



Ninety-Nines

New England Section



Squawk

New England Section 99s

International Organization of Women Pilots



IT'S WINTER!

Greetings:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and have grieved over the loss of one of our active members.

Just because it is winter, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy many activities. See what our Chapters have scheduled below. But first, some tips for winter flying.

WINTER FLYING

There are so many things that can happen with flying and winter operations have their own issues. I would like to mention a few things, but if I leave out anything important, please let me know and we'll add them to the next Squawk. We all have important things to add to help other pilots.

Taking care of our engines:

Remember, if you are preheating your engine, fly it. Moisture will build up in the oil if you don't. If you are not close enough to the airport to preheat for 3 hours, a remote start setup is very handy and your engine will love you.

Carefully reduce power while flying so you don't shock cool the engine. Treat it with care.

Survival equipment:

During the winter months, I always have a small bag with essentials for the "just in case" scenario. A sleeping bag is kept in the plane, too. You should wear winter clothing and appropriate foot gear, and have blankets, water, emergency food, a flashlight, fully charged cell phone and cotton to start a fire. Fritos happen to be good fire starters, but cotton also works. Be careful with matches that they don't rub together and start a fire on their own. Think about surviving, and you will. You don't have to be far from home to need these essentials until someone can come to help.

Landing:

If you are forced to land and have the time to be choosy, select what you think is a clear area and land near a road if you can in order be seen or near a home if you would be able to walk there.

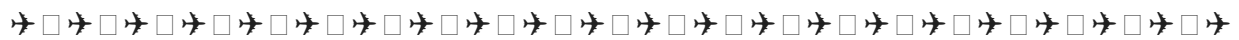
Think about your emergency procedures and follow them. Best glide speed should be memorized, and in an emergency, the plane should be set, and TRIMMED for that speed. Pick a place and FLY THE AIRPLANE. Practice this procedure at an airport so you know your plane. You will be very grateful you did.

Around the plane:

If there are icy conditions, wear ice creepers. A fall on the ice happens very quickly and the results are not very pleasant. Take them off to fly, and then put them on again before you get out of the plane. Be extra careful wearing them in the hangar, because they can be very slippery in there.

I happen to love winter flying. The plane loves the cold air and the visibility is clear as a bell. The view is always good up there, but winter gives us a special view. Enjoy it, and please be safe.

**Mary Build
Governor, New England Section
The Ninety-Nines**



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Connecticut Chapter

CT CHAPTER 99s

HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Thank
You

Many thanks to **Denise Robinson** for hosting the Holiday Party at her beautiful home in Middletown, Connecticut.



During the party we honored the recent loss of our fellow Chapter member, **Rika Ballard** (owner / founder of Fly Lugs Flight School at Westfield-Barnes Airport), by signing a memory board and having the opportunity to comfort each other.

Glenn Blackwell read a loving poem in tribute to Rika, and **Donna Shea** provided heart shaped cookies with beautiful Fly Lugs icing on them for all to share. **Donna** plans to deliver the memory board along with cookies to the flight school.

The party also provided a wonderful opportunity for Chapter members, as well as friends and family, to enjoy a delicious potluck luncheon, inspiring conversation, and a lively Yankee Swap.

Thank you Denise & Bob!





February 10 12pm CT 99s Event at Connecticut Valley Brewing

We're having a gathering at [Connecticut Valley Brewing](#) in South Windsor CT on Feb. 10th, 12:00PM. This airplane-themed brewery is family friendly and also has a coffee shop - guests are welcome.

We'll be revealing the winner of the section photo contest (and their photo will be permanently displayed at the brewery). We are also reaching out to newer members to attend.

RSVP Here: [RSVP Form](#)



Eastern New England

February 13 (Tuesday) 7pm ENE Chapter Meeting via ZOOM

Look for a link and agenda to be sent in Feb.

March 9 Scholarship Luncheon at Pappa Razzi in Wellesley, MA

Save the date for this uplifting annual celebration. Our guest speaker will be Heather Howley, DPE, Aviation Consultant and owner operator of Independent Helicopters Hers is an inspirational story not to be missed! Look for Luncheon Registration Forms in February.

May 11 Chapter Meeting at UMASS Aviation Training and Research

Center at Westover Municipal Airport in Chicopee, MA. Gather at 9:30, meeting at 10, tour following the meeting. A unique and fun opportunity!



Katahdin Wings

February 10 12pm Katahdin Wings Chapter meeting at Alton Bay, Ice Runway or Not!

On February 10th we will be meeting at Alton Bay- (ice or not) at Shibley's at Pier 42 Mt. Major Hwy., Alton Bay, NH 03810 at noon. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so I can reserve space for you. (They open at 11:00 am) The New England chapter is not having a meeting that day and have been invited to join us! Lake Winnepesaukee has 5 inches of ice in some places and open water in much of the lake. I guess the runway was not able to open last year and they have not made any call for this year. It could happen and the latest is on the Alton Bay Ice Runway Facebook page.

ALF/99 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT -

Jim Forbes has generously donated FOUR scholarships for Ninety Nines who are members of the KW to obtain a seaplane rating including DPE

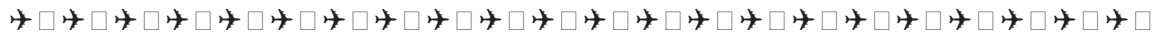
fees. The scholarships are in honor of his wife Alice L. Forbes (ALF) who was well known to many in our chapter and who was a great advocate for women interested in aviation. Alice was not a pilot but logged 4,000 hours in the right seat with Jim. We are incredibly moved by his generous gift and are finalizing the application now. Each is valued at \$3,000 and will be completed this summer with Matt McFadden with Naples Seaplane Adventures. The scholarships are for members with some economic need, planning for a career in aviation and who have a private pilot license already. Please be on the lookout in February and consider applying.

March 13, 2024 control tower tour at KPWM 5:00 pm

April 8, 2024 Total Eclipse Party- details to follow.

May 18, 2024 - Hangar #1 at KBXM at noon- pot luck with UMA female aviation students invited.

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!
Karissa (919) 601-3566 cell



SAVE THE DATE

April 19-20, 2024

(BDL) Bradley International, CT

Hosted by:



SPRING SECTION MEETING

Fly or Drive to Windsor Locks, CT for our Spring Section Meeting

Accommodations: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Hartford

16 Ella T. Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, CT

Hotel reservations can be made with the

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/99s-w>

OR by calling (860) 627-5171 and use the group booking

Friday's dinner: The New England Air Museum

36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT

A 99's dream...dining among the classics of aviation

Look for Registration beginning in February

DoubleTree, Hilton Hotel Bradley Airport



The New England Air Museum



We are getting ready for a great Spring Section Meeting April 19-20 in Windsor Locks, CT! Our dinner will be Friday April 19 in the New England Air Museum surrounded by aircraft - it's sure to be memorable! The Section Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel: the room block is now available to make reservations.



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