

New England Air Museum Scavenger Hunt

Women in Aviation



Find the answers to these questions (the **green** stars will give you hints) and you'll find numerous contributions women have made to aviation!

1. Which two female astronauts are featured in the Museum's lobby exhibits?

Go to the Military Hangar

2. Which military airplane is the Official Connecticut State Airplane? During World War II there were nearly 13,000 of these airplanes built--40% of them by women (sometimes called "Rosie the Riveter").

3. Find "Fifinella" on one of the walls of this hangar. She was the mascot of the Women Air Service Pilots (WASPs). Can you guess which famous cartoonist designed this character? (He also created a well-known cartoon mouse.)

Go to the Connecting Corridor between the Military Hangar and the Civil Aviation Hangar

4. When did an American woman first acquire a pilot's license?

5. Name one of the many accomplishments of Jacqueline Cochran.

Go to the Civil Aviation Hangar

6. Who was the French opera singer who flew in a hot air balloon in 1784 within a year of the Montgolfier Brothers famous first flight?

7. Who was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia?

8. Who was the first woman to attempt to fly an airplane non-stop around the world?

9. What are "The Ninety-Nines" ?

10. What kind of airplane did the first American women airmail carriers fly in 1913? (One of these sisters was the first pilot to fly at night, and the first woman to make a loop-the-loop in the air with her airplane!)

Go to the B-29 Hangar

11. Look at the pictures on the left wall. How many women are pictured helping to build B-29's? (Did you know the WASPs delivered many of these airplanes to their assigned military bases?)

***To answer these last questions, stop at one of the Museum's video kiosks and select the video "Women in Aviation."

12. Who was the first African-American female pilot? _____

13. Who won the coveted Bendix Trophy (winning a National Air Race and beating many men to the finish line) in 1936?

14. Mary Goodrich Jensen was the first woman in Connecticut to earn a pilot's license. Which famous aviator signed her pilot's license?

15. When were women pilots allowed to fly in combat? _____

When you are finished, you can get an answer sheet from the front desk.