

PGV MONTHLY

APRIL 2025

in memory of

DR. AND MRS. BOWMAN

Pitt-Greenville Airport would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Mark Bowman and his Wife Robin Bowman who have been affected by the tragic accident on March 14, 2025.

Dr. Bowman was a generous man who would use his aircraft for charity opportunities to help those in need.

The aviation family and community will continue to remember the countless impression they had on everyone.

The PGV airport community will miss them dearly.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GROW LOCAL



TRIENNIAL



APRIL 7

Grow Local is a no-cost/educator initiative designed to introduce, involve, inspire, and invest in the future of our community and workforce. It is designed to create career interests, grow the talent pipeline, and connect with local businesses to future employees. During Grow Local Week, Pitt County businesses open their doors to host local middle and high school students, providing them with a unique opportunity to identify career paths and opportunities they may be unaware of.

Students are given tours of local businesses, conversations with business leaders, hands-on activities, and a first-hand experience at a day in the life of an employee in a field relevant to curriculum they are studying.




APRIL 12

The Triennial Full-Scale Emergency Exercise has been rescheduled for April 12, 2025. Volunteers are asked to contact Kelly Ingram at kelly.ingram@pittcountync.gov or (252) 902 - 2046 regarding availability on April 12th. We apologize for any inconvenience to first responders and volunteers.

WOMEN'S AVIATION INTERNATIONAL

There are more than 20,000 members in 120 countries, with WAI proud to become the largest nonprofit organization that envisions a world where the sky is the limit for everyone and where aviation and aerospace dreams are possible without obstacles.

PGV is proud to have one of their members, Elizabeth Duncan, to be a part of the organization!



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UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

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CELEBRATING OUR AVIATION CONTRIBUTORS



Janet Harmon Bragg

THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO OBTAIN
A COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE

Janet Harmon Bragg not only struggled to become a pilot as a woman, but also due to her race. She was the only woman in her class at the Aeronautical University in Chicago. During World War II, she attempted to become a WASP but was rejected due to her race. She later enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and passed the exams, but was also denied a license.

Bragg returned to Chicago and retook the exams, then became the first black woman to obtain a commercial pilot license. Janet Bragg is one of many women who demonstrated that persistence is the key to realizing your dreams.

World Pilot's Day

APRIL 26

In 1912, a young Turkish pilot named Fesa Evrensev took flight for the first time. He flew several missions during the 1912 – 1913 First Balkan War and became the first president of the Turkish national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines.

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations (IFALPA) created World Pilots Day to commemorate Fesa's first flight and celebrate pilots as a whole.



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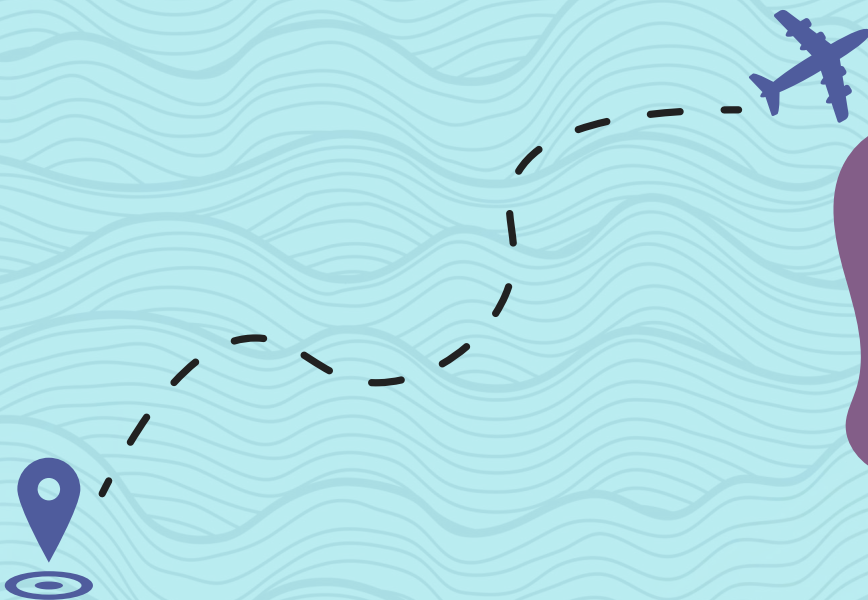
Kimberly Anyadike

