



Ninety-Nines

## New England Section



# Squawk

New England Section 99s

International Organization of Women Pilots



### Governor's Message

Hello, Sister 99s!

Today is the Spring Equinox - time to celebrate the nicer flying weather the new season brings!

I recently attended the **International Board of Directors meeting** at the

99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City. It's always a pleasure to see 99s in person and hear of plans for Chapters, Conferences, and the 99s International influence in the world of aviation and how that is especially happening with insight and skillful leadership through our new Executive Director, Jill VanEgmond.

Each month, Chapter Chairs and any other interested 99s can join a Monthly Zoom Roundtable with ideas and activities shared by various chapters & sections. Susan Steeb of the Southwest section is the host. Contact her to join in. Many topics discussed. Always lively! [scsteeb@gmail.com](mailto:scsteeb@gmail.com)

This is **Election Time** of Year, both for our New England Section and for the International Board. The **New England Section ballot** and bios of candidates have been emailed to all Section Members. If you did not receive, contact Glenna Blackwell at [blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net). Remember to vote by April 6, 2026!

**Also online, International Elections.**

You may go online to review the candidate information and watch a short 3-minute video on each candidate. <https://www.ninety-nines.org/election-page.htm>. It's very clear, helpful and well done.

Also, you can refer to the [March/April 2026 issue of Ninety-Nines](#) magazine on pages 17-24 for further instructions and candidate statements. For further information on how to vote with your choice via email, text or mail, go to the February issue of Straight & Level <https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/download/dispatch/202602.pdf>

International Election voting opens March 14, 2026, and ends on May 1, 2026. Look for the **voting ballot** (designed by Election Buddy) from Ninety-Nines Inc in your email, sent March 14, 2026.



**OWLS HEAD**  
TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

117 Museum Street  
Owls Head, Maine



Katahdin Wings Chapter Invites You  
to the

## **NEW ENGLAND SECTION SPRING MEETING**

**April 25-26, 2026**

**at the Owls Head Transportation Museum**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**Tour the Owls Head Transportation Museum from 3-4:30 p.m.  
Followed by Social time, Dinner, and  
Speaker ENE99s member Lucy Young at the Museum 5-8 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**New England Section Business Meeting 9 a.m.-Noon  
Followed by Installation of 2026-2028 Board of Directors**

**Accommodations at Hampton Inn**

190 New County Rd., Thomaston, Maine (10 minutes from the Museum)

Call 207-594-6644 ext. 0 or **CLICK LINK** below to reserve with 99s rate \$149 + tax

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/hwsguy>

*Breakfast is included.*

### ***FLY OR DRIVE!***

**The Museum is located at Knox County Regional Airport (KRKD)**

**FBO: Downeast Air**

**Museum address: 117 Museum Street, Owls Head, Maine**

*Museum admission has been generously covered by the  
Owls Head Transportation Museum*

# Spring Section Meeting Registration

**Please register by April 20, 2026.**

Send registration form and check to Lori Plourd, PO Box 566, Fryeburg, ME 04037  
or Venmo @Lori-Plourd or pay online at Cheddar Up (a charge fee will be added).

<https://new-england-section-spring-2026-meeting.cheddarup.com>

*Please send registration form even if you've paid online or with Venmo.*

*Mail, text 207-253-9533 or email piperpilot2003@yahoo.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need transportation from Knox County Reg. Airport?  No  Yes N Number \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION \$29/pp..... NUMBER of REGISTRATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29 each

DINNER \$70/pp .....NUMBER for DINNER \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 each

OPTIONAL SPONSORSHIP DONATION ..... @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**~ MEXICAN BUFFET DINNER ~**

**APPETIZERS: Mexican Street Corn, Chips & Salsa  
Mexican Taquitos**

**DINNER: Burrito or Burrito Bowl**

Carne Asada, Chicken or Pork, or Veggie  
Rice, Beans, Cheese, Pico, Corn Salsa + Protein  
Served with French Fries

**Four Tacos**

Mix and Match from Grilled Shrimp, Carne, Chicken, Carnitas

**Grilled Salmon**

Grilled Salmon, Cilantro Lime Rice, Asparagus

**~ DESSERT ~**

**Pastel De Tres Leches • Classic Mexican Churros**  
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## A Few Things to Do in the Midcoast Maine Area

*Book an extra night and enjoy the area on Friday and Saturday morning! Here's few ideas:*

Visit the **Farnsworth Museum** in Rockland and enjoy the collection of Wyeth paintings. Continue on to Rockport to find **Andre the Seal** and take a walk through the beautiful seaside town. Or just a little farther down the road apiece check out **Camden Harbor** as well as the **Camden Hills State Park**.

Explore the **Owls Head Lighthouse** and **Birch Point Beach State Park**.

Stop at the **L.L.Bean flagship store** in Freeport

**Lucy Young's** aviation journey reflects decades of dedication, leadership, and barrier-breaking achievement. A Purdue University graduate, she earned her private pilot certificate in 1976, launching a career that would span military and airline aviation at a time when opportunities for women were still emerging. As a U.S. Navy aviator, Lucy became the first woman Skyhawk instructor and one of the first women to qualify in Naval Air Combat Maneuvering — serving as an instructor even while female aviators were not yet permitted in combat duty stations. She went on to fly fleet support missions around the world, train future naval aviators, and serve during Desert Shield/Storm, accumulating thousands of hours across multiple aircraft.

Following her distinguished military service, Lucy continued to shape aviation history as one of the early female captains at a legacy airline, building a 33-year airline career before returning to the skies part-time with Cape Air. Her recognition with the FAA Master Pilot Award honors not only her remarkable flying career, but also her lasting contribution to the advancement of women pilots in aviation.

Lucy is excited to be our speaker and will cover her extensive career and focus on all the technology and security changes she has witnessed.

Link to register via Cheddarup: <https://new-england-section-spring-2026-meeting.cheddarup.com>

(For some reason beyond my technical comprehension level, clicking on the link doesn't work, but copying it and pasting it does work.)

**Blue skies and tailwinds,**

**Margot Cheel  
Governor New England Section  
The Ninety-Nines International**

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