



Monday November 17, 2025 at 7:00

The History of Aviation in NH

Presented by: Nathaniel McDonald

From Nathaniel - my talk will be about the technologies and innovations that were used in WWI. Aviation developed rapidly after the Wright Brothers made their first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, and by presenting some of these pieces, we can gain an appreciation of the innovation, and risks, these pilots took. Several New Hampshire natives, including Wylie Apte Sr. and Robert Fogg Sr., flew for the fledgling US Air Corps in WWI. And after the war, Robert Fogg became the first New Hampshire resident to privately own an aircraft, a Canadian Curtiss "Jenny". My talk will cover the functions of different parts of the aircraft, such as the rotary engine, how the wings were covered, and how brave aviators like Apte and Fogg were expected to engage in combat and reconnaissance with these machines made mostly of wood and linen! It is my hope that by sharing some of these pieces, we can appreciate the risks these men took, before they brought aviation back to New Hampshire in the form of plane rides and barnstorming!



Celebrating Flight!

Nathaniel MacDonald has worked with the Durham Light Infantry Museum in the UK, the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York, and the American Heritage Museum in Massachusetts. With over a decade of airshow and plane restoration experience supporting me, he enjoys performing repair work and maintenance on these machines, so that they may take to the sky again, transporting us back to that Golden Age of Aviation.

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