

# Squawk



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New England Section 99s

Int'l Organization of Women Pilots

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## THE NINETY-NINES MISSION:

The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

## From the Governor:

# BIG NEWS

## The *New* Section website is now live!

Thanks go out to Katahdin Wings Chapter member, Maria Harrison-Dooley, and her husband George of Light House Marketing! They designed a beautiful website for us and will also host on their server.

*They are very kind to do all this gratis!*

There are new features we are setting in place.... One is a "For Members Only" section. It is not up at this time, but will be the ideal place to store Chapter and Section Minutes, Section meeting registration form, Bylaws, Standing Rules, etc.

Lori Plourd, Section Website Chair, worked with George to transfer material.

*Click on the link below to view:*

**[www.womenpilotsnewengland.org](http://www.womenpilotsnewengland.org)**

*Enjoy,*

*Glenna Blackwell, Governor*

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*Do you Twitter? Do you Tweet?*

*The 99s do! Join us on Twitter (@TheNinetyNines)!*

TOLL FREE NUMBER AT HEADQUARTERS 844-994-1929

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEB 4** CT Chapter Meeting at the home of  
Kathy Wadsworth, 40 Meadow Lane  
Farmington, CT 11 am

**FEB 10** ENE Chapter meeting  
Mansfield Airport  
Contact Chapter Chair Sue Lin  
for more info [topmst@hotmail.com](mailto:topmst@hotmail.com)

**FEB 17** Maine Aviation Forum 9:30am-3pm  
Owl's Head Transportation Museum  
117 Museum Street Owls Head,  
Maine 04854 adjacent to the Knox  
County Airport (KRKD)

**MARCH 2-3** International Ninety-Nines  
Board of Directors meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

**MARCH 3** Women Take Flight event at the  
New England Air Museum 10-4  
The Section will once again be  
looking for volunteers for our  
booth. Contact Glenna at  
[blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net)

**APRIL 10-15** SUN 'N FUN

**APRIL 27 & 28** New England Section Spring Meeting  
Providence, RI *(more info to come)*

**MAY 12** Meriden-Markham Airport Fly-In

**JULY 3-7** International Conference (see below)

**July 2019** International Conference Dayton, Ohio

**July 2020** International Conference  
Long Beach, CA

## OPT-IN ELECTRONIC VOTING DEADLINE

### IS JAN. 31<sup>ST</sup>

If you did not Opt-in yet, it is still possible for you to do so! Send an email to [hqmanager@ninety-nines.org](mailto:hqmanager@ninety-nines.org) or contact Headquarters at 844-994-1929 or 405-685-7969 requesting the Opt-in. If you are not opted in by January 31, you will receive a paper ballot.



**Philadelphia July 3-7, 2018**

[www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org)

*Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Section*

**The New England Section 99s  
do not want to lose track of  
any of their members!!**

Please give your family members the 99s Section contact information in the event of sickness, etc. The Section members would like to keep track of all members, young and old!

*Be sure to also make phone number or address  
changes to the 99s directory....  
[www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org)*

# CT Chapter Holiday Party

Sunday, January 7, 2018 • Cider Brook Road, Avon, CT



Host Denise Robinson among her nutcracker collection



Emily Lukowski , Beverly Jones, Denise Robinson and Stella Ross



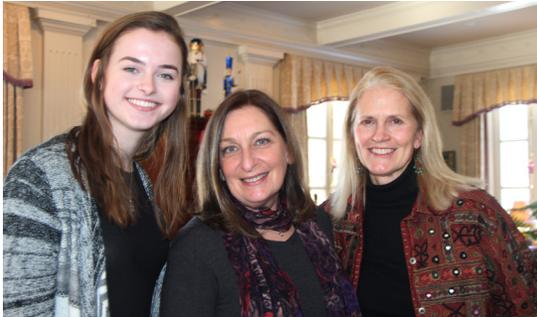
Lynn Thoma chooses a creatively wrapped Yankee Swap gift!

**MANY  
THANKS**  
to our hosts  
**Denise & Mark**

Photos by  
Glenna Blackwell



Donna Shea, Arianna Strand, Stella Ross (back), Tom Poland



Emily, Beth Brumberg (guest), Constance Castillo



Student Pilot Jessica Phinney & friend Ross



Bill & Teresa Camp



Arianna Strand



"BOWS" headset  
Chapter Chair Nina Anderson



Fantastic coat winners! Beth Brumberg and Nicole Gagnon



Great Wrapping - Stella Ross

# Welcome

*to our new Section members –*

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## CT Chapter

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### **Amanda Pearson**

Grand Forks, ND



*A little about me- I grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota. I attended the University of North Dakota and somewhat on whim, declared Aviation Management as my major. After beginning my first flight course, the passion within me had ignited and I knew that I found what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I earned a PPL, CPL, IR, CFI, CFII, and MEI while I was in the program. After I graduated, I moved to Phoenix to Flight Instruct for about a year at the Mesa Gateway airport. Tradewind Aviation (Oxford, CT) is what brought me to the New England area in 2015! I flew for Tradewind as a First Officer and then as a Captain in their PC12s, flying all over the North Eastern part of the US as well as parts of the Caribbean. After about a year and a half, I left to pursue my long-term career goal of working for an airline. I currently work as a First Officer on the CRJ-900 for Endeavor Air and I am based out of LGA. I enjoy living in Connecticut and have future plans to move further north to the Vermont / New Hampshire area. Flying continues to be my number one hobby and I'm grateful that it is my job!*

