



99s: Women Pilots of Eastern New England

Happy Thanksgiving!

ENE Holiday Party Dec. 10

Scholarship Application Deadlines Soon!



Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone -

As members of The Ninety-Nines, we have much to be thankful for - the camaraderie and friendships we enjoy as members; the opportunities for education, scholarships and mentorship as we proceed on our aviation journeys; the prestige of belonging to an international organization of women flyers.

Even our newest members appreciate the benefits of being a Ninety-Nine - see Julia Lindow's glowing review of her first encounter with The Ninety-Nines, below.

Have a safe and happy holiday! Hope to see you at the Christmas party - details below.

Beth Young
Chair, ENE 99s



ENE Holiday Party

December 10, noon - 3:00

Cohasset Lightkeepers House
15 Lighthouse Lane,
Cohasset, MA

(**Directions:** your GPS will put the Lighthouse Keepers House down by the water, which is the Sailing Club House. Follow the 99s sandwich board sign off to the right and uphill to the parking lot in back.)

This is the Lighthouse Keepers House:



The party will be **Potluck** - please bring something to share. Coffee will be available. If you want wine or soft drinks, please bring your own - that can be your item to share!

We will have a **Yankee Swap** - if you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift - limit \$20.

(For those who don't know how a Yankee Swap works: each participant receives a number. Number One gets to select a gift and opens it. Number Two opens a gift and can keep it or swap it for any gift already opened. Etc. At the end, Number One can swap for any other gift.)

Please RSVP to Margot Cheel at margot@margotcheel.com by December

8, so we will know how many tables to set up.

Hope to see you there!



Scholarship Application Deadlines

It's scholarship application time for the opportunities offered by our Chapters, our New England Section, and our International organization. We all know flight training can be pricey, but there is so much help from our organization for members who are committed to both their aviation goals and to the 99's.

One list for our available scholarships is on the New England Section website: womenpilotsnewengland.org.

The ENE Chapter website, womenpilotsene.org, presents their scholarship information and application.

The requirements and deadlines for each scholarship are different, so please read the websites carefully. **Chapter** applications are due by **December 15**. **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship** applications are due to be submitted to the Chapter Chair by **January 1**. Applications for the Section scholarship are due **January 15**.

It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you get your application in **EARLY**, especially the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. We are most interested in helping present a thorough application to the trustees, and often revisions need to happen well before deadlines. We want you to succeed!

Any questions for Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship or Section Scholarship, contact Arlene Myers Alexander at amelia1243v@gmail.com

Chapter applications should be submitted to ScholarshipsENE99@gmail.com

Best of luck to you all!!! **We would love to consider YOUR application, so submit it soon.**

Arlene Myers Alexander



Member Activities

Julia Lindow (ENE's newest member!)



My first 99s ENE chapter meeting – A shout-out

My name is Julia Lindow, a Geologist/Geochemist by training, who always dreamed of flying an airplane one day. This year I took the first steps to making this dream a reality, and barely after my first intro flight,

I got introduced to a group of 99s at a local aviation event. We had just made our introductions when Arlene Myers Alexander invited me, on the spot, to join her for this year's Poker Run. I was somewhat speechless and couldn't believe my luck! I remember thinking, "Is this woman for real?" Of course, I would love to come along!! Needless to say, the whole event was an inspiring and wonderful experience for which I will be forever grateful.

So, meeting these amazing female pilots on that rainy Saturday in Hyannis opened the door to a whole new world for me, a world in which I was welcomed with wide open arms and felt immediately at home.

Now I am training with Alpha One Flight in Plymouth, still a "baby student pilot," as Arlene so aptly put it. On Nov 11, she took me and Bridgewater State student pilot Renna Kingsbury under her wing again, and we flew to the 99s ENE chapter meeting at the Minute Man Airfield.

What can I say, every time I think my aviation journey couldn't get any better, the universe proves me wrong, like it's nudging me on and showing me again and again I am on the right path.

In short: All my life, I have been nervous when I had to introduce myself to a room of strangers, until last weekend. The energy, connection, and support I experienced at the meeting is unmatched. Being with this group of awesome women from all sorts of backgrounds and with a whole variety of incredible skills and knowledge was exciting, to put it mildly, and it filled me with a profound happiness. I had wonderful conversations filled with laughter and valuable knowledge, and I got to sit in a Gyroplane! Thank you, Sue Benua!

In my "other" life, I often experience skepticism and/or lack of understanding for my aspiration to become a pilot, so being part of a group where I don't have to explain myself, where everybody understands and is supportive, to say the least, is a priceless resource. Thank you all, I feel blessed to be a part of this group now.

And I want to give a special thanks to Candie Oldham and Arlene Myers Alexander for their generosity, kindness, and support.

PS: I signed up to help with the next Poker Run and I can't wait!!

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Christine Micke



In September 2023, Thomas (49 1/2) and I attended the Reno Air Race as part of Slab Dog Racing Team (Instagram race37slabdog) out of 1B9. Steve Coleman, a fellow aviator out of Mansfield (1B9) won bronze in the Formula 1 category and Rookie of the Year. While there, we visited the Reno-Tahoe 99s booth, meeting three of their members.

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Margot Cheel



A few weeks ago, I went to the Adirondacks for an art retreat. We met at Marcy Field (1I1). Turns out it was a grass airstrip surrounded by mountains.

The windsock was a hint, but I didn't think the white farmhouse was the FBO. It was!





CT 99s Flying Photo Contest

Submission Deadline Jan. 2nd, 2024

-Open to New England Section-

*****Sponsored by Connecticut Valley Brewing*****

WINNER will receive a \$50 gift card to Connecticut Valley Brewing in South Windsor, and will have their framed photo displayed permanently in the restaurant.

Runner up will receive a \$25 gift card to Midfield Cafe in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Submission Information

- **Submissions must meet the following criteria:**
 - **Photos must be taken during the period of the contest**
 - **Photo must be taken and submitted by a 99s member**
 - **Photos must be aerial or aviation related**
 - **Original photo must be of acceptable quality for photo printing**

- **Three photo limit per 99, and each photo must be submitted as a separate entry**
- **Submissions will be accepted until January 2nd, 2024 at midnight**
- **Winners will be decided by staff at Connecticut Valley Brewing and announced by February 1st, 2024**

Here is the link to submit: <https://form.jotform.com/223615987730161>