



# Governor's Message

# Welcome, Lady Pilots!

Here we are almost to the end of winter with better flying days to come. I've had the opportunity to fly with other pilots and enjoyed every minute of those experiences. Perhaps you know someone who needs a safety pilot? Reach out and offer your services. They will appreciate having you on board.

We have many things of importance to bring up in this newsletter, and I can only encourage you to join in and support these important events. I plan on attending all and hope to see you there. Many states are removing the mask ban, so let's get out there and socialize. We need it!

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Governor

### **New England Section of the 99s**

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# **Save The Date!**

The CT Chapter will be hosting the

# **NEW ENGLAND SECTION SPRING MEETING**

Saturday & Sunday, April 30 & May 1st

**INN at MIDDLETOWN** 

70 Main Street, Middletown, CT



This is a wonderful social weekend....
Fly into Meriden Markham Airport, group dinner and exciting guest speaker Saturday evening, Sunday morning business meeting, followed by group lunch

All New England Section members along with guests and friends are invited to attend.

# WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM! PLAN TO ATTEND!

Thank you,
Constance Castillo, Donna Shea, Glenna Blackwell (2022 Spring

#### **Section Meeting Committee)**

#### **NEW ENGLAND SECTION 99s ELECTION**

The Nominating Committee is compiling a ballot for the

2022 Spring Elections for the New England Section 99s

You will be voting electronically in early April.
Induction of new officers will take place following the 2022
Spring Section business meeting held in Middletown, CT on May
1st.

We invite you to inquire about running for a position on the Section Board of Directors.

Please contact us by the end of February.

Margot Cheel - mcheel@me.com
Glenna Blackwell - blackwells@verizon.net

The New England Section 99s will be participating in the

# **WOMEN TAKE FLIGHT EVENT**

Saturday, March 5, 2022

**New England Air Museum** 

We will be setting up a table and leading an activity of paper airplane making.

Visitors will learn about the 99s organization, our mission, our longevity, as well as history of women pilots.

Feel free to share your flying experiences, too.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to help at this event.

Please consider volunteering
for the day 9-3 pm, or for a couple hours.

This is a fun event! Please join us.

Email Glenna Blackwell - blackwells@verizon.net

For more information, see <a href="https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=programs\_2022\_women\_take">https://www.neam.org/shell.php?page=programs\_2022\_women\_take</a> flight

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# Ann Chandler's 100th Birthday!

Long-time Ninety-Nine and Eastern New England Chapter member Ann Chandler is turning 100 on March 11! We would love to show her how much we value her by sending her as many cards as possible. Ann doesn't have e-mail, so a deluge of cards in her "real" mailbox would be appreciated.

> Ann Chandler 108 George St. Orange, VT 05641

Georgia Pappas will be representing ENE at Anne's birthday celebration on March 11.

On March 12, Anne's family is arranging a drive by celebration.

Karen Mitchell, ENE, is arranging a flyover on the afternoon of March 11. Karen flies out of Laconia and would love to have anyone who is interested join her. Weather permitting, of course. If you would like to join Karen, contact her at:

Karen Mitchell

karen.mitchell@winnaero.org (603) 707-0201 - call or text

Mark your calendar to send Ann a birthday card in early March!

Thank you!

#### **Eastern New England Scholarship Luncheon**

Save the date - March 12, 2022

Eastern New England Chapter will be holding its annual Scholarship Luncheon via Zoom on March 12, 2022. Janet Melson Denton, an airline pilot, will be the speaker. Details to follow.

The following scholarships will be awarded:

The ENE 99s Jann Clark Honorary Scholarship - \$2,000 - to Jason Otrin

The William Bridge Scholarship - \$2,000 - to Melanie Georger The Jeanne Ohnemus/Cynthia Hurvitz Scholarship - \$2,000 - to Sophie Bilodeau

The ENE 99s Takeoff Scholarship - \$1,000 - to Galina Vesnina

**Chatham Airport Day** 

#### June 11, 2022

ENE Chapter will have a table at the Chatham Airport Open House to share information about the 99s and to sell aviation related items.

