

# FLY PAPER

BY THE  
LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS ☒



LA 99s and friends at the Santa Monica History Museum.

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF OUR ALL  
NEW FLY PAPER!**

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## ABOUT LA 99S

Written by Kate Scott

Based at the Santa Monica airport, the Los Angeles Chapter has members with all levels of flying experience. We welcome all potential members to our monthly chapter meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month, at the Barker Hangar conference room. There is an educational Tech Talk at 7:00pm, followed by our chapter business meeting at 8:00pm. For information about upcoming events, visit our online calendar.

<https://la99s.org/calendar/>



Amelia Earhart, the first elected president of the 99s.

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**Fly for the fun of it.-  
Amelia Earhart**

## OUR MISSION

The NINETY-NINES® INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS® promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, International Organization of Women Pilots®, are represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly “for the fun of it!”



Photo by Nora Feddal

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## FLY LADY OF THE MONTH: NORA FEDDAL

Written by Inaia Jimenez

Nora Feddal was born and raised in France. Her passions are flying, travel and photography. When asked what her favorite flight is that she has made, she says that it was flying over the Grand Canyon and she says that her favorite thing about flying is the freedom of going wherever she wants and meeting a lot of awesome people she would never have met if it were not for flying.

Nora moved to West Hollywood in 1997 as a newly minted private pilot. Since then, Nora has contributed significantly to many great causes as a volunteer and active member of roughly a dozen aviation organizations. She generously and enthusiastically donates her time and talents in the areas of aviation and photography to serve various aviation and nonprofit organizations. In her 22 years as a pilot, Nora has completed 28 volunteer flights.



Nora with Dea, our sister from the Bakersfield 99s Chapter

Nora has been recognized for her contributions, being named Ninety Nines' Southwest Section 2017 Woman Pilot of the Year, winning the 2015 Trixie Schubert Service Award and being named 2013 Woman Pilot of the Year from the SFV99s Chapter.

Nora is currently nominated for the 2019 Endeavor Awards, which are part of a campaign to raise awareness for aviation, celebrate volunteer pilots and provide \$15,000 award grants to each of the two Charitable Aviation Organizations represented by the Endeavor Award recipients.

You can vote for Nora at: <http://www.endeavorawards.org/vote/>

Nora's Favorite Quote:

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**"I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things." — Antoine de Saint-Exupery**



Nora and Tara bringing cookies to the Santa Monica Tower



Vanessa , Benedikta and, Norma at 1st Air Race

## FLY TECH SPEAK: DENIECE DE PRIESTER

Written by Inaia Jimenez

In February, our monthly Tech Talk speaker at the Barker Hangar in the Santa Monica Airport, was Captain Deniece De Priester, European Airline Transport Pilot. Capt De Priester is well-known for having executed a perfect water landing in the Hudson River after having engine failure in her Piper Cherokee while out flying as a Certified Flight Instructor with a student pilot she was giving a lesson to. Capt De Priester's story has been covered by countless television and print publications.

Deniece's experience as a pilot and with gliders and sea planes specifically, was "very useful" in preparing her to handle this emergency. It was her responses that saved her life and the life of her passenger. Her experience flying regional jets and as a flight attendant were also instrumental preparing her to respond to emergencies.

Capt De Priester shared her story with us and discussed how to handle emergency landings. Her charismatic and enthusiastic delivery had us all laughing while we learned and enjoyed her story.

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**"When I was going down, I was thinking, 'If Sully can do it, probably I can do it, too,' "**

**Captain De Priester**



Captain De Priester. Photo by Spencer Heyfront/Redux for reader's Digest

## RETRO FLY

### INSPIRING AVIATRIX HONORED IN THIS ISSUE

Captain Beverly Lynn Burns is the first woman to captain a Boeing 747. By the time Beverly retired in 2008, she had logged a total 25,000 hours of flight and had piloted the Boeing 747, Boeing 757, Boeing 767, Boeing 777 as well as an array of McDonnell-Douglas commercial aircraft.

The reason Burns became a commercial airline captain in the first place is that during her flight attendant days, a first officer explaining to the crew why there were no female pilots of commercial aircraft said: "Women are just not smart enough to do this job."

"I knew as soon as the words came out of his mouth... that I wanted to be an airline captain immediately." -- Beverly Burns

### FLY FACTS ABOUT SANTA MONICA AIRPORT

- Arthur B Demille learned to fly at Santa Monica Airport.
- Santa Monica Airport is critical and essential infrastructure for use after an earthquake or other disaster.

## FLYING HIGH

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Alicia Maher successfully completed her first solo flight.

Inaia Jimenez passed her FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Exam.

Congratulations ladies!

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**Beverly Burns**



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