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## February 2020 - News & Events



### Governor News

In a few days I'll be heading to OKC for the 99s Spring International Board Meeting, pleased to present a report on our activities in New England.

**"Women Take Flight"** at the New England Air Museum will be featured along with my proposal for an indoor/outdoor tent to market the 99s with signage prominently on the canopy. This year's date for WTF is Saturday, March 7th. Come participate for some of the day or all of it at the 99s table. Contact Glenna Blackwell at: [blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net)

**Massachusetts Air and Space Museum** will open in Hyannis - still on target for this March. This is an excellent opportunity for the 99s to showcase their members and history.

**"Let's Fly Now"** Event - a first for our New England Section is in the works for June 20, 2020. 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!

**New England Spring Section Meeting** is in Kennebunkport, Maine at the Nonantum Inn, May 15-16. Early room reservations at a deep discount (summer rates are \$450-600/night) 99s rates \$139 - \$179 are now available to book. See info below.

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.

I have yet to fly on skis, but just this past weekend two ski planes landed on the **small Vt lake near Woodstock** where I was staying. Didn't see them land or takeoff, but friends did and chatted the pilots up about the 99s. So interesting that the famous Alton Bay has not been open this season for ski plane landings, but this little lake was.... size & depth of ice, I suppose.



Aeronca Champ & Piper Cub (both 1947) on Silver Lake, Vt.

There is news & photos from NE Members below. We always love to hear from you. Send yours anytime! I'll be reporting back from HQ and news there in the next Squawk.

**Blue Skies, Margot Cheel, New England Governor**

## Events

It's not too late to sign up For Women Take Flight & participate at the 99s Table. Contact Glenna Blackwell: [blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net)



# 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:

- 103<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing Connecticut Air National Guard
- 377<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron & 439<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.neam.org) by March 5, 2020.



**Women Take Flight is supported in part by:**



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# AIR & SPACE MUSEUM TO OPEN in HYANNIS

## GRAND OPENING TARGETING MARCH 2020



New England Section proud of its Pioneering Women Pilots. Lt - Ann Wood-Kelly (ATA), Rt Sara Hayden (99 & WASP), Middle - WASP - anyone know??



Just a few weeks ago (Feb 5, 2020) the Cape Cod times reported that the Mass Air & Space Museum is indeed preparing to launch very soon. Read More: <https://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20200205/massachusetts-air-and-space-museum-launches-in-hyannis>

Here is a recap from last month & a reminder of the CAPA meeting presentation by the museum on Wed March 4.

The economics of site development and unachievable funding needs for a 300,000 square foot museum facility caused a reevaluation of potential sites away from Plymouth and Bedford Airport. After many discussions Barnstable Municipal Airport and their enthusiastic support brought the museum to Cape Cod.

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.

**Wednesday March 4, 2020, Cape Area Pilots Association (CAPA) will feature a presentation by the museum.** Learn the history, the development, and what to look forward to on your visit. The museum is looking for volunteers of all kinds, especially docents who can tour visitors through the facility. Plan on joining the CAPA meeting: March 4th 6:30pm Rectrix Aerodrome Center, **Barnstable Municipal Airport . The street address for Rectrix is 730 Barnstable Road, Hyannis MA 02601.** There is plenty of parking as well as handicap access.





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# NEW ENGLAND SPRING SECTION MEETING - MAY 15 & 16, 2020

**Nonantum Inn, Kennebunkport, Maine**

(Maine's premier Inn with special rates for the 99s!)



Room rate in the **Carriage House** is **\$139/night** (plus tax), which includes a full breakfast on Saturday morning. If members want to come in early on Thurs, or stay an extra night on Sat, the Resort is honoring that same rate!!!

There is also The **Portside House**; those rooms have ocean views and balconys. That rate is **\$179/night** (plus tax), same breakfast is included, as well as rate will be honored for Thurs and Sat nights.