Candie Oldham will be running the table and would welcome participation by other 99s! Contact Candie

at <a href="mailto:missleminion@gmail.com">missleminion@gmail.com</a>.

#### **CHAPTER NEWS**

## **Connecticut Chapter**

December was pretty slow for our Chapter but here is the latest for February.

The Save-the-Date went out for the section meeting.

Unfortunately, our holiday party was postponed but will now be a Christmas in July party.

The permanent exhibit recognizing the women of New England in the New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, Connecticut who have contributed to the world of aviation is planning on opening mid-March. We are all looking forward to this presentation. Peggy Loeffler and Kathy Wadsworth have been instrumental in organizing this exhibit.

We will have a booth at the Women Take Flight event at the New England Air Museum March 5th from 9-3. Glenna is asking for volunteers, and she can be contacted at <a href="mailto:blackwells@verizon.net">blackwells@verizon.net</a> if anyone is interested.

Emma Farrington achieved her First Solo this past week. Peggy Loeffler is her flight instructor.

Arianna and Laurie Strand were contacted by the editor of the Rebel Girls children's book series. They are going to be featured for their

Pelican rescue flight in their new Rebel Girls Powerful Pairs series of mother-daughter stories. The book comes out February 8th.

# Ashley Harrison CT Chapter Chair

## **Eastern New England Chapter**

#### Welcome to 2022!

I hope that you and yours were able to celebrate the New Year in an enjoyable manner, whether that be in person or remotely. 2021 proved to have its challenges in terms of the continued pandemic, and it looks like we still have a few more to face in early 2022.

That said, I am so proud of all that our chapter has been able to accomplish over the last year.

- We were able to run a successful Poker Run (thanks to the team that put in a lot of hard work to get that done!).
- We continued the weekly Zoom chats for any members that wanted to join.
- We attended another amazing birthday party for Amelia Earhart up at Laconia airport.
- We attended the first in person Section meeting since the beginning of the pandemic (thank you Katahdin Wings!).
- So many of you were so kind to gather for a baby shower for my little Hannah – I can't tell you how much that touched our hearts!
- And that's just to name a few.

Plus, there are all the ratings that our members have gained this

year. I think Karen Mitchell might hold the 2021 record for having gained the most during the year - she earned her Instrument, Commercial, and CFI ratings. I earned my Instrument rating just a few weeks before Hannah was born. Galina Vesnina earned her PPL even closer to the birth of her son. Go ladies go!

I am so proud that the Eastern New England Chapter of the Ninety-Nines attracted an anonymous donation for our scholarship program, as well as a \$2,000 donation from a previous scholarship winner. I am thankful that these donors, and the donors of our other scholarships, deem our organization a good investment in the future of women pilots. I believe that wholeheartedly as well.

I am looking forward to continuing our progress in 2022. In 2021, we dipped our toes in the water of running aviation events in a quickly changing health landscape and discovered that it was not too cold and not too hot if we planned properly. I would like to start discussions about fundraising events/opportunities to bolster up our scholarship program. I would like to open up discussions again about running a Let's Fly Now event. I'd like us to get back out there and volunteer for other aviation/STEM events when they come up. And I would like to gather ideas for/volunteers to set up social events more regularly.

I am very excited that the first social event of 2022 took place on January 16, a Sunday Tea at Laconia Airport! Ideas for other events are more than welcome. The ability for us to get together, be it in person or remotely, is so important.

# Jessie Zuberek Eastern New England Chapter Chair

**Katahdin Wings** 

Katahdin Wings ran a very successful 2021 Fall Section Meeting in Kennebunkport, Maine. The 37 attendees were very happy to be able to meet face-to-face at last!

The upcoming Poker Run will be organized by the Katahdin Wings Chapter, most likely in the Fall. Stay tuned for details!

Karissa Davan Katahdin Wings Chair



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