



New England Section 99s

Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots



Governor's Message

Greetings everyone:

Things are fairly quiet here in Maine due to our continued COVID restrictions, but the New England women pilots are still busy doing wonderful community events and continuing to improve their flying skills with new ratings. This edition of the Squawk is full of exciting news. Can you imagine an astronaut joining us at a Section Meeting? When we can finally get together in person, this is one event you will not want to miss. Details below.

There is also information on available scholarships in this edition. The

deadlines for some are looming, so don't delay if you want to apply.

Be sure to join our virtual Fall Section meeting at 10 am on October 24, 2020.

Specific details with an invitation to the Zoom meeting, along with participating details, will be sent during the week just prior to the event, so be sure to look for that email. The Katahdin Wings are planning on hosting the Spring Section meeting. Details are also in this edition, so read on and enjoy the news from the New England Section of the 99s.

Check out the Ninety-Nines list serve at <https://www.ninety-nines.org/email-networks.htm>. This is a very informative site to connect with other Ninety-Nines, especially while they are learning and/or looking for a job, etc. Many Chapters post information about webinars they are giving. Be sure to sign your first and last name, as your post will not be allowed without your full name. if you don't want to receive e-mails from the list serve, it is easy to sign off and not be involved.

Special thanks to Jann Clark, who has graciously volunteered to edit this publication. We are a strong group of women. When we bond together, we are a force that lifts and encourages other women to follow.

Blue skies and tailwinds,

Mary Build, Governor

New England Section of the 99s

Chapter News

Katahdin Wings

Karissa Davan, Chair

I continue to think the biggest news is the pandemic and the devastating effect on aviation. On October 1st, the Federal program funding that has kept many pilots and airline employees paid ends. I am not sure how the industry will recover from so many pilots not being current and continuing to train. In the meantime, here is some Katahdin Wings news.

Chiara Sabatini got her instrument rating.

Karissa Davan got her high performance, complex and seaplane rating.

Maria Harrison is personally offering 20 scholarships annually consisting of a First Year Student membership in the Ninety-Nines and a donation to the recipient's local Chapter. See details at <http://www.youflygal.org>.

The Katahdin Wings kicked off the summer with a pool party at Brenda Thibodeau's beautiful home and airstrip. It was the first face-to-face meeting in many months. The Chapter installed new officers and enjoyed lunch outdoors. The Chapter has kept in touch with Zoom meetings and is planning a fly-in event for October 17 to enjoy the fall color while social distancing.

The annual Seaplane Fly in was cancelled for the first time in 47 years. Maine has mask requirements, a testing or two week quarantine requirement for those thinking of exploring fall color. Maine just lifted quarantine restrictions for travelers from Massachusetts, so check for relevant restrictions before

you come at <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy>

Connecticut Chapter

Ashley L. Harrison, Chair

CT Chapter has some exciting accomplishments:

Jessica Phinney earned her Private Pilot.

Sue Mead earned her Private Pilot.

Jennifer Akey earned her Instrument Rating in July and her Commercial in September.

Joanne Swanson earned her CFI

There was a very nice article at UConn's newspaper published on Laura Doherty.

<https://today.uconn.edu/2020/04/flying-another-passion-uconn-health-student/?fbclid=IwAR17ODHislc4En0knbMg3LF1ne41BFgop97GepqjKZH1hRvzYYggEv8dME>

We also shared the link on the CT Chapter

website: <https://womenpilotsct.org/2020/09/25/laura-doherty-in-the-uconn-today-publication/>

Unfortunately most of our events have been casualties of COVID, but we are in the process of scheduling an airmarking at Danbury Airport (KDXR). A local boy scout reached out to the CT chapter for assistance and our expertise for the Compass Rose he wants to paint at DXR for his Eagle Scout Project. I will keep you posted on when we start to look at possible dates (either this season or in the Spring).

Eastern New England Chapter

Jessie Zuberek, Chair

Eastern New England Chapter has been as busy as Covid-19 has allowed.

Karen Mitchell earned her PPL with only 70 hours of flying.



We had a great event in July hosted by Karen Mitchell at Laconia Airport celebrating Amelia Earhart's birthday. We had 24 attendees, including members of Eastern New England, Katahdin Wings, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey Chapters, as well as several 49 1/2s and friends.