*I look forward to getting to know the other aviators in this section. It's so exciting to be able unite women who all share the same passion.*

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## CT Chapter

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### **Terry VandenDolder**

Madison, CT



*Terry VandenDolder took her first flying lessons while in her junior year at the University of Connecticut. Bit by the flying bug after only 2 flights, Terry applied for and was accepted to the Air Force pilot training program after graduating from the University of Connecticut. Terry served 10 years on active duty and 18 years in the Air Force Reserve. She was a C-141B instructor pilot flying global cargo / transport missions around the world from Pakistan to Antarctica, Europe to Africa, while based at Travis AFB, CA. Terry was an evaluator pilot in the C-21A (Lear 35) at Andrews AFB, MD, transporting White House, Congressional and DoD dignitaries when she was not instructing new pilots in the aircraft. She commanded C-141B cargo/transport missions to the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91. She also served as a legislative liaison for the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. After serving 28 years in the active duty Air Force and A.F. Reserve, Terry retired from her military career in 2009 as a Lieutenant Colonel.*

*In 1990 she was hired by American Airlines. Since 1990, Terry has flown domestic and international flights on the MD-80, B-737, 757, 767, based out of Washington, D.C. Currently she is based at JFK airport in NY where she flies international flights to Europe and South America on the B-777.*

*Submitted by*  
*Eastern New England Chapter Chair*  
*Sue Lin*

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## ENE Chapter

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**Alison Yusov**  
Manchester, MA



*I have a BFA in illustration with a minor in Creative Writing from Montserrat College of Art, and I'm a veritable jack of all trades. I've worked in event production, commercial photography, ecommerce/website management, marketing, and even floral design, among other things. I've dreamed of flying since I was a little kid jumping off chairs, and later baffled many art professors by drawing wings on everything. I didn't know that flying, "man's oldest obsession," was a realistic pursuit until I was driving around one day and saw the Learn To Fly banner at Plum Island. I signed up for flying lessons as soon as I was able, and it didn't take long to decide that I want to become a professional pilot. I am working on my PPL now, with a long term goal of ATP. I also want to get into hang gliding, and ride in a hot air balloon shaped like an owl. (Yes, those exist.) The sky is no limit!*

I recently flew at PYM in 16 gusting to 23 with an instructor. Normally I wouldn't fly in those conditions but I'm trying to perfect crosswind landings and we were going to practice emergency procedures. (At one point the air speed was 110 MPH and ground speed was 68. I got knocked side-wise turning base.) We started with a power off spiral descent with an "engine fire". Density altitude was -2,300 and I was 500' AGL by the end of the runway so it was a quick ride up to 4,000'. He pulled the throttle and I immediately tried to slow to best glide: 80 MPH. I was still at 100 MPH when he complimented me on going fast enough to "put out the fire".

I continued the descent for 1,000' and he announced the fire had restarted. This time I deliberately went for 100 MPH and he said the fire was out but wondered if I was going to do the scan? Oh, he meant shut down fuel and engine. Yup, I touched all the right knobs.

I continued at best glide and did a 360 for spacing abeam the end of the runway to descend from 2,500' to 1,500' and came onto base perfectly but a little high. So far so good. The instructor told me to do a slip. I did one and then took it out. On very short final he said do it again and in the process of trying to reconfigure my position I lost mental control of what was happening (I paid attention to his instructions instead of aviating), and then a gust hit me, and then I did a go-around with 30 degree flaps, then I couldn't figure out why I wasn't climbing... I learned a lot however.

The next landing I used cross wind corrections for the ASOS direction of 310 landing on 33 and didn't notice the actual wind had switched, at least momentarily, to around 360?! After I landed I turned off the runway to regroup.

The following 3 landings were much less eventful. I learned how to constantly use my feet while landing in those conditions. He said the last landing was perfect and he didn't revoke my license. Whew. Oh, and I did tell him that the good job I did on "putting out the fire" was an accident. I actually hadn't known there was a fire. I just thought I'd "lost my engine" and was trying for best glide. I learned that I do need continued practice in all phases of flight and that just because I "knew" something on the check ride doesn't mean I still remember.

**Flying is NEVER boring!!** Thank god.



What Have Our  
**MEMBERS**  
been up to? 

## KATHARINE BARR

Member of the ENE Chapter, has had a slight stroke and is recovering at a rehab facility.

**Feel free to send a card to cheer her:**  
**C/O Genesis - Hathorne Hill Rehab**  
**15 Kirkbride Drive, Danvers, MA 01923**



## AIR RACE CLASSIC GEARS UP FOR 2018 RACE

Preparations are under way for the 42nd Air Race Classic (ARC), the annual all-women cross-country airplane race, to be held June 19-22, 2018.

