



*Attendees at a 2023 Black History Month program at the Aviation Museum of N.H.*



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**2024**

**EXPLORING AVIATION**

**PRESENTATION SERIES**

Calendar + Sponsorship / Underwriting Guide

**AVIATION MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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## 'EXPLORING AVIATION' PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**About the series:** The Aviation Museum's Exploring Aviation presentation series offers a year-long schedule of cultural, historical and informational programs, all connected with some aspect of flight. Our aim is to engage the public and further an understanding of the role that aviation plays in our lives.

**What's coming up?** Planned topics for 2024 range from author book-signings to a hike to a crash site in the White Mountains. The lectures, presentations, and film screenings support the museum and its mission to inspire a broad audience about all aspects of flight, aviation, and aerospace through a humanities lens.

**More lectures:** When possible, presentations are recorded on video, to be made available on the Aviation Museum's website at a later day. Also, presentations developed by staff/volunteers of the Aviation Museum may be taken "on the road" to outside groups such as local libraries or historical societies. For more information, contact Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4820, ext. 402.



*January 2024: Capt. Ken Perkins recalls viewing the Hindenburg pass overhead in 1937, while he was growing up in Connecticut, and then a later-in-life encounter in 1974 with an ailing Charles Lindbergh.*

# 2024 EXPLORING AVIATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Events and programming subject to change. Please check [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) to confirm.

**Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**MEET LINDBERGH'S PILOT** In the spring of 1974, an ailing Charles Lindbergh made his final flight to Hawaii, where soon afterwards he died. Now, 50 years later, meet one of the pilots of that flight: Ken Perkins of Hampton, N.H.

**Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**'THE FLYING ACE' BLACK HISTORY**

**PROGRAM** To mark Black History month, join us for 'The Flying Ace' (1926), a rare surviving aviation-themed feature film produced for segregated Black-only theaters in the U.S. in the 1920s. Named to the National Film Registry in 2021. Shown with live music by silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis.

**Thursday, March 14, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**WOMEN AND THE NIGHT SKY** We mark

'Women in Aviation History Month' with a visit from Jenny Powers, director of science at the Springfield (Mass.) Science Museum. Powers, an expert in the field of astronomy for small museums, will relate the many important contributions made by women in history to a better understanding of the skies above us.

**Thursday, April 4, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**FOR EARTH DAY: 'TURTLES FLY, TOO'**

Local pilot David Dinneen volunteers his time to help relocate (by air!) misguided sea turtles that find themselves in the relatively chilly waters of New England, where they cannot survive. Learn all about 'Turtles Fly Too!,' a group whose mission is to facilitate the use of general aviation to transport endangered species and to promote conservation through education and outreach.

**Thursday, May 9, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**'ASK THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR'**

**UPDATE** Ted Kitchens, aviation director at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, highlights recent trends and developments at the airport, home of the Aviation Museum and a key economic engine for southern New Hampshire.

**Friday, July 26 & Saturday, July 27, 2024**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**NORTHEAST AIRLINES FLIGHT 792** Join

us for a two-day program about a legendary crash that happened 70 years ago in New Hampshire's White Mountains, including a hike to the crash site near the summit of Mt. Success, just east of Berlin, N.H. on the Maine border, where wreckage still remains.

Reservations required; all participants must be experienced and equipped hikers capable of 10-mile day-hike over rough terrain.

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**TENTATIVE: AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING**

Join us for a program exploring the impact of aviation on our lives.

**Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**TENTATIVE: UFOs IN N.H.**

Join us for a program exploring the impact of aviation on our lives.

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024: 7 p.m.**

'Exploring Aviation' Presentation Series

**TENTATIVE: VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**

Join us for a program exploring the impact of aviation on our lives.

## SPONSORSHIP INFO

Due to the variety of thought-provoking topics, the Aviation Museum's 'Exploring Aviation' presentations often received media coverage and attracts a dedicated audience. The series provides an opportunity for businesses or individuals to be associated with a unique public program and demonstrate commitment to enhancing the region's quality of life. We welcome sponsorship inquiries about underwriting this series.

Sponsorships start at \$1,000 annually. Proceeds from underwriting will be used to continue to develop the series. For more information about the Aviation Museum's 'Exploring Aviation' presentation series, contact: **Jeff Rapsis**, executive director, at (603) 669-4820, ext. 402 / [jrapsis@nhahs.org](mailto:jrapsis@nhahs.org)



*Keith O'Brien, author of 'Fly Girls,' speaks at the Aviation Museum in March 2022.*



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