



## 99s: Women Pilots of Eastern New England

**Next Meeting May 11**  
**UMass Transportation Center**  
**Westover Municipal Airport**  
*Coffee 9:30, Meeting 10:00*

Hello, Aviatrices!

We have finally seen some beautiful Spring days and I hope you have been able to get in the air and enjoy them.

Meeting May 11, Coffee 9:30, Meeting 10 at Westover Municipal Airport:

We have a great meeting planned at the Umass Transportation Center [27 Lonczak Street](#) Chicopee, MA. Meeting will be 10-11, and then we will tour their Air Traffic Control Simulator and learn about their drone program from 11-12:30. Optional lunch in the area for anyone who would like to join us.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to [rachel.spates@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.spates@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer to pick up coffee or bring a snack, please let her know. We will meet at the UMASS building. You have the option to fly or drive in.

Here is a little more about the program:

**UMassAir complements and leverages the Aviation Research and Training Center at the Westover Metropolitan Airport run by the UMass Transportation Center. As a member of FAA’s northeast unmanned aircraft test site, the Aviation Research and Training Center will provide infrastructure and logistical support.**

**Congratulations to our Eastern New England Chapter for putting together a very successful Spring Section Meeting!**

**Dinner at the Museum was fun!**



**Here are most of the attendees.**





## Congratulations to the **New Section Board!**



Morgan Sullivan-Walsh, Secretary; Karissa Davan, Vice Governor; Margot Cheel, Governor; Sue Benua, Treasurer; Emily Knight, Director; Glenna Blackwell, Installing Officer

## Congratulations to **Gita Brown**. triumphant after her solo April 1st at



**1B9!**

A note from Gita: I train at Aeroventure with CFI George Charles Allen out of Mansfield, 1B9.

I am very grateful and proud of myself; working on my fear of flying has led to discovering a love of flying. Never saw this love of aviation coming but it has been a welcome surprise; a whole new chapter of life has opened up.

Thanks to all the 99's!

And congratulations to **Renna Kinsbury**, who soloed on April 8th, the day of the eclipse!



Here's an update from Renna: My first solo couldn't have been more perfect. I had the pattern at New Bedford all to myself, and the winds were nearly calm. I was honestly so scared during my first lap, but I couldn't stop thinking about how amazing flying solo was. It was so cool to see the ground getting darker each time I taxied back to runway 23 to take off. As soon as I returned to the Bridgewater ramp, my instructor handed me some eclipse glasses to look up at the sun! I was a bit down about waiting 3 weeks to solo, but I'm so grateful I waited for this unforgettable experience.


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**An invitation from CT Chapter, complete the form if you are interested in these tours:**



**Fill out our interest form with your availability ★ More information to come!**

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**During our visits, we'll explore their top-notch facilities, hear about what sets them apart as employers in the aviation industry, and learn about their unique services. More information will come at a later date!**

**Fill out the interest form now to help us plan the dates for these events!**

<https://form.jotform.com/223637032479055>



Plan to join us at these upcoming events:

**Jun 8 Chatham Open House** - Fly or Drive in for some hometown fun



**Sep 14-15 Beverly Airshow**



**Happy Flying!**

**Beth Young  
Chair ENE**