

2019 BWPA Award Winners

Jackie Moggridge Cup

This trophy is awarded to a British Woman Pilot for achieving excellent qualifications in her chosen career.

RECIPIENT: Samantha 'C'

Samantha has demonstrated both patience and resilience in pursuing her ambition to fly commercially. In 2017 Samantha received the BWPA CATS ATPL scholarship. Since then she has worked steadily towards her goal of becoming a commercial pilot via the modular route. During this time she has sent regular updates of her progress and contributed to the BWPA newsletter to inspire and encourage others. She has now completed her MCC/JOC ahead of starting her type rating in mid-December after which she will finally become officially employed by easyJet under the Amy Johnson scheme.

Muriel Sells Trophy

This award is made to a BWPA member who has supported the Association either by regularly attending events or by working in the background to further the association's aims

RECIPIENT: Amy Chau

Amy is the facilitator for the Essex BWPA regional group. She is popular and well-regarded in this role and it is difficult to think of Essex without Amy, encouraging women pilots to get involved in the fun of flying. Despite her demanding and busy work life, Amy has worked off-Committee since 2013 when the website was relaunched. Throughout the last six years she has updated the website and dealt with the increasing email traffic arriving for committee members. She has also been involved with the development of the replacement website.

BWPA Special Recognition Award

To be awarded in recognition of active support of women in aviation.

RECIPIENTS: Sharlene Benn and Ruth Bridges

In 2018 Sharlene and Ruth successfully flew a heart-shaped route over the UK in one day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Save the Children charity and to inspire children to follow their dreams. Ruth, a businesswoman, wanted children to know that age was no barrier and Sharlene, a flying instructor, wanted to get more girls interested in aviation. At each fuel stop they visited children and gave a talk about their challenge. They also visited a group of adults with learning disabilities and showed them their plane.

Hilda Hewlett Trophy

Presented to a British woman pilot between the ages of 16 and 25, who has shown initiative and commitment in gaining her PPL (with a view to following a career in aviation) and who, through her actions and her example, is an inspiration to her peer group.

RECIPIENT: Ellie Carter

Ellie is currently studying for her A levels and has wanted to be a pilot since a very young age. At 14 years old she went solo in a glider, and in 2018 went solo in a powered aircraft, three days after her 16th birthday. She passed her PPL skill test in October 2019, having trained at Devon and Somerset Flight Training Dunkeswell, but has had to wait until her 17th birthday in late November to apply for her licence.

Jean Lennox Bird Pendant

This award is made to a British woman pilot who has served aviation over a period of time in any aspect, consistently achieving goals, showing diligence to duties and encouragement to others.

RECIPIENT: Emily Collett, posthumously

Emily lost her life in a flying accident in August of 2019. Emily epitomised the BWPA's work in raising awareness regarding women in aviation and was an excellent role model to future female pilots.

She was a talented pilot and in 2016 received the Brabazon Cup for her achievements as a UK aerobatic champion. She was focussed on her aims, but always ready to support others. Emily had an ever-ready smile and willingness help if she could, actively supporting the BWPA and providing a stunning aerobatic display at our Diamond celebrations in 2015. In 2016 Emily received a BWPA scholarship towards her Instructor Rating in order to be able to pass on her passion for flying.

Emily's husband Mike is adamant that Emily's commitment to provide the BWPA Taster Flights will take place in 2020, as he knows that Emily would have wished this.

We are delighted that Emily's parents were able to attend to accept this award.

Faith Bennett Navigation Cup

This trophy is awarded to a British Woman Pilot for a navigation exercise undertaken during the current year of special merit or that stretches the experience of the pilot to the limits, reaching goals beyond the pilot's expectations. It can be given to regions for group flights/achievements.

RECIPIENT: Tessa Morris-Paterson

Tessa achieved her PPL in 2018 and, with 10 hours PIC and 58 hours total, set out to break a Guinness World Record for 'Fastest time to fly a plane in all 48 US states'. Joined by her wife Morag, who took on navigation duties, they set off from New York. After just one day, Tessa made a PAN call and forced landing at an international airport, owing to a muffler blow out. The next day was more successful with 11 States flown in 24 hours; however, Hurricane Dorian forced them to reconsider their plans to reach Florida. A change of route brought no further luck with a stuck valve and cylinder replaced in Missouri. Finally reaching Florida and 26 States down, the smell of burning resulted in another PAN call and an end to the adventure. Despite obvious disappointment, £1800 was raised for UK based charity Wings for Warriors, and Tessa achieved 50 hours PIC.

Naomi Christy Cup

This trophy is awarded for a flying or flying related personal achievement, beyond the recipient's wildest dreams. This award is not aimed at the 'record breaker' or 'high achievers' but is awarded for an achievement 'special' to the individual.

RECIPIENT: Lucie Harrison

Since gaining her PPL at Stapleford Flight Centre in 2011, Lucie has continued to challenge herself by flying to various airfields and so stretching her flying and navigation skills. Having carefully researched UK and European airfields she has now succeeded in flying to 117 different airfields.

Chairwoman's Challenge Trophy

Awarded to the competition entry judged to be the most interesting or unusual navigation flight on the theme of '1918 vs 2018'. The competition is judged on the basis of flight logs, photographs, accuracy of times and other supporting material submitted by entrants. The judges also take into account the experience of the pilots. (No citation written in the book)

RECIPIENT: Not Awarded

Jack Brackenbury Photographic Competition

This trophy was first awarded in 2004 in memory of Jack and to encourage members to record our events as he used to. Entries may include photos sent in for the newsletter and website as well as the archives and the competition itself. (No citation written in the book)

RECIPIENT: Not awarded

Brabazon Cup

This cup was presented to the BWPA by Lord Brabazon of Tara in 1959. It is awarded for one particularly outstanding or noteworthy performance in aviation.

RECIPIENT: Not Awarded

OP Jones Gliding Trophy

Awarded to a British Woman Pilot for an achievement or special contribution to gliding, hang gliding or paragliding.

RECIPIENT: Not Awarded