Lauren Lee has been hosting a Saturday morning Zoom Chat since pretty much the beginning of the pandemic. Our Chapter meetings are being held via Zoom, as well, since meeting in person is not advisable. Please join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84076415845> - everyone welcome!



Lauren Lee also just bought a plane to live in her hangar! A party at Lauren's hangar in Rhode Island to celebrate her new plane had to be postponed due to Covid-19.



Candie Oldham has continued to make and sell all kinds of wonderful items in support of the scholarship fund. Check out International's website for more info!

ENE's Let's Fly Now event, planned for June 2020, had to be postponed, as have many other events.

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National Aeronautics Association Collier Award

Two New England Section members were honored to be selected as judges for the prestigious Collier Award. **Peggy Loeffler**, Connecticut Chapter, and **Georgia Pappas**, Eastern New England Chapter, participated in selecting this year's winner. "The Collier Trophy is awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year."

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Scholarships Available!
Apply by December 15, 2020
for 2021 Scholarships

Eastern New England Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. awards three \$2,000 scholarships annually. No matter whether you are a student pilot just beginning your aviation journey or an seasoned pilot seeking an advanced rating, there is a scholarship available for your level of experience.

See this link for a description of the available scholarships: https://mcusercontent.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/f1e8958f-5a3b-4d41-b747-b39e7290b277/2021_Flyer_FUNDING_FOR_FLYING.pdf

Here is a link to the application for each scholarship: https://mcusercontent.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/93a79578-503b-48d6-b486-426ee19f623a/2021_ENE99ScholarshipApp.pdf

Please share the scholarship information with your airport FBO, local flight school or flying club, and anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

2020 International NIFA Report To Sections

I was recently appointed The Ninety-Nines International NIFA Chair. NIFA stands for National Intercollegiate Flying Association and is a competition among regional college flying teams. These young men and women work diligently throughout the year to compete in written, landing and navigational events. "The National Intercollegiate Flying Association was formed for the

purpose of developing and advancing aviation education; to promote, encourage and foster safety in aviation; to promote and foster communications and cooperation between aviation students, educators, educational institutions and the aviation industry; and to provide an arena for collegiate aviation competition.” (<https://nifa.aero>)

My immediate goal is to gain a list of Section NIFA Chairs. Your job would be easy and consist mainly of emailing your Chapters' NIFA Chairs or Chapter Chairs to encourage 99s to judge at their regional events. My contact information is below and I look forward to working with each of you! Check the 99s Calendar periodically as I will be posting the latest information there on NIFA Regional Competitions complete with NIFA contact information for each upcoming SAFECON (Safety Conference). This is a different year with the COVID 19 virus making demands on our lives. So making plans for a large competition is difficult but the NIFA Board is meeting regularly and monitoring CDC guidelines in making their decisions. Consider being a judge! Go to nifa.aero/schools to view the Regional Map and discover in which Region your state resides. Then register as a judge at nifa.aero/judges/judge-register. No experience is necessary and you don't have to be a pilot so register and bring your friend or significant other to judge as well!

I was surprised to talk with the women competitors and discover many didn't know anything about the 99s. This is our chance to educate and grow our ranks. You will also be amazed at the knowledge and enthusiasm of these college aviators. They have always inspired me to soar higher!

Marilyn Shafer

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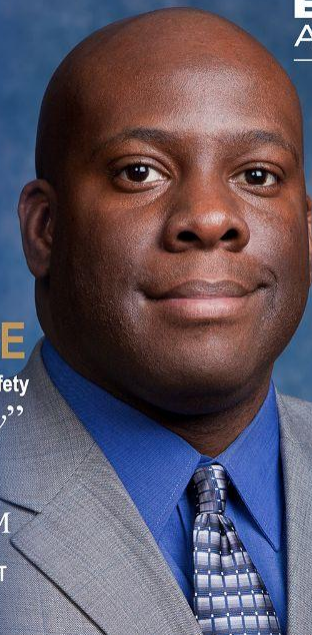
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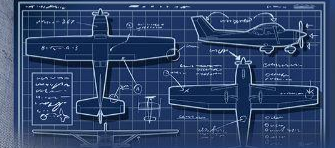
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Hosted by Katahdin Wings Chapter

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