

TO THE NANTUCKET COMMUNITY:

On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the Nantucket Flying Association (NFA), I'd like to express our pleasure at the outstanding turnout on Thursday, January 24th, at the Dreamland Theater, for the Nantucket premier of Tristan Loraine's aviation documentary, "Shady Lady." Over 80 people, both adults and children, braved the cold weather to not only enjoy a look back at a little-known World War II story, but also to learn about NFA's future plans, including the upcoming Aviation Camp, June 24th June 28th, with details to be on NFA's website on March 1st.

NFA, a non-profit committed to the island's residents, hopes to be the voice of aviation on Nantucket, with a "soon-to-be announced" schedule of well-known speakers and programs – varied, informative and appropriate for young and old alike.

I particularly would like to thank the NFA's Board Members for their support: Carl England, Steven Drabkin, Bob Egan and Bill McGrath – our well-functioning team, just like one sees in a flight squadron. Thanks also to Sikorsky Global Helicopters for donating, to the prize drawing, R/C helicopters which will certainly be enjoyed by the winners. And, many thanks to some special guests: a longtime Nantucketer who was part of a UK-based group that worked on B-24's during WWII and the editor of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA's) newsletter, Steve Schapiro, who will be writing a feature article about NFA for an upcoming issue.

NFA looks forward to involving many interested island residents in our various activities. We encourage everyone to view our website and see pictures of the event: www.ackfly.org; to "like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/nantucketflyingassociation and to contact us with questions and offers of assistance via e-mail: ackfly@gmail.com or by phone: 508-221-2429.

Again, the "Shady Lady" screening was a great night, with terrific attendance; most important, it was a great start to 2013 – a year in which the Nantucket Flying Association will, once again, be an integral part of aviation on the island.

Yours Truly, Capt. Chris McLaughlin, President Nantucket Flying Association