



Ninety-Nines

New England Section



New England Section 99s

Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots

Hello, Everyone -

Lots to share in this edition of Squawk - a Florida adventure, scholarship news from all three Chapters, and an International Conference update.

Stay warm and safe as this seemingly endless winter progresses!

Blue skies and tailwinds,
Margot Cheel
Governor
New England Section



Margot's Florida Adventure

Early this February, I stopped in at the Fernandina Beach, Florida airport to say hello from New England. I'd driven by the field several times and expected a very small municipal airport. To my surprise, it was a newly renovated FBO with a small museum of artifacts from WWI & WWII! I thought the name unusual & intriguing - Bent Wing - till I learned it was to honor the military history on Amelia Island & the Navy's aircraft design of inverted wings to maximize storage on aircraft carriers.



The whole building is in the shape of an aircraft with FB on its tail.



The light-filled atrium lobby (the “cockpit”) features a half-scale replica of the F4U Corsair suspended in mid-air.



The lobby furniture was made with part aluminum from former planes.



The reception desk was created from the fuselage and wing flap of a 1943 T-6 aircraft. It features LED-lighted strips of Marston Mat, the perforated steel planking used to create temporary landing strips during WW II.



There were signed prints of aircraft with the pilots' signatures, most notably the last military flight of Chuck Yeager over the Mojave Desert in 1997, commemorating his 50th anniversary of being the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound.



The gift shop was a delight with many memorabilia. The pilots lounge has an 80” TV, a backgammon/chess table and a Zero gravity massage chair. There was a Canteen with kitchen facilities & seating, plus a pinball machine. The staff was very pleasant and helpful. I heard that the ramp fee was waived if you bought Avgas from the self service pump.



It's definitely an FBO to visit whether by plane or car or on foot!



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The CT Chapter 99s is pleased to award two scholarships in 2025!

Because of the generosity of family members and friends of past CT Chapter members Evelyn Kropp and Maryellyn Page, we will award **two \$1,000 scholarships** in their honor.

All New England Section members are invited to apply!

Deadline is March 31, 2025.

For details and application please view this pdf file.

https://mcusercontent.com/39b97c5a60f6f4ff93b0706bb/files/b7c3609b-96f9-854a-b621-b13578d85fa5/CT_Chapter_Scholarship_flyer_2025_1_.pdf

Thank you,

*CT Chapter 99s Scholarship Committee,
Sarah Smith-Dufton
Joanne Swanson
Kim Edwards*



SEAPLANE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Katahdin Wings Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is excited to announce that the ALF Girls Seaplane Scholarship applications for 2025 are now being accepted. The ALF Girls Scholarships honor Alice Forbes and are sponsored by her husband, Jim Forbes, in her memory. Up to six members of the New England Section of the Ninety-Nines will be selected to receive a full seaplane rating with DPE fees included. AOPA will be doing some videos of women getting their ratings to encourage others to get their ratings, too. **The application deadline is April 30th, 2025.** Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply.

Announcement of the winners will be mid-May. All training will take place in Maine. The application is attached. Good luck!

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EASTERN NEW ENGLAND SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
March 8, 12-3pm

Our Scholarship Luncheon Registration is Open! We hope you will join us for our annual scholarship luncheon at Papa Razzi Trattoria, 16 Washington St., Wellesley, MA on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Arnold, Ph.D. She will be sure to keep the audience captivated as she shares her presentation on our founding 99s President, Amelia Earhart, titled "Amelia Earhart: Beyond the Skies."

Use this link to sign up for the scholarship luncheon, sponsor a student pilot or scholarship winner to the luncheon, or to donate to our scholarship fund. <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-eastern-new-england-ninety-nines-scholarship-luncheon/items?cart>

New this year, we have a limited number of deeply discounted student pilot luncheon tickets. Student Pilot Tickets are \$10 (ticket is valued at \$60). Only 10 discounted seats are available, sign up early to get this great deal!



2025 Conference Corner

While July might seem far away now for the 99s International Conference, it's not too early to register.

Some events are actually filling up fast. The Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain is two thirds full. That will be a spectacular opportunity to enjoy Vermont from the water. The visit to Beta Technologies is also filling up, with only 13 spaces left. This is a unique time to view firsthand a pioneer start-up developing an electrical aircraft. A visit to the "Granite Capital of the World" is also popular. All of the Vermont attractions offer much to see & do.

The speaker line up is varied and exciting. You can check further online at 99sconference.org or in the January/February 99s magazine.

The International Conference Committee welcomes you now and reminds you of registration dates:

Go online for all the Conference information and to register at: 99sconference.org

Early registration by March 31, 2025. \$329
On-time registration by May 31, 2025. \$359
Late registration after May 31, 2025. \$379
One-day registration is also available.