



# Squawk

New England Section 99s

International Organization of Women Pilots

## **Greeting everyone:**

**This newsletter is full of wonderful information about our busy Section, so my letter is going to be very short. What is important from me, is the Spring Section meeting is coming up in May. The National CDC and Maine CDC have recommended we remain constant with our social distancing for the time being, so the meeting will be virtual again. There will be a social gathering on Friday night May 21 (more pertinent info to follow later) and the Section meeting itself will be held May 22 much the same way as the Fall meeting. It will start at 9 am and end at 12 noon. I look forward to seeing all of you then.**

**Mary**

**Mary Build CFI  
Governor  
New England Section of the 99s**

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## **Member Adventures and Accomplishments**

### **Pelican Rescue**

#### **Laurie Strand - Connecticut Chapter**

**On January 28th, a Brown Pelican was found in the Connecticut River. He was hypothermic, very weak and unable to lift his head, suffering from pneumonia, and his feet were frostbitten. He was taken to a bird rehabilitation center called A Place Called Hope in Killingworth, CT.**

**Shortly after the Pelican “landed” at A Place Called Hope, he was accepted to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter, Florida. My daughter Arianna (also a CT 99) heard about the need to fly the bird south. We contacted A Place Called Hope and were chosen over eight other volunteer pilots to fly him south.**

**Remarkably enough, the pelican carrier fit perfectly in the back of the RV-12. He hadn't been named, so we decided to call him Arvy, after the plane.**

**After a lot of planning and nervously watching the weather, we headed out towards Jupiter, Florida on Feb 4 at 6 a.m. We had enough room for a change of clothes, toothbrushes, and Arvy. We were incredibly fortunate to have beautiful weather all the way to North Palm Beach County Airport (F45), where we met volunteers who brought us to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary to drop Arvy off. We flew down the Skyline Route over the Hudson River at dawn. We saw both sunrise and sunset on our trip. It took 12 hours total and 10.3 hour flight time.**

**Arvy has been doing very well at Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. His pneumonia is doing much better, and within the next few weeks, he will have reconstructive surgery on his feet due to the frostbite.**

**After arriving in Florida, we were exhausted! Weather intervened in our plans to fly home, and Arianna eventually flew home commercially. A friend and I flew the RV back to Connecticut, at last, on February 20.**



