



New England Section 99s

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Congratulations!

A number of Section members have new achievements to celebrate!

Amelia Earhart First Wings Awards

The First Wings Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on the completion of specific training milestones. They are available only to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate (or provide evidence that they meet their country's flight training requirement), have been an official Student Pilot Member of The Ninety-Nines for at least three months prior to the application deadline, have logged five hours in the six months prior to the application deadline, and show financial need.

This Spring, two Eastern New England Chapter members won First Wings Awards. Congratulations to **Jula Lindow** and **Christy Piper**!

Julia Lindow



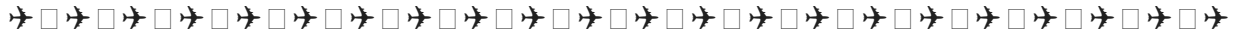
Born in Germany, I dreamed of becoming a pilot, but it seemed unachievable. Instead, I studied Geosciences, earned a PhD in Antarctic Geology, and lectured on expedition cruise ships sailing the polar regions. However, I kept looking up and the buzzing skies over my new home on Cape Cod (USA) inspired me to transform my dream into a goal. Last year, I started my private pilot training, and I am working toward becoming a professional pilot. Being part of The 99s has deeply enriched my life and aviation journey. Thank you, The Ninety-Nines, for the First Wings Award.

Christy Piper



I am an author, former professor, Navy veteran, and member of the New Hampshire Air National Guard. I work in combat crew communications in the Operations Group, working closely with the KC-46 pilots and aircrew. Joining the Guard made me realize I still want to pursue my dream of becoming a pilot. I started flight lessons last Fall. I plan to fly refueling planes with the Air Force, as active duty or Guard. My grandfather flew B-

24's during WWII for the Army Air Corps, so I'm following his footsteps. This 99s award will help give me a running start.



The Ninety-Nines Legal Counsel

Karissa Davan, Katahdin Wings Chapter, was appointed as co-legal counsel for The Ninety-Nines International with Maria Esparraguera, an Army lawyer, Vice Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section and 182 owner (as is Karissa). Karissa has stepped down as Katahdin Wings Chapter Chair and will be mentoring her successor, **Casey Raymond**. Karissa is Vice Governor of the New England Section



Hurricane Hunters

by **Eva Murray**, Katahdin Wings

On Monday, May 6, 2024, a few of the Katahdin Wings 99s members from around the state of Maine visited the Portland Jetport (PWM) to check out two of the Hurricane Hunters' aircraft: a WP-3 Orion belonging to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and a WC-130 Hercules belonging to the United States Air Force Reserve Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

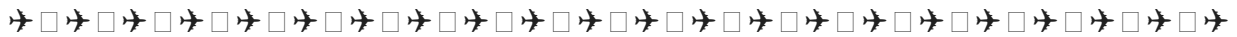




Portland was the first stop of a five-city tour of East Coast locations, where locals were invited to learn about the mission, training, experiences, and equipment of these specialized aviators. The Hurricane Hunters sit through the hardest rides and sacrifice the comfort of their own stomachs to gather data about violent storms. Their work aids in dangerous weather prediction, public safety, and preparedness.



It was a pleasure (and an inspiration) to meet Air Force Reserve Command pilot Ashley Kosturock.



Moving Right Along in My Career
by **Karen Mitchell**, Eastern New England

I'm flying the Embraer 175 for Republic Airlines. We fly all over the East Coast & Midwest for American, Delta & United. I started training in November 2023, finished at the end of January, and since my first flight in the jet on 2/2/2024, I've flown 140 hours. I'm currently based in LaGuardia but will be based in Boston starting in September. I'm loving everything about the job, and my family is adapting well to my coming & going all the time.

I completed the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative last year at the suggestion of **Lauren Lee** -thank you, Lauren! It was a wonderful experience and has been so helpful in my professional endeavors ever since starting it. I HIGHLY recommend any 99 with professional pilot aspirations sign up for PPLI ☐✈☐

I miss our Chapter & Section meetings very much and look forward to getting back to it this fall when I'll be home more. I am disappointed that I can't host Amelia's birthday party at Laconia this year and thank Lauren Lee for stepping up to hold the party in her hangar in August.



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