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## Congratulations, Jeludy Camacho!!!!

Our very own Keystone 99er, Jeludy Camacho, was just very recently awarded the Fly Now Scholarship on May 3, 2017! Jeludy is an aviation student at Lehigh Carbon Community College and is working on her private pilot license. She also serves with the Pennsylvania National Guard, and works at a local bank. Her goal is to be an airline pilot, and with all her hard work so far, she is sure to make it.

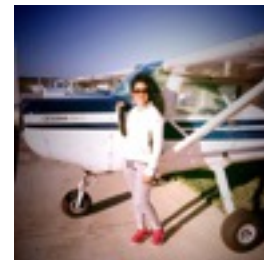


Congratulations, Jeludy!



*"Thank you so much words can't express how blessed I feel right now. I can't wait to finish my private so much to do! I'm extremely grateful I got chosen and I'm looking forward to prevailing in aviation along the side of the 99s. You guys have really helped me in a tremendous way, not only my life but others as well. I am*

*confident that now I have a fighting chance to make it and can't sit still thinking of how far I'll get with the 99's by my side. I won't let you guys down."*~Jeludy Camcho



## Member Spotlight ~~ Angela Leedy



We are so lucky to have such a great group of female aviators in the Keystone 99s and we have a new member who is a super passionate ball of aviation fury! Angela Leedy has an amazing story. She flew her plane, the Cubcrafters Top Cub, to the 43rd Annual Sun n Fun 2017 where she was interviewed with the Florida Aviation Network (FAN). She talked about her amazing journey as an aviator and a group she created called The Hive.

During her interview with FAN, she was asked what brought her to aviation. Unlike many women in aviation who come to flying through family relationships and like-interests, Angela, with no background or exposure of any kind in aviation, simply wanted to overcome a fear of flying; an “extreme fear”, she emphasized in her interview. So she arranged to fly with a friend who owned a “super safe” plane and she conquered her fear of flying in a Super Cub. After that, she decided to continue flying and sought instruction at Aeroflex-Andover Airport, (12N), Andover, New Jersey.



She flew with one of the best Tailwheel Instructors in the country, Mr. Damian DelGaizo, from Andover Flight Academy, and her instruction was in a Piper J3 Cub.

*“He has been the most positive influence in all my training so far. He somehow manages to work through all my difficulties applying analogies so fitted to my personality that I am amazed at every flight we endeavor. Only a genuine caring instructor could pull that off. I am looking into buying his Top Cub which I hope to happen very soon as I also want to do my check ride in the Cub.”*

Since then, Angela bought her first airplane, the Cubcrafters Top Cub, which is a solid 180 horsepower with a climb prop and big tires!



Aircraft that Angela has had the wonderful opportunity to fly since the Super Cub include a Stearman and a B-25! Now that alone makes her my hero!

When asked about how she started the network group, The Hive, Angela explained that she was at a Fly Out and met a woman who told her about another Fly Out in Georgia. This gave her the idea of connecting aviators (women and men) by giving them a central location to share and post aviation events nationwide.

<https://www.meetup.com/The-Aviation-Hive/>

Currently 175 members strong and growing, Angela signs each member up as an event organizer so that they may be encouraged to post and share events. She even goes so far as to hold monthly contests where she asks for sponsors! One such event was a free ride in a B25 and another a free ride in a Stearman! Whoever posted the most events in a single month won these flights! Another contest was simply the 100th member contest. The 100th member received a prize! So if you haven't yet signed up at The Hive, please be sure to do so:

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When asked in her interview with FAN about how, as a New Jersey resident with seasonal weather concerns, how does she maintain her sharp pilot skills? "I fly all year round and flew 130 hours last year!" She added that not only is it important that she keep her own skills sharp, it is also very important to keep the engine running properly. She is always planning a flight somewhere and The Hive keeps her planning.

When asked about her thoughts about Women in Aviation, she replied, "*Fly with me*" and encourages young women to fly with her. She invites anyone interested to fly with her when she has an empty seat in her Top Cub! She is passionate about encouraging and inspiring confidence in women of all ages. Angela even goes as far to put her phone number out there and invites anyone to call her with questions, direction and encouragement!