You can call The Nonantum Resort now to reserve your room. Ask for Sheila & mention "the 99s" for group rate.  
**207-967-4050** or **800-552-5651**

Full registration form and further information in next Squawk.

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## Do You Know a Woman Pilot for this Special Event?

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 Reional Airport (LAL) **Wed, April 1 11:30am**

**New England Spring Section Meeting -**

Kennebunkport, Me **May 15-16 - Mark Your calendars! Room Reservations available now.**

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

**For information & registration: <https://travelplannerstexas.swoogo.com/99s2020>**

**Laconia Social - Laconia NH Airport Saturday, July 11**

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

## Member News

Katahdin Wings, **Lori Plourd** went to **New Zealand** Dec 28/19 to Jan18/20 where she enjoyed the beauty & bounty of the country - where every town has an uncrowded beach or two, where people are warm and friendly, and this time of year it was summer down under!



Our “home base” was a bach (pronounced “batch”) in Orewa Beach at an oceanside holiday park (a combination of



small permanent baches with areas for travel campers and tents mixed in). From there my traveling companion and close friend John and I spent many days visiting friends and exploring the island. He is a dual citizen of both the U.S. and New Zealand and lived there for 10 years. He still has family there and goes back to spend time there during our early winter, their early summer. We also hiked in the state parks, visited the northern-most point on the North Island, Cape Reinga; and explored museums and parks in downtown Auckland.



One of my favorite things to do was walk on the beach every morning. Being an inland creature in my native state of Maine, I was not used to seeing the many variations a beach can take at different tides. The beaches in our neighborhood seemed particularly intriguing, to me at least, through all the different tidal phases. Plus the water is warm, relatively when compared to Atlantic, and perfect temp for wading.



I was also fortunate to experience general aviation, taking one flight in a micro-light style two-seater called an Aero Bat, and another in an aviation club-owned Cessna 172. The micro-light pilot was a friend of my traveling companion's son. We took off from a grass-field airstrip located in a small town on the outskirts of Hamilton, a mid-size town on the west coast of North Island. This is the less developed area, with lots of farming in the valleys and forestry on the mountain sides takes place. On the land in between sheep and cattle graze. We covered all this terrain on the way to the wild west coast beaches, where there's very few souls and only a few animals around. The landscape was fascinating – and I have too many photos to prove it!





The second flight in the 172 was from the Northshore Aero Club paved runway, and we went east to visit a small beach town on the Coramandel Peninsula, where it's easier to fly to a destination than drive the long winding roads to it from the mainland. Our destination was a tiny beach town with some nice cafes to enjoy a lunch. We landed a grass strip and walked less than a quarter mile to the little town. The flight over the bay was beautiful with turquoise water studded with hundreds of little islands.



A couple of differences on how general aviation works in New Zealand include pilots constantly self-announcing over check points. There are no flight advisories from ATC. The use of ATC will cost the pilot money. They also use an overhead entry into the landing pattern.

New Zealand is a beautiful destination and worth the 20+ hours of flights it takes to get there. I highly recommend it.

## MAINE AVIATION FORUM - February 15, 2020

*Report from Katahdin Wings*

February 15<sup>th</sup> marked the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Aviation Forum, where all the Maine aviation organizations and interested governmental agencies, aviation schools gather at Owl's Head Transportation Museum to share information about their organizations and their plans for the upcoming flying season.



**Katahdin Wings Chair Maria Harrison** attended to let everyone know about the mission of The 99s, the progress women have made in aviation, increasing to 7% of the pilot population, and how we are networking to keep



spreading the word that aviation is a rewarding and viable occupation or hobby. She invited everyone to talk about The 99s to others, and included information about the student pilot membership scholarship she has set up, call You Fly Gal. Other members present at the event included **99s Mary Build, Jenny Jorgensen, Lisa Reece and Lori Plourd**. Lori, Jenny, Lisa and Maria also were on the luncheon committee, with members of EAA Chapter 87, Knox County Flying Club, Maine Aviation Association, and Columbia Air at Bar Harbor Airport. (A hefty tray of homemade cookies was supplied by Karissa Davan, though she could not attend). Since the contribution from Leroy Muise at Columbia Air more than covered all the food expenses, the additional donations will be forwarded by the Katahdin Wings Chapter to support Maine Ace Camp.

