider participating in the 99s at that level. You learn a lot and it is fun.



Current Governors in The Ninety-Nines

Blue Skies, Margot Cheel, New England Governor

Events

Women Take Flight

Saturday March 7, 2020 10:00am to 4:00pm

Celebrate women in aerospace, participate in hands-on STEM activities
Climb aboard historic aircraft, use flight simulators, and more!

Featuring Rebecca J. Waddington

Deputy Chief of Flight Operations
NOAA Aviation Operations Center

Commander Waddington made history in August 2018 when she was part of the first all-female flight crew to pilot a NOAA aircraft during a hurricane mission. She made history again in September 2019 as part of NOAA's first all-female three pilot flight team while flying reconnaissance missions over Hurricane Dorian. As a NOAA Commissioned Corps "Hurricane Hunter," Commander Waddington is passionate about serving her country and is proud to be an inspiration for women in aviation.

Lectures: 11:30am and 1:30pm

Public Meet and Greet: 10:30-11:00am & 2:30-3:00pm



Meet over one hundred pilots, engineers, servicemembers, and industry professionals:

- 103rd Airlift Wing Connecticut Air National Guard
- 377th Airlift Squadron & 439th Airlift Wing of Westover
- Air Force Recruiting Service
- Air Force ROTC
- Bombardier Hartford Service Center
- Collins Aerospace Systems
- Connecticut Soaring Association
- Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 166
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Horst Engineering
- Kaman Corporation
- New England Section of the 99's
- Pratt and Whitney
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- Society of Women Engineers Hartford Section
- TAC Air Bradley International Airport
- UConn Mechanical Engineering Department
- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Wright Sisters Engineering Club
- Women in Aviation Connecticut Chapter
- Women in Transportation Seminar CT Chapter

Museum Admission

\$16.00 Adults (ages 15-64)

\$14.00 Seniors (ages 65 and older)

\$10.00 Youth (ages 4-14)

Children 3 and under admitted free

Discounted admission available for pre-paid groups of 10 or more.
Register at www.neam.org by March 5, 2020.



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AIR & SPACE MUSEUM TO OPEN in HYANNIS

GRAND OPENING TARGETING MARCH 2020



After nearly 15 years of planning and development, the Mass. Air & Space Museum ("MASM") is about to open at Capetown Plaza, with plans for expansion and a larger facility as support grows. Originally proposed for Plymouth Municipal Airport, plans changed and a 14 acre site was obtained at the entrance to Hanscom Field in Bedford. The economics of site development and unachievable funding needs for a 300,000 square foot facility caused a reevaluation of potential sites. Meantime, the Massachusetts Historical Aircraft Society was folded into MASM, along with artifacts from the Mass. Air National Guard Historical Association as an inventory of exhibit materials was assembled. Discussions were held with Barnstable Municipal Airport, and their enthusiastic support for bringing the museum to Cape Cod is what finally moved the needle.

Hyannis is an ideal spot for such a facility, since it is a destination for two million annual visitors who are looking for interesting things to do and places to visit, especially if they have children and especially if it is raining. The Kennedy Museum on Main Street, Hyannis gets over 60,000 visitors a year, and the nearby Cape Cod Potato Chip factory gets an average of 250,000 visitors per year.

The March CAPA meeting will feature a presentation by the museum. Learn the history, the development, and what to look forward to on your visit. And they are looking for volunteers of all kinds, especially docents who can tour visitors through the museum. Plan on joining us at the on March 4th CAPA meeting.



The Cape Area Pilot's Association ("CAPA") meets on the first Wednesday of every month except January (recovering from the holidays).



Needed: Women Pilots!!

The Eastern New England Ninety-Nines is looking for pilots for our very first **Let's Fly Now** event.

Let's Fly Now
Beverly Regional Airport, KBVY, Beverly, MA
Saturday June 20, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- Who are we looking for?** Female pilots with 500+ hours and their own aircraft (must have liability insurance)
- Who will they fly?** High school girls on their very first flights (two to three per trip)
- Where will they fly?** One of two twenty-minute patterns selected by the tower
KBVY has two runways.

Volunteer pilots will be expected to fly no more than three trips over the course of the morning. We will provide a comfortable place to relax between flights, a safety person for each pilot and we will provide snacks and lunch. All flights should be completed by 12:30 p.m.

If interested, please contact our
Suzanne_tucci@comcast.net

Event Chair - Suzanne Tucci
cell 978 290-1048

Future Events

Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo - Lakeland, FL March 31- April 5

Wasp Luncheon at Sun -n Fun Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL) **Wed, April 1 11:30am**

New England Spring Section Meeting - Kennebunkport, Me May 15-16

99s Int'l Conference & Career Expo - Long Beach, Ca on the Queen Mary July 8 - 12

Laconia Social - Laconia NH Airport Saturday, July 11

EAA AirVenture - Oshkosh, WI Mon July 20- Sun July 26

Member News



Peggy Loeffler - center - at her presentation to the Zonta service group (note sign behind - Zonta 100 years).

Peggy Loeffler, Chief Flight Instructor at Great Barrington Airport, Designated Pilot Examiner for the FAA, and Connecticut Chapter member, was guest speaker at the Berkshire Zonta meeting on January 13, 2020 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Peggy shared her aviation story and her inspiration to create “**NEW ENGLAND WOMEN IN AVIATION**” an exciting new **exhibit** that will exist at the New England Air Museum at Bradley Airport in Connecticut. Peggy was accompanied by Katherine Wadsworth, a world record setting pioneer balloonist from Connecticut and one of the women who will be honored in the exhibit. Peggy also spoke to the Chelsea Zonta Club of Massachusetts on January 16.

Ct. Chapter Member, **Glenna Blackwell** reports:

“CT Chapter Members as well as friends and family gathered at the home of NANCY RAMSEYER in Madison, Ct to celebrate the holiday season on Sunday, January 12th. As you can see from the photos, it was a beautiful 64 degree day! Once again the Yankee Swap was lively and fun! The opportunity to spend an afternoon with our 99s family during the winter months is just delightful! We enjoyed meeting Evelyn Kropp's granddaughter, Andrea Kropp who is very interested in learning to fly!



Holiday Get-Together for Connecticut Chapter

Eastern New England Chapter Makes Plans & Changes

January 11, 2020 the Chapter met at Norwood Airport. Suzanne Tucci outlined further plans for the Let's Fly Now Event. Several 99s have already signed up to be pilots for the day. More are needed as mentioned above. Plans were made for the **ENE Scholarship Luncheon**. Since the meeting, the **venue has changed**. It will NOT be at the Wayside Inn as they have structural repairs to the kitchen. The **New Venue** is the **Pappa Razzi in Wellesley, MA**. They are well equipped with a private dining room, cozy & spacious with state of the art AV equipment. More details will follow in ENE Newsletter, **Flylines**.



Great Turn Out for ENE First Meeting of 2020 at Norwood Airport

Katahdin Wings, **Lori Plourd** went to **New Zealand** for several weeks in Dec - January. Here is her posting for New Year's Day on Facebook: a flight over the country!



Lori will be sending her stories and more pictures for another issue. And we will have to wait to find out what was going on in the sand that she captured from above.

Upcoming: New England Section Spring Elections

All members are encouraged to consider running for a Section officer position.

Term is for two years 2020-2022

Feel free to contact **Glenna Blackwell, Nominating Committee Chair**, for more information.

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

(Below is our New England Section Ad that runs in Aviation Digest - Pass it On!)

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Details of Registration, Hotel, Meetings and Fun Side Trips
to follow in Jan/Feb 99s Magazine

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