

Women Take Flight

Presented by the New England Air Museum in collaboration with the
Ninety-Nines, CT WAI, and the CT Girls Collaborative Project

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Alphabetical list of participants: Nina Anderson (Corporate Pilot and Author), Anne Baddour (Experimental Research Pilot for MIT Lincoln Laboratory Flight Test Facility 1977-1997), Patricia L. Beckman, (US Navy Commander Ret. and Flight Officer/Boeing Flight Test Navigator), Jessica Cox (First licensed pilot without arms), Kinda Eastwood (Air Force Mechanic/Pratt & Whitney Field Service Engineer), Dorothy Freer (US Navy Ret., Sikorsky Test Pilot), Patricia Harmon (Pratt & Whitney Engineer), Heather Howley (Helicopter Pilot with Flight School), Peg Noonan (Daughter of Stewardess on VS-44 Flying Boat in 1943), Marilyn Pearson (FAA Aviation Safety Inspector and Pilot), Emma Post (One of the original *Heroic Girlz*), Tammy Richardson (Bessie Coleman Reenactor), Cindy Smith (Hot Air Balloonist), Sheila Thompson (C130 Navigator), Bonnie Tiburzi (First Woman Pilot with American Airlines), Connie Tobias (Harriet Quimby Reenactor and Airline Captain), Terry VandenDolder (Air Force and Commercial Pilot), Samantha Weeks (Former Thunderbird #5, Lead Solo), Rose Worobel (Senior Analytical Engineer at Hamilton Standard), Lucy Young (Navy Pilot and Airline Captain)

Program

- 10:00 Museum opens with guests at their stations in the Exhibit Hangars ready to meet visitors. Stations will be open 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30.
Touch Screen Program, *Women In Aviation* – (Kiosks in Exhibit Halls)
- 10:45 Reenactor Presentation – Connie Tobias as *Harriet Quimby*, the first woman to fly solo across the English Channel in 1912 (Civil Aviation Hangar)
- 11:15 Presentation of *Heroic Girlz* – Four 11-year-old girls take on the roles of four historical American heroines, including Amelia Earhart, and travel back to their 11-year-old girlhoods to discover how they became the heroic women we know today. (Conference Center)
- 12:00 Presentation by Samantha Weeks – Former Thunderbird Pilot and First Female Lead Solo (Conference Room)
- 1:00 Presentation by Jessica Cox, the inspirational 26-year-old woman born without arms who overcame her fear of flying by becoming a pilot. (Conference Center)
- 2:00 Reenactor Presentation – Tammy Richardson as *Bessie Coleman*, the world's first licensed African American pilot. (Civil Aviation Hangar)
- 2:15 Panel Discussion - *Women with Careers in Support of Aviation* (Anne Baddour, Trish Beckman, Kinda Eastwood, Marilyn Pearson, Rose Worobel) Moderated by Pat Harmon, Pratt & Whitney Engineer (Conference Center)
- 3:30 Panel Discussion - *Women in the Cockpit* (Nina Anderson, Sheila Thompson, Bonnie Tiburzi, Connie Tobias, Terry VandenDolder, Samantha Weeks, Lucy Young). Moderated by Commander Trish Beckman, USN (retired) (Conference Center)
- 5:00 Museum Closing