

## 2020-0814 – 7PM – **My Gyroplane Journey** – by Sue Benua – with Q&A



Sue started flying shortly after graduating from college. She found herself working in a building just off the approach end of Danbury runway 26, and couldn't ignore all the planes going by all day. She soon became one of the students and obtained her PPSEL.

As life often does, other priorities can overtake

the flying time if it isn't your primary job, and what followed were several decades of getting current, BFR, and flying for a few months before lapsing again.

In 2018 Sue started again, and quickly became frustrated with trying to coordinate rentals, instructors, her schedule, and the weather. Deciding to eliminate one of the variables, she began looking at purchasing an airplane. Nothing immediately captured her interest, but she began to see more and more articles and ads for gyroplanes and decided to find out more.



Sue's first gyro flight confirmed that this would be fun, and confirmed that, here in New England, a closed cockpit and heat would be required. That narrowed down the field, and she decided to try a week of training in the AutoGyro Cavalon. A week led to more, her Sport Rotorcraft Gyroplane rating, and the purchase of her own which now is happily tucked into its garage hanger at Minute Man Air Field.

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