

**New England Section Spring Meeting** 

The Spring Section Meeting was held in Burlington, VT, on April 14-15. Dinner Friday evening was held against the backdrop of a beautiful sunset over Lake Champlain!

Highlights of the dinner included the presentation of The Ninety-Nines International Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation to New England Section Governor Mary Build. The award was presented by Arlene Alexander, Vice Governor of the Section. Mary's daughters and grandchildren were present for the event and a family reunion.

Congratulations, Mary!





The scheduled speaker was unable to attend at the last minute, so the officers improvised, and Arlene Alexander interviewed our International Representative, Minetta Gardiner, using our Profile Project format. Minetta was very entertaining, and, as a member said, "It was nice to hear hangar talk from someone who doesn't live in our hangar!"



A fine dinner was enjoyed by all who attended!











The business meeting on Saturday was mostly routine, but we did vote to increase the Section scholarship amount to \$3,000.

At the meeting, Mary Build presented the Section Award of Merit to Lori Plourd. Congratulations, Lori!



## The meeting was followed by lunch at a downtown restaurant.



Katahdin Wings' newest member, Terri Robison, her husband Steve, and several other members whiled away the time waiting for lunch to be served by discussing their favorite aviation books, which Steve memorialized in "tablecloth art."

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## Eastern New England member Sue Benua's gyrocopter was honored at



Sun and Fun as "Best Gyrocopter."

Connecticut Chapter former Chair, Ashley Harrison, is portrayed in the Prime movie, *On a Wing and a Prayer*. See a news story providing the background to this "based on a true story" movie

**here:** <u>https://www.newstimes.com/entertainment/article/on-a-wing-and-a-prayer-movie-danbury-ct-17878384.php?src=nthpdesecp#photo-23629857</u>.

Several Section attendees had seen the movie, and the questions arose: Was the little girl who wanted to be a pilot based on a real person, and if so, where is she now? Ashley has responded to those questions: "The character Donna was put into the story to help explain to the general public certain technical things like the stall. Donna and Buggy have certainly become my favorite characters though :) The moment I saw the film for the first time, I just knew the Ninety-Nines were going to love her! It is a movie 'based on a true story' and not a documentary, but all the key elements of the real story are there. Maybe not in sequence and with some major embellishments (Doug did not do a go-around and Kari never spoke with him directly. Dan's phone became a paperweight after they landed safely) but I think they did a good job telling the story."



## **CT 99s Simsbury Runway Painting**

Saturday, June 3rd (Rain Date: Sunday, June 4th)

Full Event: 8:00AM-2:00PM Cookout lunch will be provided by EAA Chapter 324 and the Simsbury Airport Association.

Please sign up here if you are able to attend this event: <a href="https://www.jotform.com/223615987730161">https://www.jotform.com/223615987730161</a>

## **Profile Project**

Remember this Project? It was going strong for a while; then it petered out.

Arlene used the format at the Section dinner to good effect. Members really do want to know about each other!

Here is a link to the Interview Format Form:

https://mcusercontent.com/39b97c5a60f6f4ff93b0706bb/files/9856a7ca-fc19-6493-ebad-95927592dcd4/Profile\_Project\_Interview\_form.pdf

Please contact a sister 99 and meet up to interview each other! Let's get the Profile Project going again!

Completed profiles should be sent to jannclark99@yahoo.com for publication.



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