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NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST CANADIAN 99S

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Ninety-Nines First Canadian Chapter



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From your vice-chairs

It is with great pleasure that we write to you on behalf of the FCC, as not only Vice-Chairs, but also as newer 99s members ourselves. Engaging in a new activity, hobby, sport, or career is something that motivates us all. And whether you joined the 99s years ago or this year, our membership in the 99s and shared desire to experience the passion of aviation connects us all. Last March, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to move to remote work/learning and strongly impacted the aviation industry. Therefore, developing and maintaining strong connections among 99s members was an important goal for us on the executive team. We feel so positive about the connections that have been made, and about all the opportunities the future holds for us and for our Chapter!

-Angela and Adair





Longer days, more pleasant weather... what's not to love about the coming of spring?!

ON THE HORIZON

**April Zoom Social: Monday,
April 19th at 7:00 pm**

Your executive is busy planning another fun Zoom event for April!

We hope you'll join us- our monthly Zooms are a great way to catch up and have some laughs!

Details and link will be provided via email.

May Fly-in: Date TBD

BIRTHDAY GIRLS

April 12: Noriko

April 20: Margareta

April 21: Betty, Madeeha

April 29: Lorraine



CRM *HOW YOU CAN HELP!*

EDUCATION Meera is taking the lead on resurrecting our Education and Outreach efforts, and she's looking for volunteers to participate in aviation presentations for schools and other groups! Please contact her at education@firstcanadian99s.com if you're interested in inspiring



kids in the local community!

EVENTS With spring coming closer and hope for Covid restrictions to improve, we're looking at forming an events team to streamline planning efforts for fly-ins and other events!

GIRLS TAKE FLIGHT Although Girls Take Flight has been pushed back to 2022, we're beginning to look for a dedicated crew to build on Lesley Page's fabulous success and to run the event in future!

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE: DONATING, SORTING, DIGITIZING Do you have any old Ninety-Nines documents, publications, or items lying around your house? We now have a storage space where we can store items like these centrally. We're also looking to put together a team of ladies knowledgeable in Ninety-Nines history who would be willing to sort through the items received. Finally, there's an opening for volunteers able to digitize old records and papers as required! **To help with Events, Girls Take Flight, or Archive, please contact Wendy Cragg at chairwendy@firstcanadian99s.com !**

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA While our own FCC social media is administered by a vibrant team of ladies, there is an opportunity for the social media-savvy to help out with Ninety-Nines International social media! Please contact Robin Hadfield at robin@firstcanadian99s.com if you're interested in getting involved!

ARRIVALS *WELCOME TO SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS*



EMMA FLANAGAN- DELLIPIZZI

“I am a flight instructor based out of CYOO working with Canadian Flight Academy / Toronto Airways. I first started flying in 2014 through the Air

Cadet Program and earned my glider and private licences while in high school. I started instructing in 2019 and have spent nearly every day working with student pilots since. I hope to one day work in the airlines - but for now, I am looking forward to connecting with others in the FCC and working with outreach!”



MELANIE GALIPEAU

“I am 17 years old and I received my PPL in November 2020. I fly out of Oshawa Airport but will be attending Queen’s University in the fall for Chemical Engineering. As a young female I most look forward to being able to network with other women that have the same passion for flying.”



Melanie, right, flying with her sister around the CN Tower!

DARLENE LITMAN

“I am working on my PPL at Genesis Flight College in Collingwood. I have always been fascinated with aviation and am now enjoying the learning, fun, and importantly meeting the varied and fascinating ladies in the 99’s. Everyone I’ve met so far has been warm, welcoming, and inspirational. It is an honour to be part of this group.”



WE ARE JUST DELIGHTED TO HAVE WELCOMED SO MANY
NEW MEMBERS THUS FAR IN 2021! OUR NEXT FLY-IN WILL
BE EXTRA SPECIAL WHEN WE CAN ALL MEET IN PERSON!