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**Peggy Loeffler**, Chief Flight Instructor at Great Barrington Airport, Designated FAA Pilot Examiner , and Connecticut Chapter member, is pleased to report that the project for a **Permanent Exhibit** of “**NEW ENGLAND WOMEN IN AVIATION**” at the New England Air Museum has raised over \$90,000 toward the goal of \$150,000. Peggy notes: “As we close in on \$100,000, more funds from the 99s and elsewhere would send a clear message that our organization not only supports this important aviation endeavor, but also it can be an inspiration to other such organizations, corporations and individuals.” Peggy feels strongly that this is a lasting legacy of the New England Section, as we visually honor in a permanent museum display the women who came before us.

A contribution from the New England Section will be discussed and decided upon at the Spring Section meeting.

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**ENE Georgia Pappas**

# ***As The Prop Turns***

***The Soul of an Old Airplane***

***By John Wood***

Book Review by Georgia Pappas

This is an amazing book which chronicles historical biographies and aviation tales. Experience open cockpit flying with the men and women who flew the antique Waco UPF-7, NC29923, a 1940 biplane still flying today.

What makes this so engaging is the plane currently lives in New England, and you will recognize both pilots and airports in the area.

A chapter for pilots describes the Waco's handling and provides operational tips. With thousands of research hours, 228 pages and more than 130 photographs, drawings, and maps, this airplane's memoir is sure to top the true adventure list.

***As the Prop Turns* is available on Amazon**



**Do you have any other aviation books (current or classic) to recommend?**

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**ENE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON** Sunday March 15, noon, Pappa Razzi Bistro  
Wellesley, MA Register by March 1st! Form here:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/99bbbc62-c0b2-49c7-8bb4-6ff894788fe2/29th\\_Annual\\_Scholarship\\_Luncheon\\_Final.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/99bbbc62-c0b2-49c7-8bb4-6ff894788fe2/29th_Annual_Scholarship_Luncheon_Final.pdf)

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**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.

[blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net)

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**Send News & Photos of your adventures & accomplishments! to [margot@margotcheel.com](mailto:margot@margotcheel.com)**

(Below is our New England Section Ad that will run in the March 2020 Sun 'n Fun issue of Aviation Digest)



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Did you know that the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum is owned by The Ninety-Nines, Inc.? It is operated by the AEBM Board of Directors composed of 99s and local Atchison representatives. Located less than an hour drive from Kansas City International Airport, it is filled with memorabilia and artifacts for adventure seekers of all ages.

All donations will go to the continued maintenance and operation of the museum. Donations may be made to Section Governors, Chapter Chairs, Spring Section Meeting Chairs, International Headquarters, AEBM gift shop, and AEBM Board Members attending International Board Meetings and Annual Conference, who will in turn issue you a receipt for your donation. For each \$10 donation, your name will be entered (three entries for a

donation of \$25) in a pool for a random drawing to win a



**Garmin Aviators Watch.**

Check made payable to AEBM.

Donations will be accepted beginning 2/1/20 and the winning ticket will be drawn at the International Conference aboard the Queen Mary, Long Beach, California July 11, 2020. Any interested party who wishes to donate is acceptable; winner need not be present to win. Please ensure all information is filled out on the ticket stub, which must be submitted noon local time, July 1, 2020.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING THIS IMPORTANT PLACE OF HISTORY.

Amelia Earhart Board of Trustees

**New England Chapter Chairs have the raffle tickets.  
They will also be available to purchase at NE Section  
Spring Meeting May 15-16.**

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Start making your plans for this July's International Conference on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA!



Details of Registration, Hotel, Meetings and Fun Side Trips to follow in Ninety-Nines Magazine



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