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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/>



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**Never interrupt  
someone doing  
something you said  
couldn't be done.**

**-Amelia Earhart**

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

## 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 Inaia Jimenez

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## FLY LADY OF THE MONTH: FARIDA AMAR

Written by Inaia Jimenez

Los Angeles based artist & aviatrix, Farida Amar is described on her LinkedIn page as: Inventor of platforms for independent artists; community builder and advocate; creative director, producer, and content creator; multimedia installation artist; international gallivantor; human; semicolon abuser. Farida has been flying since 2016. She is the Creative Director for SOVO// Magazine and installation artist. She is also a member of Whirly Girls.



After completing her commercial license and instrument rating for helicopters, she joined the LA 99s and attended the little triangle air race. That event inspired her to get her fixed wing commercial add on rating which she is currently working on.

When asked about the favorite flight she has flown, she says: "I did an advanced training in Helicopter Upset Recognition and Recovery with Kevin Brendenbeck and Chuck Aaron at the Camarillo Airport that changed my life."



Farida Amar seen above with her adorable dog and in the photo on the left: Farida and airplane.

Last time we caught up with Farida, she had just nailed her landings in a fixed-wing airplane. Soloing an airplane was next on her list. Farida says that her favorite things about flying is not thinking about anything else while doing it. She says she finds aviation relaxing and therapeutic.

Edgy, creative and a self-described "comfort zone killer", Farida is an inspiration and her work is exciting and thought-provoking. I look forward to seeing all the art and aviation that she continues to share with the world.



Farida waves from her helicopter



In then cockpit

Farida's Favorite Quote:

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**We have done so much with so little for so long, that now we can do anything with nothing forever.**



Farida can hang in a fixed-wing aircraft as well.

## FLY TECH SPEAK: MAJOR CHARLES CHRISTIAN CIVIL AIR PATROL

Written by Inaia Jimenez

In March, Major Charles Christian of Civil Air Patrol stopped in at The Barker Hangar to tell us about Civil Air Patrol, it's programs and to educate us about what they do. Major Charles Christian has participated in and led numerous search and rescue missions for missing aircraft, for missing persons, Western air defense and disaster relief.

Since Civil Air Patrol's formation during the earliest days of World War II, this organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America. The organization's 3 programs are: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. Its 60,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

Civil Air Patrol creates works with organizations such as Girl Scouts of America where the scouts can earn patches. They also hold events with different colleges in their communities.

To learn more about Civil Air Patrol, their mission, vision and programs, please visit:  
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com>



Major Charles Christian  
of Civil Air Patrol

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2019

Written by Inaia Jimenez



At The Museum of Flying

In celebration of International Women's Day, Air France sent out 2 flights with all-female crews to LAX. One flight arrived from Paris, France and the other from Papeete in French Polynesia. The Los Angeles Ninety Nines welcomed the all-female flight crew at LAX and hosted them at The Santa Monica Airport for a series of events organized by Vanessa Gibson that ranged from brunch at the Torrance Marriott, to a shopping trip at Pilot Outfitters, to a visit to The Museum of Flying with a presentation of a beautiful film called Night Flights posted on the Aviation101 YouTube channel, and a talk by Christine Debouzy, the pilot of the Air France flight from Paris to LAX on International Women's Day.



Los Angeles 99s at LAX



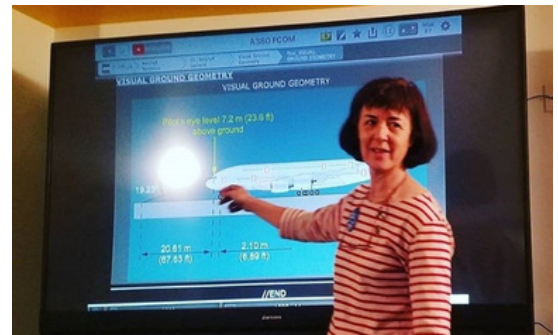
Los Angeles 99s and Air France Crews



Christine and crew in the cockpit



Museum of Flying



Christine Debouzy giving a talk at Museum of Flying



Tom Bradley Terminal at LAX



LA 99s and Judy at Pilot Outfitters



## FEBRUARY FLY-IN

Written by Jen Butler

A single cloud in the sky kind of day means it is a great day for a chapter fly-in. On Saturday, February 23, three planes successfully headed south to Palomar airport for lunch at The Landings. It was a perfect day for flying as the rain stopped and many other pilots were out and about too. Some planes in the pack moved a little faster than others, but when we all arrived we all enjoyed a great lunch in the sun and time with each other.



Some of our LA 99s enjoying the day during our fly-in from Santa Monica to Palomar.

## RETRO FLY

### INSPIRING AVIATRIX HONORED IN THIS ISSUE

Born on July 1, 1903, Amy Johnson was always a woman with a strong sense of independence. She was the oldest of four daughters within a family of fish merchants from Hull, Yorkshire, England.

Johnson attended what is now known as the University of Sheffield, which was a predominantly male school. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. Working as a secretary after graduation, she began to take up an interest in flying. She took flying lessons from 1928-29 at the London Aeroplane Club where her passion for aviation grew, as did her determination to prove that women could equally succeed-if not surpass-men within the field.

Today, the University of Sheffield named their Automatic Control and System's Engineering building the -Amy Johnson Building.- Also named after her are -The Amy Johnson Primary School- in England and -The Hawthornes @ Amy Johnson- in her hometown, which is a housing development located on the site of the former -Amy Johnson School.

The Hilton Hotels at both the London Gatwick and Stansted airports named -Amy's Restaurant and Bar- after her as well. And these are just a sample of the buildings named in her honor.

During a trip with the Air Transport Auxiliary, Amy experienced weather issues, veered off course, and crashed into the Thames river. On January 5, 1941, she drowned at the age of 37. But that was just the first reported cause of death.

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**Had I been a man I might have explored the Poles or climbed Mount Everest, but as it was, my spirit found outlet in the air- Amy Johnson**



Amy Johnson became the first female pilot to fly solo from Britain to Australia

In 1999, a pilot reported that a plane had been spotted that night, contacted, but that its pilot failed to give the proper signal twice. Because of that, they fired at the plane, and it then descended into the Thames. The next day, they found out that it was Amy but were told never to tell anyone what had happened the previous night.

Regardless of what had happened, her death was a tragic one of a celebrated and boundary-pushing aviatrix that is still celebrated today.

**\*Source of this article is [aviationoiloutlet.com](http://aviationoiloutlet.com). Posted by Kayleigh DeMace on May 10, 2017**

## **FLY FACTS ABOUT SANTA MONICA AIRPORT**

Santa Monica Airport was the place where The First Women's Air Derby originated in 1929. It concluded eight days later in Cleveland, Ohio. Louise Thaden was the winner with Amelia Earhart and Ruth Eder coming in second and third places.



## **FLYING HIGH**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS**

Eve Lopez successfully completed her long night cross country flight which means that her next step is her Private Pilot Airplane check ride!

Congratulations !