This year's race will begin in Sweetwater, Texas, where the Women Airforce Service Pilots trained for military service during World War II. The National WASP WWII Museum will host the racers at the Start as they get ready to wing their way to Alva, Oklahoma; Beatrice, Nebraska; Faribault, Minnesota; Galesburg, Illinois; Auburn, Indiana; Cadillac, Michigan; Newark, Ohio; Penn Yan, New York, and, finally, the Terminus at Fryeburg, Maine.

*The Katahdin Wings Chapter and New England Section are looking forward to hosting the terminus in Fryeburg, Maine! (Brenda Thibodeau [brenda@greenthumbfarms.com](mailto:brenda@greenthumbfarms.com) is coordinating volunteers for this exciting opportunity. Watch for sign-up sheet - hold the date open.*

[www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org)



**It is hard to say  
“Good Bye”**

**3 CT Chapter members will be moving soon....**

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## NICOLE GAGNON

*I will be moving to Palm Beach Gardens, FL on Feb 17th. I will still be working for Pratt & Whitney as a design engineer, I'm just transferring to their West Palm Beach facility.*

*I will miss you all! I have really enjoyed the time I spent with the CT 99s Chapter! Please do keep in touch and if you are in Florida, let me know!*

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## LEILA BAROODY

*Moving to New Mexico for health reasons I've enjoyed flying and the 99s camaraderie so much over the years. Happy flying to all! With much love and appreciation for all adventures and our friendships, Leila.*

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I have accepted a new job at The Boeing Company in Oklahoma City, working on mods to Air Force One. I report to work on 2 March, and we have started making plans to sell our house and move out of the area permanently. It is bitter-sweet. Bill and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time in New England. Leaving friends, like you all, is the hardest part of the transition.

It's going to take time to sell our house and move the plane, so Bill and I will be in and out of the area for a little bit; however, we should start talking about transitioning the responsibilities of Air Marking Committee Chair. I bet the New England chapters could still pull off doing the compass rose project in Maine without me, with all of your leadership. Bill and I may still find a way to support the project....

Cheers,

**Teresa A. Camp**

CT Chapter Member

# **Reasons why you should attend the 2018 International Conference held over the Fourth of July in Philadelphia July 3-7**

*by The Ninety-Nines International President, Jan McKenzie*

The Mid-Atlantic Section of The Ninety-Nines invite all Ninety-Nines and their families to join us July 3-8 for fireworks, friends, fabulous seminars and flying. Conference highlights include:

- Launch this patriotic conference with a tour of Washington D.C.
- Celebrate the Fourth of July on a dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia.
- The first ever Ninety-Nines Career Expo where those who are considering or wanting a career in aviation can explore career options, talk to recruiters and plan their path to success.
- Learn and be inspired by attending over a dozen educational seminars, including a breakfast professional development presentation by Dr. Karen Lawson, an internationally known executive coach.
- Fly the Hudson River on a grand aerial tour of NYC and the Statue of Liberty.
- Glide over the beautiful Pennsylvania country side in an open cockpit biplane or glider.
- Fly into a private airfield to experience a world class air and auto museum. Watch many of the only remaining airplanes fly.
- Maximizing “L.I.F.T.” – Leading Into the Future Together – is a high-energy, interactive session in which you pick the topics that are of most interest to you in supporting the success of your Chapter or Section.
- Just like the 4th of July fireworks, we will be “Lighting the Sky with Our Stars” at our Saturday night banquet celebrating and honoring the winners of Amelia Earhart Scholarships and Ninety-Nines International Awards.
- Conclude your festivities in New York with the 9/11 memorial and Broadway show Come From Away.

To learn more about and to register for our spectacular Conference, visit the Conference website, [www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org) or follow the link on The Ninety-Nines homepage.

*Don't miss out on the discounted attendance fee.  
Early registration deadline is March 31, 2018*

[www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org)

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# Would you like to attend the 2018 Ninety-Nines International Conference?



**Philadelphia July 3-7, 2018**

*Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Section*

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES:**

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**WIN  
\$500**

**TOWARDS YOUR TRIP**



We would like to encourage all members  
to attend an International Conference ...

**FIRST TIME CONFERENCE  
ATTENDEES - THIS AWARD IS  
INTENDED FOR YOU!**

IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A  
CONFERENCE, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN!

*The New England Section 99s will award \$500 each  
February from 2014-2018 to a New England Section  
member interested in attending an International Conference!*

## **Instructions:**

Just submit your name and contact information  
by Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Conference Award Committee:

*email: [blackwells@verizon.net](mailto:blackwells@verizon.net)*

*US mail: c/o Glenna Blackwell, 13 Knob Hill  
Great Barrington, MA 01230*

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 5, 2018 (midnight)**

**Drawing will be held February 9, 2018**

*Must be a member of the New England Section 99s and have never attended a conference  
in the past. Must attend the 2018 International Conference or award returned.*