THE YOUNGEST BLACK WOMAN TO
COMPLETE A TRANSCONTINENTAL
FLIGHT ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

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In honor International Women's Day, we are honoring our women in aviation by acknowledging their bravery, achievements, and integrity to fly. Kimberly Anyadike is a major role model for those who strive to fly in the sky. Born in 1994, she is the youngest African American female pilot to solo across the United States at just the age of 15! From Compton, California to Newport News, Virginia in her single engine Cessna 172, she was accompanied by an adult safety pilot and a retired Tuskegee Air Force pilot. Departing on June 30th, 2009 she accomplished the flight in just 13 days and upon her arrival back home on July 11th, she received an award from the county of Los Angeles, and in 2015 was awarded the first Young Aviator's award from the Tuskegee Airmen. To add to her accolades the then-Mayor, Omar Neal declared July 2nd "Kimberly Anyadike Day". In 2018 she was invited to speak at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event in Covina Civic center with her main message to the youth being, "go after your dreams regardless of race."



**"Man must rise above the Earth
— to the top of the atmosphere
and beyond— for only thus will
he fully understand the world
in which he lives."**

— Socrates, From
*Plato's Dialogue,
Phaedo, c. 360BC*

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Growth in Canadian Women Pilots

A BRIGHTER, MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE

In 2023, Canadian women reached a significant milestone in aviation, representing 12% of the 6,354 pilot licenses issued by Transport Canada. This marks a 58% increase since 2010, signaling a shift towards more diversity in the aviation industry. Of those licenses, more than half were for recreational flying, with 65% of new private pilot licenses granted to individuals aged 20 to 39—underscoring the growing participation of younger generations in aviation.

This progress is particularly inspiring when we look back at pioneering women in the field. Eileen Vollick made history as the first Canadian woman to earn a pilot's license in 1928, and in 1973, Rosella Bjornson became the first female pilot hired by a Canadian airline. Fast forward to 2023, and women earned 13% of new recreational licenses, 12.3% of Commercial pilot licenses, and 8.1% of Airline Transport pilot licenses, illustrating the increasing role of women in all areas of aviation.

The commercial aviation sector has seen impressive growth as well, with 334 women obtaining Commercial or Airline Transport pilot licenses last year. This marks a remarkable jump from 197 just 15 years ago, coinciding with the launch of iWOAW's Fly It Forward® Challenge. This initiative has helped introduce nearly 73,000 Canadian girls to aviation and facilitated over 22,000 first-flight experiences for women and girls.

As iWOAW celebrates the 15th anniversary of Fly It Forward®, we encourage aviation professionals and enthusiasts to keep up the momentum. During Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (March 4-10), we challenge you to introduce at least 15 women or girls to the career possibilities within aviation. By doing so, you'll be part of shaping the future of the industry and inspiring the next generation of female pilots.

Looking Ahead:

At the end of March, iWOAW will announce the winners of its global Fly It Forward® awards, recognizing the outstanding efforts of airports, communities, corporations, and event organizers who are working to empower women in aviation. We are excited to celebrate their contributions and continue pushing for greater diversity in the skies.



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Elizabeth Duncan

THE NEXT GENERATION PILOT

Our aviation story of the month introduces our very own intern, Elizabeth Duncan, a 21-year-old senior at East Carolina University. Elizabeth first started her aviation journey early on and found a love for it immediately. Due to her parents working in aviation, she was always around aircraft. At the age of 16, she took her discovery flight with an American Airlines Captain, Mark Harper, and quickly realized her love for flying was more than sitting in a passenger seat on a jet. She started taking flight lessons and progressed before going to college for her freshman year. After some setbacks, she soloed in July of 2021. While in college, flying was unfortunately put on hold, but she resumed lessons the fall of her junior year. Elizabeth received her Private Pilot's License on August 23, 2024, and is currently working on her instrument rating!

Wilbur Wright Day

APRIL 16

The eldest of the Wright Brothers, Wilbur Wright, was born on April 16, 1867. He was in charge of the business and legal matters of the Wright Company. His love for aeronautics was passed onto his younger brother, Orville, who continued the legacy after Wilbur's death from typhoid fever in 1912.

While Wright Brother's Day is celebrated December 17 to commemorate the first flight, Wilbur Wright's birthday on April 16 is to acknowledge his ingenuity.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE IN APRIL!

This Month's Holidays

April Fool's Day	APRIL 1
Wilbur Wright Day	APRIL 16
Good Friday	APRIL 18
Easter	APRIL 20
Earth Day	APRIL 22
World Pilot's Day	APRIL 26

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