*"If you'd like to know more about it, please call me anytime at 908 342-4946."*

What's next for Angela? She is currently working on her Aviation Maintenance Professional (AMP) and has a goal to land in every state! She eventually wants to head out west, Idaho to be precise, to learn bush/mountain/backcountry flying. Her goal is to fly Alaska next year with a fellow female aviator friend!

Angela Leedy, a woman of style and spunk, wearing furs and heels, who says, "anything men can do, we can do better in heels!"

It is amazing to me that she started with no exposure and with an extreme fear of flying but with the desire to conquer her fear, found passion in the challenge and accomplishment! The skies hold no limit for Angela Leedy!

After Sun n Fun, Angela continued flying south in her Top Cub and spent a few days in Key West.

Here is a link to the Florida Aviation Network (FAN) interview at Sun n Fun:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9KX6eCggDY>

Angela Leedy and Nancy McCurry flew Angela's 2005 Cubcrafters Top Cub to Cape May, NJ on February 18 – a perfect flight on a perfect day!



## EAA

Maribeth Dunlap attended her local EAA Chapter 1327 meeting Thursday, May 4, at University Park Airport, State College, PA. Member Jerry Gross gave a very interesting presentation on model aircraft design. Some of these models can go up to and over one hour of continuous flight. There are competitions all over the world. Check out the Academy of Model Aeronautics website: <http://www.modelaircraft.org> It would be interesting and fun to attend one of these events.





## Upcoming Events and Planning

*We have four regular meetings - one each quarter. We then plan to fill in with other trips and events as wanted.*

### FLY OUTS

**Angela Leedy** owns a Super Cub and organizes Fly Outs all the time and she often has an empty seat in her Super Cub and is willing to take someone. (All hands fly up - LOL!) Angela and her Super Cub are based in Pittstown, NJ. Go to [www.meetup.com/The-Aviation-Hive](http://www.meetup.com/The-Aviation-Hive) to see some of the upcoming Fly Outs that Angela is organizing.

### AIRSHOWS AND OTHER 99s EVENTS

**May 6 & 7** - 99's Eastern Pa Chapter \* **Pennies A Pound \* Flights**, Pottstown Airfield, HERITAGE Airfield. Everyone gets an Airplane Ride! Pay a penny for every pound you weigh!

**May 13** - "**GIRLS In AVIATION**" at BRADENS Airport, Easton, PA. 99s Keystone Chapter partnering with EAA70 - Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 70 will be teaching and presenting "Aviation" to girls and Girl Scouts culminating in a free airplane ride given by EAA70.

**June 20 - 23** - **Air Race Classic (ARC) 2017!** Starts in Frederick, MD (KFDK) to terminus Santa Fe, NM (KSAF) after traveling thru 8 states! This is the only "All Woman's Air Race"!

**June 3** - \*A Gathering Of Warbirds\*, Reading Airport - KRDG.

**July** - **99s INTERNATIONAL Meeting** - San Antonio, Texas. Angela Leedy is flying down to Texas for the meeting in her 2 seater 'Top Cub'!

**July 12** - **K99s Wednesday Dinner and Swim Meeting** at Nancy McCurry's House in Quakertown, PA.

**July 24- 30** - **EAA Airventure**, Oshkosh, WI.

**July 29 - 30** - New Jersey Balloon Festival, Solberg Airport, NJ.

**August 12-13** - **Wilkes Barre/Scranton Airport Airshow (AVOCA)** is having an airshow after a 17 year absence. Considering a Keystone 99 presence.

**August 23 - Wednesday** - Atlantic City Airshow, \*Thunder Over the Boardwalk\* FREE Airshow with the ThunderBirds and the Golden Knights, Atlantic City, NJ.

**August 26 - Fly In/Drive In Movie Night** at Bradens Airport, Easton, PA. Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) is sponsoring an overnight/campout Saturday night. Come and sleep under the stars! FLY IN / Drive In "MOVIE NIGHT" BRADENS Airport, Easton, PA AUGUST 26, 2017 - Saturday night.

**September 13-17** - **Reno Air Races**

**November?** - **Bus Museum Trip** being organized to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum and the UDVAR-HAZY Museum in Fairfax, Virginia, next to Washington Dulles International Airport.