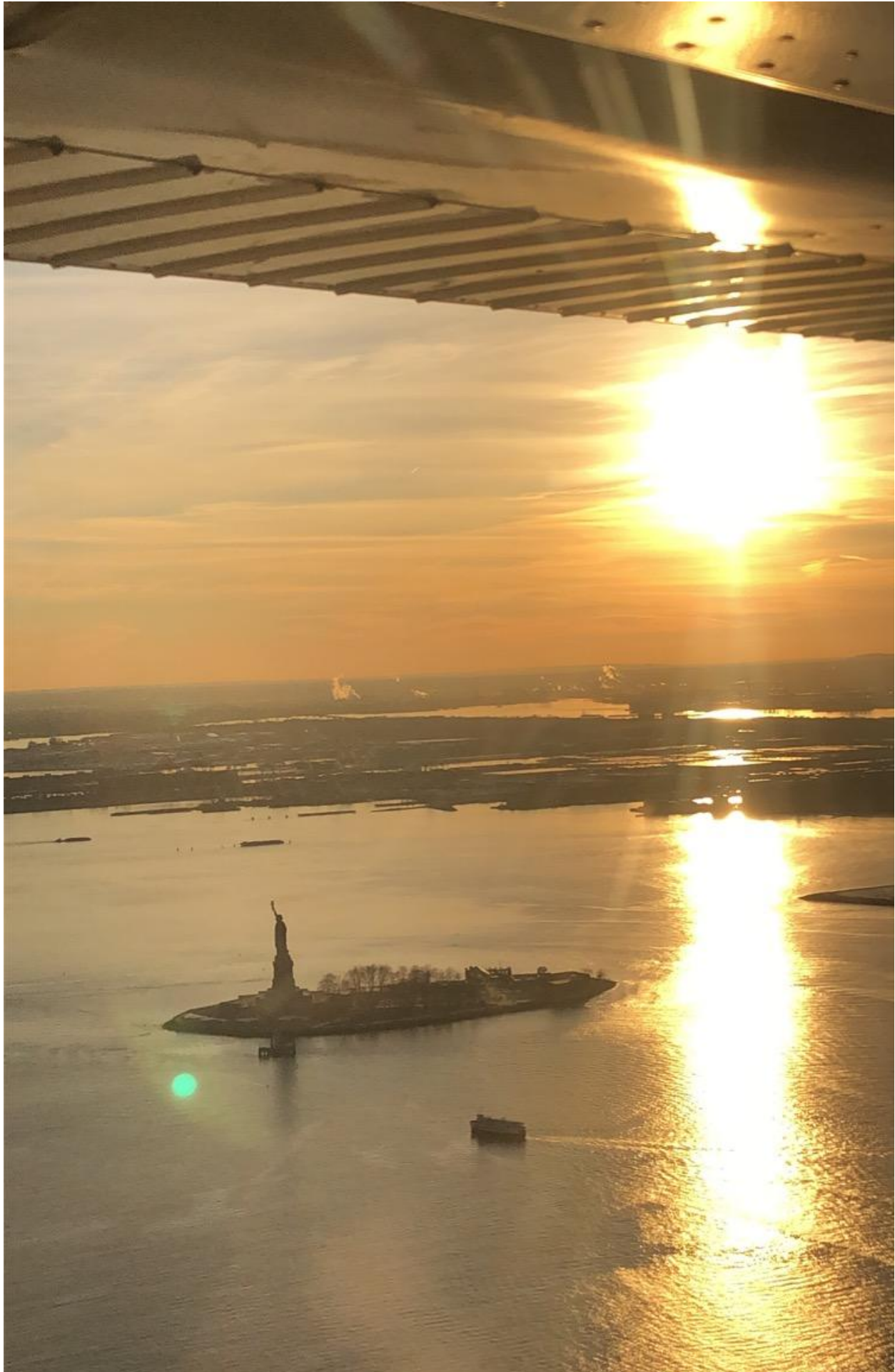




## **Commercial Rating Qualifying Flight Chiara Sabatini - Katahdin Wings Chapter**

**On February 17, I completed the 2 hour day, 2 hour night, and complex time required for the commercial pilot rating. For this, I flew from Sanford (KSFM) to New York and flew the Hudson River Exclusion. The return trip was at night through Providence and Boston. On February 18, I passed the commercial written! It was a very exciting week**







## **Instrument Rating**

### **Servet Yatin, Eastern New England Chapter**

On December 24, after a number of weather-related delays, I took my IFR checkride. Winds aloft were 50 knots, and it was a very challenging flight, but I passed!

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **March 1 - 31**

### **Women Take Flight 2021**

Reported by Glenna Maxwell, Connecticut Chapter

In light of ongoing COVID-19 regulations, the New England Air Museum is moving forward with a hybrid plan for Women Take Flight 2021.

This year's event will feature both virtual and in-person opportunities for visitors to engage with the past, present, and future of women in aerospace. There will be a special Women Take Flight 2021: Virtual webpage that will go live on March 1<sup>st</sup> and remain on their website throughout Women's History Month.

As for in-person programming, every weekend in March, we'll be theming our ongoing Flights of Family Fun programs to include a focus on women in aviation. We also plan to offer Women in Aerospace Chats every Saturday from 10:30am-12:30pm, giving visitors an opportunity to have a social distanced drop-in chat with a local pilot, engineer, or aviation industry professional.

The Ninety-Nines have been invited to participate virtually this year. On behalf of the New England Section 99s, I created a short video (see link below). I also supplied information about the Ninety-Nines and included links for viewers to download material for aviation related activities.



Visit the Museum website for more details: [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org)

Video to be included in Women Take Flight

website: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/e09ihh1t68qq62x/Video%20Feb%2020%2C%203%2008%2038%20PM.mov?dl=0>

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## March 13

### Eastern New England Chapter Scholarship Recognition Zoom Event

Join us to celebrate the 2020 and 2021 Scholarship winners!

Commander Beth Young, US Coast Guard Retired, will be sharing her story – from the Service Academy through Navy Flight School and on to flying Coast Guard Missions. We are so looking forward to all her stories and insights. Don't miss it!

Here is a link to the flyer and registration

form: [https://mcusercontent.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/4742e810-2710-4eab-8342-c5521cc49b2a/2021\\_Scholarship\\_Luncheon\\_Final\\_v2.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8f1693d56698349f3356ded0c/files/4742e810-2710-4eab-8342-c5521cc49b2a/2021_Scholarship_Luncheon_Final_v2.pdf)

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are welcome!

Please send your checks made out to the Eastern New England 99's Chapter, with the memo Scholarship, to:

Susan Benua

19 Brook Lane,

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## March 26

### Eastern New England Zoom Presentation

Flying Clubs and the Air Race Classic

Please join us on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Zoom available at 6:30pm).

Candie Oldham and Karen Mitchell will be hosting a talk on Flying Clubs and present a slideshow about the Air Race Classic.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95675762347>

Meeting ID: 956 7576 2347

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Meeting ID: 956 7576 2347

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adU8CG27Hc>

For those of you that don't know what the Air Race Classic is, you can check it out before the talk here: <https://www.airraceclassic.org/>).

Some examples of flying clubs in New England include:

<https://newenglandflyingclub.com/>,

<http://www.nsaeroclub.com/>,

<https://skyhavenflyingclub.org/> )

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