



Ninety-Nines

New England Section



New England Section 99s

Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots

Governor's Message

Hello, New England Section Ninety-Nines!

The 99s International Conference in Vancouver earlier this month was wonderful. Seven of us from New England attended. See us in the photos below.

It's not too early to start thinking about the **2025 International Conference in Burlington, VT**. Dates are **July 9-13, 2025**. Mark your calendars. New England 99s are the hosts, and we'd love to see many of you there. Also, we welcome any suggestions.

To introduce next year's conference at Vancouver, I read a poem, composed by CT 99 Lynn Thoma. Then we rolled out our banner - "Burlington or Bust" (with thanks to Glenna Blackwell for producing).



Poem by Lynn Thoma, Ct 99
...Burlington, VT. You are invited

You like to travel, of course you do,
It's why you take to the wild blue.
There is a place, one in fifty,
I think you'd find really quite nifty.
We've been there before,
And we'll tell you more.
It's the capital city: Burlington, Vt,
And you can explore it with us, if you want.
Delight in a flight around Lake Champlain.
Perhaps you might in a pretty Champ plane.
There's the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum,
But sofas and loveseats, you won't see 'em.
There are many other museums, too,
As only one just wouldn't do.
A fine street is Pine Street, where you can go
For restaurants and small shops, although
There's also a Church Street marketplace,
To buy fun things and stuff your face!
If scientific discovery is more your style,
Roam the Echo Leahy Center for a while.
Lake Champlain Chocolates will make you drool.
A walk by the beach will help keep you cool.

**Did you know in 1978
Ben and Jerry made ice cream great?
If you ate naughty foods and you have some guilt,
Take a bike ride around the lake trail they built.
Some would enjoy a cruise and dinner -
The view from the water is surely a winner.
As the evening winds down and you need a good laugh,
Enjoy the VT comedy club. It's a blast and a half!
Where would you keep all these new interesting facts?
When it comes to that, you can truly relax.
The world's tallest file cabinet is located here.
They will all fit in there, never you fear.
Now that you know about Burlington,
Its praises, you'll be a signing 'em!
You didn't think we could rhyme that, did you?
But we 99s, we can do anything. It's true!**



Hospitality Suite balcony overlooking Vancouver Harbor



Vancouver Harbor is a seaplane base!



Several of us took a flight over sea & mountains

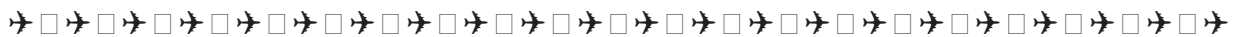


Mary Build receives her Award of Achievement



Margot Cheel, Sue Benua, Pat Theberge, Glenna Blackwell, Lori Plourd, Brenda Thibodeau, Mary Build

The banner was hung at the closing Banquet. Next time - Burlington, VT!



ALF 2024 Scholarship Winners

The “ALF GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP” was established in loving memory of Alice Lawrence Forbes at the bequest of Jim Forbes to honor his wife Alice. Jim continues to support other women who share a passion for aviation. The Ninety-Nines, and particularly the Katahdin Wings, cannot express how grateful we are to Jim for his generosity, inspiration and vision.

The first winners of the ALF Seaplane Scholarships are:

Laura Curtis

Laura is a member of the Katahdin Wings. She holds a private pilot certificate, high performance, tailwheel, and is working on her instrument rating. She is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in management. Laura was inspired by her Grandfather, who was a pilot and works with her husband in an aircraft maintenance business in Pittsfield, Maine. She is very active in the aviation community in Maine.

Alysia Larson

Alysia is a member of the Eastern New England chapter. She holds a private pilot certificate, instrument rating, and a commercial certificate. She graduated from Gordon College with a B.S. in movement science and has an M.S. in physical therapy from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She is a volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol. Alysia was first inspired by her father's interest in aviation and then re-inspired by her daughter's. Aviation has become a family affair for her family.

Kaylee Smith

Kaylee is a member of the Katahdin Wings. Kaylee has a private pilot certificate, instrument rating, commercial license, CFI and multiengine commercial rating. She has a Bachelor in Aviation Science degree from Bridgewater State University. Kaylee began flying in high school and now serves as a mission pilot in the New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol and has worked with Veteran Airlift. Kaylee works as a Flight Instructor building hours and as a line service technician working toward a first officer position.

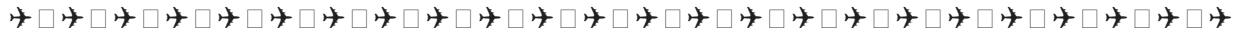
Cassandra Tatro

Cassandra is a member of the Eastern New England chapter. Cassandra has a private pilot certificate, instrument rating, and commercial license. She is a graduate of Fitchburg State University with a B.S. in business management. She works as a professional pilot and flight operations manager at KPSM, is a C310 Captain, and Hawker 900XP first officer. She was introduced to flight through the Young Eagles, where she got her private pilot certificate.

This summer these women will work with Charles Surprenant. CFII-ASEL, ASES, AGI, IGI with Central Maine Aviation in Pittsfield, Maine, to complete their seaplane training. The pilots will be given accommodation at a cabin on the lake, and their training costs and DPE fees will be paid by the scholarship.



Another edition of Squawk will be coming out within the next week, so if your news isn't here, it will likely be in the next edition. If you have anything you would like to share, reply to this e-mail or to jannclark99@yahoo.com. If anyone attended Oshkosh, we would love to have your comments and pictures!



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