



FAA Rep Jim Adams presents Evelyn with Award Pins



ENE Member Georgia Pappas congratulates Evelyn



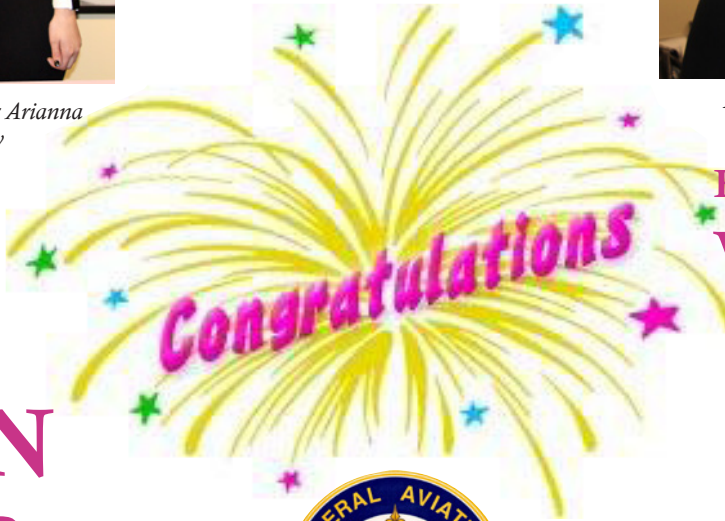
FAA Rep Jim Adams presents Evelyn with a plaque



Laurie Strand (left) and her daughter Arianna celebrate Evelyn's special day



Nancy Ramseyer (left) and Constance Castillo



CT Chapter  
Member

# EVELYN KROPP

50 Years of Flying



Evelyn was awarded the  
**Wright Brothers  
Master Pilot  
Award**

at a ceremony on  
Sunday, April 23, 2017  
held at the  
**Hartford-Brainard Airport**  
Feb. 4, 1967 to Feb. 4, 2017

Photos by Glenna Blackwell



CT Chapter Chairman Nina Anderson with member Mary McDonald



Governor Glenna Blackwell presents Evelyn with a plant from the 99s



Mary McDonald and Evelyn have flown together for years

# WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD

## Evelyn Kropp



### Flying History:

In 1967 I learned to fly, IFR 1968, commercial and multi 1969, then CFI and CFII.

After these ratings I started air racing. My first race was the Angel Derby (All Women's International Air Race), in 1972 flying Solo from Ottawa, Canada to Fort Lauderdale, FL.

In 1973 I flew my first Powder Puff Derby, flying Solo from Carlsbad, CA to Elmira, NY (when I was flying out to Carlsbad, it was a challenge to get fuel, that was the year of the fuel crisis).

The following years I flew several Angel Derbies ( 2 all through Mexico and several to the Bahamas). In 1976 I flew both the Angel Derby (Solo) from Quebec, Canada to Ft. Lauderdale and the Powder Puff Derby from Sacramento, CA to Wilmington, Delaware. Jean Batchelder was my copilot, we came in 11th place out of 200 airplanes, this was the last Powder Puff Derby which was replaced by the Air Race Classic. I flew several of the ARCs, 1980 Solo from Corpus Christi, Texas to Columbia, SC. Today a copilot is required.

Besides these long x-c speed races I flew numerous Proficiency races (to "meet" the predicted fuel consumption and speed) in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, New Jersey and New England, acquiring quite a few trophies and awards on quite a few of them. I also flew the Great Southern Air Race, mostly to the Bahamas. In most races I flew my Arrow, my beloved "Romeo". The first time I saw the Rocky Mountains and most of the US was in my airplane.

After my husband died in 1980 I took a flying job. I flew charters and instructed at the Waterford-New London Airport, was Assistant Chief Flight Instructor for a Part 141 School, X-C Aviation at Brainard Airport until they closed. I also flew as Copilot (on demand) in a Citation out of Westchester Airport, New York.

In 1977, I was appointed FAA Accident Prevention Counselor and held that position for over 30 years.

When the 99s had their International Conference in Boston in 1981, I was in charge of arranging and organizing all the educational and safety programs, working with the FAA. Over the years I held many safety programs for the 99s for the Wings Program.

I was inducted in the Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, received "Woman of the Year Award" from the New England Section 99s, and received an Amelia Earhart Scholarship for my multi engine CFI from the 99s.