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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES



Chairman: Glenna Blackwell

Vice Chairman: Linda Roberts

Secretary: Sue Auclair

Treasurer: April Krason

MARCH 2007

## REPORT ON THE

# CT Chapter Meeting Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

held at Atlantic Aviation, Brainard-Harford Airport

**Members present:** Evelyn Kropp, Kristen Niessen, Betty Phillips, Kathy Wadsworth, Sue Auclair, Glenna Blackwell, Peggy Loeffler, Kris Johnson, Leila Baroody, Linda Roberts, Peg Davidson, Heather Woiciechowski, Sharon Porven, April Krason new member Eve Marie Perugini joined us for the FAA program along with Tammy Richardson, guest

Last months minutes: The minutes from last month were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: April Krason read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

### Ways & Means – G. Blackwell

There will be no Safety Fest at Pratt & Whitney this year. The chapter made \$335 in 5 events in 2006, New Brunswick, Safety Fest, Women Take Flight, Simsbury Fly In and the Spring Section meeting. Any new ideas for Ways and Means and other venues to sell items would be appreciated.



Guest Tammy Richardson (left) and new CT member Eve Marie Perugini

### Programs/Events: Peggy Loeffler

The following is a list of upcoming dates for the chapter:

April 21 and May 19 – Girl Scout sleepover at NEAM

Volunteers are needed from 2:00-8:00p.m. Dinner will be provided.

August 25th – Poker Run sponsored by Katahdin Wings Chapter

Sept 23 – Simsbury Fly In

Sept 12-16 Int'l Conf.

Oct. (date to be determined) Girl Scout Day

Nov 4 – Women Take Flight at the museum

### Airmarking: G. Blackwell

The former chairwoman of this committee has moved so that position is open. April Krason will look into an airmarking at Bridgeport Airport, Heather Woiciechowski volunteered to be on the airmarking committee.

### Scholarship: P. Loeffler & G. Blackwell

Beth Robinson sent out the scholarship applications for 2007. The applications are due on 6/1/07 and the announcement of the winner will be on 8/1/07. Beth will be moving to Arkansas so we need another person to be committee chairwoman, Linda Roberts volunteered to be chairwoman and other committee volunteers were Peg Davidson, Kris Johnson, Leila Baroody. Peggy Loeffler made a motion to change the wording for the application. The new wording is "Be a female, holding a student or higher pilot certification and a CT resident OR if residing outside Connecticut, be sponsored by a Connecticut Chapter member."

**Membership committee:** There is no chairwoman for this committee, so if anyone has any ideas please notify Glenna.

### Old Business: April Krason

April discussed the Girl Scout Day at Danielson and a motion was made to approve the expenses for the event.

Kristen Niessen is working on the Web site for the chapter, she should have something shortly.

Peg Davidson sold necklaces left over from a prior event to benefit the scholarship fund.



April Krason, CT Chapter Treasurer



Group luncheon followed the business meeting at the Wings Restaurant

### New Business: G. Blackwell

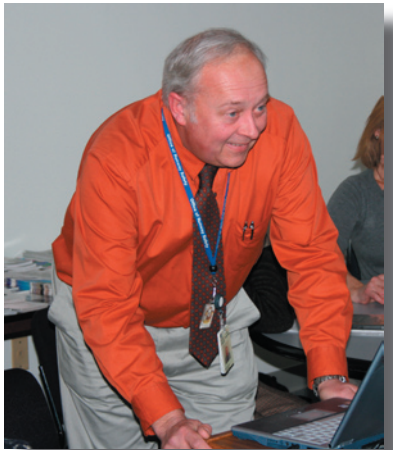
The following is the current calendar for the year:

Open cockpit Day NEAM	Feb.18th
Board of Directors	March 2 & 3
New England Aviation Expo	March 31
Chapter meeting at K. Wadsworth's house	April 15th
Girl Scout sleepover NEAM	April 21
Section meeting sponsored by CT	May 4, 5
Girl Scout sleepover NEAM	May 19
Naples Seaplane Safety Expo	May 20
Linda Roberts Farm Picnic	June 10

Air Race Classic	June 20
Poker Run	Aug 25
Int'l Conf. Boulder Colorado	Sept. 12-16
Simsbury Fly In	Sept 23
AOPA	Oct. 4, 5, &6
BOD	Nov2 & 3
Women Take Flight	Nov 4
Fall Section Meeting	Nov 9 & 10
Scholarship Dinner	Dec 2

Respectfully submitted, Sue Auclair

*Thank You*  
To Evelyn Kropp for arranging the program and guest speaker.