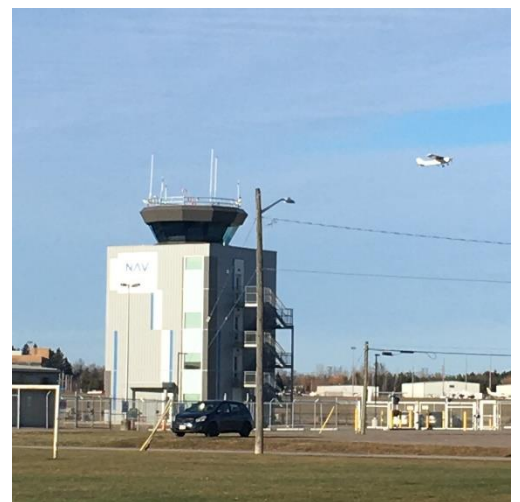
NIGHT RATING STANDARDS TO BE REVISED



Responding to critiques published in the recent Transportation Safety Board report on the 2019 Quebec crash of a Cessna 172 which killed its pilot, Transport Canada says it's working on revisions to night rating standards. While details of these amendments are expected to be published this summer, TC says that they will include changes to night VFR requirements and will see the adoption of "two levels" of night ratings.

NAV CANADA STAFF CUTS AFFECTING GENERAL AVIATION

According to information from COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association), there have been several recent instances where GA pilots have been denied entry into Canadian control zones due to reduced staff. These denials of service have been issued both in the air and via NOTAM; and while understandable for the preservation of safety, they do affect our ability as pilots to enjoy aviation in this country. COPA is asking any pilot who has been denied entry to fill out and submit the form available on their website under the *Advocacy* tab.



2019/2020 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PLAQUES PRESENTED



Meet the last two FCC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS, **RENEE SMITH** (pictured left, won 2020) and **RILEY WHITE** (pictured right, won 2019) both from Spectrum Airways, Burlington Airport. On St. Patrick's Day, Wendy Cragg and myself went to Burlington Airport to present the individual plaques to these busy gals and witness the constant take offs and landings at Burlington Airport.



Since receiving this entrance award to the 99s, RILEY has completed her Multi rating. She is currently studying for the INRAT, is almost ready for her Multi-IFR flight test, and will then be working on her Commercial license with the hopes of Instructing at Spectrum Airways.

Our latest Recipient RENEE now has her night rating, is currently working on her Multi Rating, and is hoping to get her flight test done in the next couple of weeks. After doing the INRAT, Renee plans to obtain a Commercial License and an Instructor rating. Renee was introduced to the Ninety-Nines by Riley. Both Wendy Cragg and myself witnessed how well these two gals work together and support each other in their journey.

Renee informed me that the ongoing Award of Excellence plaque is up for everyone at Spectrum Airways to see! Have a close look to observe previous winners. This award has been in existence since 1994. I took over the administration of the award in 2002.

I look forward to seeing these two gals fulfill their dreams in aviation!

-Laureen Nelson

FCC Award of Excellence Chair & ECS AE Memorial Chair

RECOGNIZING THE 2020
NORTHERN LIGHTS AERO
FOUNDATION FLIGHT
OPERATIONS AWARD RECIPIENT:
STACEY JACKSON

Contributed by Anna Pangrazzi

With over 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, Stacey has done mountainous, glider and medevac flying and captained a Dash-7 for the United Nations in the Middle East and Africa. She received an Honours Diploma in Aviation Flight Technology from Sault College, a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics, Summa Cum Laude, and a Master of Science in Aeronautics, specializing in human factors and aircraft accident investigation, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Stacey is a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) and is a current aircraft accident investigator with the Air Line Pilots Association, representing the WestJet Airlines, where she operates a B737NG. She is the Canadian representative of the International Federation of Airline Pilot's Association's Female Pilot's Working Group, focusing on issues that affect female airline pilots globally.



Photo from @aircanada on Instagram

RETRO LIVERY TAKES OFF

Air Canada recently unveiled its newest Airbus A220- painted in a unique commemorative Trans-Canada Air Lines livery! This spiffy new aircraft made its first official flight on March 22- no doubt turning some heads in the process!

