



Marilyn's presentation will describe how a few Canadian born women were able to make a significant contribution to the war effort, as pilots during the second world war.

Marilyn learned to fly in 1988 and subsequently used a flying metaphor in her doctoral dissertation. She became a Flight Instructor in 1999 and flew Ontario Environment Ministry investigators to identify pollution sites and as copilot for Bruceland Air's charter operation.

In 2006 Marilyn was awarded the Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Research Scholarship to research the work of early Canadian pilot Vi Milstead, whom she successfully nominated for an Order of Canada and induction into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

During her work with Vi, Marilyn identified and researched 9 Canadian born women who joined the Air Transport Auxiliary in Britain and flew during the Second World War. This was a civilian organization which delivered 309,011 military aircraft (from small training planes, fast fighters, to multi-engine bombers) to military bases throughout the British Isles and later to continental Europe.