GUEST SPEAKER  
Jim Adams, FAA Safety Team Program Manager

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**MARCH 31** New England Aviation Expo  
Co-sponsored by Daniel Webster College and the  
FAA 8:00 AM Location: Daniel Webster College, 20  
University Drive, Nashua, NH. Visit: [www.faa.gov/  
news/conferences\\_events/aviation\\_expo](http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo)

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**SUNDAY** CT Chapter Meeting at balloonist  
**APRIL 15** Kathy Wadsworth's home in  
Farmington, CT. A Potluck Luncheon  
will begin at 12:00 noon followed by a  
brief business meeting. Our afternoon  
activities will be dependent upon the  
weather. Fly into Robertson (5 minutes from  
house), pickup available. Please RSVP Kathy at  
860-677-5930 or email: [katdelano@aol.com](mailto:katdelano@aol.com)

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**DIRECTIONS:** from the EAST (Rte. 84) at the  
intersection of Rte. 10 & Rte. 4 in Farmington take left  
on Rte. 10, Main Street. Go exactly 1 mile - take right  
at 2nd traffic light (Meadow Road), go approx. 1 mile,  
at vegetable stand bear left, go ½ mile, turn right  
on Meadow Lane. You will see a red barn and red  
house. From the WEST: Rte. 44 to Unionville, Rte. 4  
east into Farmington. Right on Rte. 10 (Main Street).  
Follow EAST directions from there.

**APRIL 21** Girl Scout Sleepover cancelled at the NEAM

**MAY 4 & 5** New England Section Meeting to be held at the Red  
Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA. Sponsored by our CT  
Chapter. Please email Glenna if able to volunteer.  
(Look for registration included in the "Squawk 99").  
Bring along your spouse and friends.

**MAY 19** Girl Scout Sleepover to be held at the New England  
Air Museum. This is an educational and fun event  
for the Girl Scouts and leaders with activities, open  
cockpits, guest speaker. Volunteers are needed  
to help through the afternoon and early evening.  
Pizza will be provided. Call Peggy Loeffler if you are  
available (860) 379-1200.

**JUNE 10** Annual picnic held at the Robert's Farm in East  
Windsor, CT. Again this year Linda & Joe have invited  
us to enjoy their wonderful farm along the CT River.  
More details to follow.

## Girl Scouts Visit Danielson Airport Saturday, January 20th



Two of our chapter members had the opportunity to host 20 Girl Scouts and chaperons at the Danielson Airport in Connecticut. It all began at 11 am with Girl Scouts from troops 5142 of Plainfield, 5135 of Sterling, 5263 of Canterbury, and 4128 of Moosup. A discussion about basic aerodynamics and lift was followed by a presentation by "Amelia" (Sarah Vertefeuille) and talk of female aviators. At this point the Ninety-Nines organization was introduced.

The group was then escorted out to get actual aircraft tours. It was here that everyone had a wonderful surprise when two National Guard Blackhawk helicopters came in for a landing! Flight planning was demonstrated and discussed and this special day ended for the girls with each receiving their own journal and having the opportunity to write down their own dreams – if you can dream it to be, you can make it happen!

Photos were abundant plus the event was covered by a local newspaper, The Norwich Bulletin!



## Thank you

to CT Chapter members April Krason and Sarah Vertefeuille for coordinating this event!

Also, thank you to the staff at the airport. They were extremely accommodating and happy to have the girls enjoy their airport.

**Think about organizing an event such as this one at your local airport! April and Sarah would be happy to give advice, helpful tips, etc.**

## New Members

Judith Marshall

Eve Marie Perugini

Savita Sharma

## NEW RATINGS:

Kris Johnson - *Instrument Rating*  
Peggy Loeffler - *Multi Engine*

SCHOLARSHIP FLYER INCLUDED -  
HANG AT YOUR AIRPORT.