2020 Speaker Series

All presentations will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the museum’s conference room. Members are free and non-members are $21.00. Pre-registration is suggested. Visit our website at www.neam.org or call (860) 623-3305 to register.

Sunday March 22, 2020
“Igor I. Sikorsky: The Renaissance Man”
Presented by Igor I. Sikorsky Jr. and Nicholai Sikorsky

Born in Kiev, Imperial Russia (modern day Ukraine), Igor I. Sikorsky arrived in New York in March 1919 with little money and no American connections. A century later, his company continues to be one of the world’s leading aerospace corporations. Join his sons Igor and Nicholai Sikorsky as they share personal insights into their father’s incredible career, from his early days in Russia to his greatest achievement, the modern helicopter.

Sunday May 3, 2020
“The D-Day Squadron”
Presented by Eric Zipkin, Coordinator, D-Day Squadron

In 2019, the D-Day Squadron commemorated the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Starting in Oxford, CT they flew across the Atlantic Ocean to England, joining European aircraft to fly across the English Channel and drop over 200 paratroopers in the original D-Day drop zones. The Squadron concluded their journey in Berlin, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift with the original Candy Bomber, Col. Gail Halvorsen.

Sunday July 19, 2020
“Bradley International Airport: 70 Years of Historic Highlights”
Presented by Robert Bell

The second busiest airport in New England serves over 7 million travelers a year. It started as tobacco fields, developed into a military airbase, and then transitioned into a commercial airfield. Learn how Bradley International Airport evolved and see what it looked like along the way while considering its future. Rare photographs and historic data will be part of this exploration.

Sunday October 4, 2020
“The Connecticut Airport Authority”
Presented by Kevin Dillon, Executive Director of Connecticut Airport Authority

Join Kevin Dillon, Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, for an informative presentation on the CAA, its recent developments and accomplishments, as well as its future plans.