MILESTONES *SEVERAL NIGHT RATINGS IN PROGRESS!*

“Although I feel absolutely spoiled with the beautiful Toronto skyline view lit up so close to me while flying out of Billy Bishop Airport, my night flying (and especially landing!) has definitely

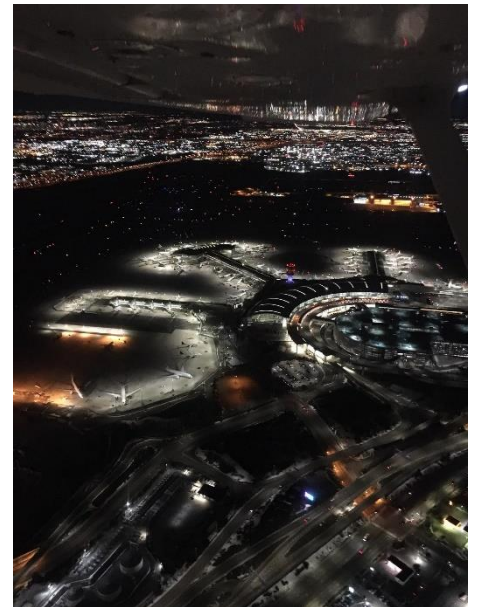


proven to be a challenge thus far. It’s startling to experience firsthand all the tricks your eyes can play on you in the dark, but pushing through all of the illusions and other obstacles that are a part of obtaining a night rating is definitely worth the newer and brighter perspective you gain as a result!”

-Margareta Vlckova

“I’ve found night flying to be very different than day flying! On the plus side, it’s easier to see the traffic and towns in southern Ontario, and I love flying under the stars on a clear night. On the downside I did struggle with flaring correctly while landing at first. It is such a different view when you’re approaching the runway and the lights are rushing by you! I can’t wait to get more practice and visit some of my favourite airports in the dark.”

-Rebecca Van Snick



“While my first night flight took me to CYOO and then past the CN Tower and all the breathtaking lights of Toronto, I’m now getting used to flying in the thick darkness around Georgian Bay. The difference is immense, and it’s still a little disconcerting to think of the obstacles that are there but unseen. I’m grateful for the healthy caution and decision-making abilities that night training is providing me!” **-Adair Jacobs**

SAFETY PILOT *SPRING FLYING/RUST REMOVER*

With “Alice the Safety Pilot”!

Before going for that first spring flight, take some time to review the POH, know your speeds, distances, and emergency procedures. Do some “chair flying” and visualize everything from approaching your plane, the walk around, start up, taxiing, all phases of flight (take off, enroute, joining the circuit at controlled and uncontrolled airports, landing) and all potential emergencies.

Twenty five percent of GA accidents occur during takeoff, and over fifty percent during the landing phase. What is that famous expression...take offs are optional, landings are mandatory? Hard landings are not uncommon; gusty winds, low level turbulence and cross winds can cause issues. Don't push your limits for your first flight, or take an instructor if you wish to challenge your skills.

Check the weather. Know the winds at both at home and destination airports. Also be aware of the upper winds for the enroute portion of your flight. Check NOTAMs and PIREPs and all required frequencies.

Do a very thorough walk around. If this is your own plane, look for critters who may have moved in over the winter. Take time to re-familiarize yourself with all parts, and ensure everything is as it should be. Don't rush.

Start Up and Run Up - Remember to take winds into consideration, check the windsocks before you apply power and your airplane starts to move.

Watch all your instruments and take your time.

Look for anything out of the normal range. The run up is complete and you want to start moving- check radios, instruments (using checklists, of course!), and start to taxi, remembering to take those winds into consideration.

Run through the emergency procedures before you apply power at the runway threshold. Having a plan before power failure halfway down the runway ensures a much better outcome than the panic of “what do I do now?”

With proper preflight planning and all safety measures in place, spring will bring lots of fun and safe opportunities to enjoy the view from the air. Hopefully the end of Covid will allow us to once again share adventures together.



AROUND THE FCC *WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?*



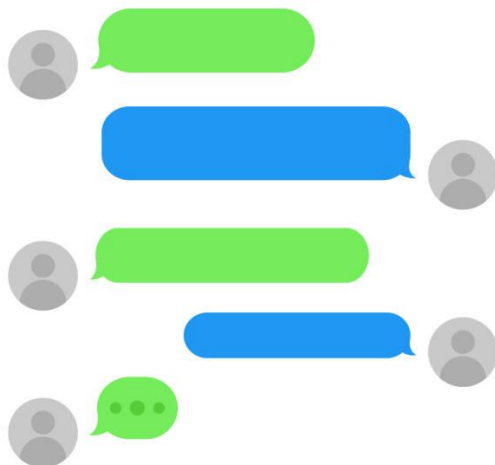
On March 25, we hosted our monthly Zoom social which was a delightful success! With a casual format of breakout rooms and discussion topics, this social was also opened to all East Canada Section members and we were thrilled to welcome ladies from the Sleeping Giant, Waterloo, Eastern Ontario, and Maple Leaf Chapters as well as one guest interested in joining the Ninety-Nines!



Great job Marilyn! It's always so exciting to see an FCC member's contributions in the international Ninety-Nines magazine; such as this wonderful writeup Marilyn did on the East Canada Section's 2020 stamp design honouring Emily Crombez!

From March 8-14, the FCC celebrated Women of Aviation Week with a wide variety of stories from current members as well as local women from years past! Special thanks to Allison Couch, Kate Hodgins, Anna Pangrazzi, Golnaz Jalilvand, and Wendy Cragg who gave us an exciting and inspirational look into how aviation factors into their everyday lives!

We also explored the lives and stories of Eileen Vollick, Vi Milstead Warren, and Dorothy Rungeling. While these women are no longer with us, we follow in their wake- and though there is still a long way to go to see women represented equally in the cockpit and at the airport, without these trailblazing women the journey would be even longer.



Last month we asked your opinions on a Chapter group chat. The results were overwhelmingly positive, so we're now excited to get a WhatsApp group chat set up! Please reach out to Wendy at chairwendy@firstcanadian99s.com to opt in to the chat. We hope to connect with many of you there!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

A LOOK BACK AT WHAT INSPIRES US

APRIL 1, 1924: The Royal Canadian Air Force officially came into being after the Canadian government accepted a royal title from King George V. Over 20,000 Canadians volunteered for the British Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service during WWI, and numerous airfields were opened on Canadian soil. After that robust wartime response, it was a fitting gesture to both recognize Canada's standing as a loyal Commonwealth member, and also to bestow some credit on what was a young, burgeoning nation swiftly finding its own identity.



APRIL 8, 1931: Amelia Earhart achieves an altitude record of 18,415 feet in a Pitcairn PCA-2



By A. E. (Ted) Hill, 1932, via Wikimedia Commons

autogyro. Less than a year earlier, in December 1930, she had also become the first female autogyro pilot in the world. While her record didn't stand for long, it does stand as a testament to her enthusiasm for aviation and her determination to achieve all that she could in the air.

APRIL 30, 1926: Tragedy; as pioneering aviator Bessie Coleman (the first African-American woman to hold a pilot's licence) is killed after falling from an aircraft. Coleman made a mark with not only her flamboyant flying but also by standing against segregation and racist thinking; and her funeral in Chicago was attended by over ten thousand mourners.



Bessie Coleman and her plane circa 1922.

Unknown author, from www.ctie.monash.edu.au

FINAL APPROACH *UNTIL NEXT MONTH...*



How delightful to see the days getting longer and warmer, and the skies outside becoming abuzz with the sounds of birds... and airplanes! Although your Executive team has decided to hold off on planning a fly-in for this month, it looks as if April will be a lively month in the FCC nonetheless! The enthusiasm of newer and older members alike has given us encouragement, hope, and motivation to work even harder to bring you all new options and opportunities. With both a social media and an education team now established, a Chapter group chat newly up and running, and the fresh energy that springtime brings to the world, there's no doubt that great things are in store! **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MAY ISSUE ARE DUE BY END OF DAY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST.** Please contact me at vicechairadair@firstcanadian99s.com with your submissions. Also, please ensure the above email has been added to your safe senders list! Happy Easter and happy Spring!

-Your co-vice-chair and editor, Adair

**“THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN
THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.”**

-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT