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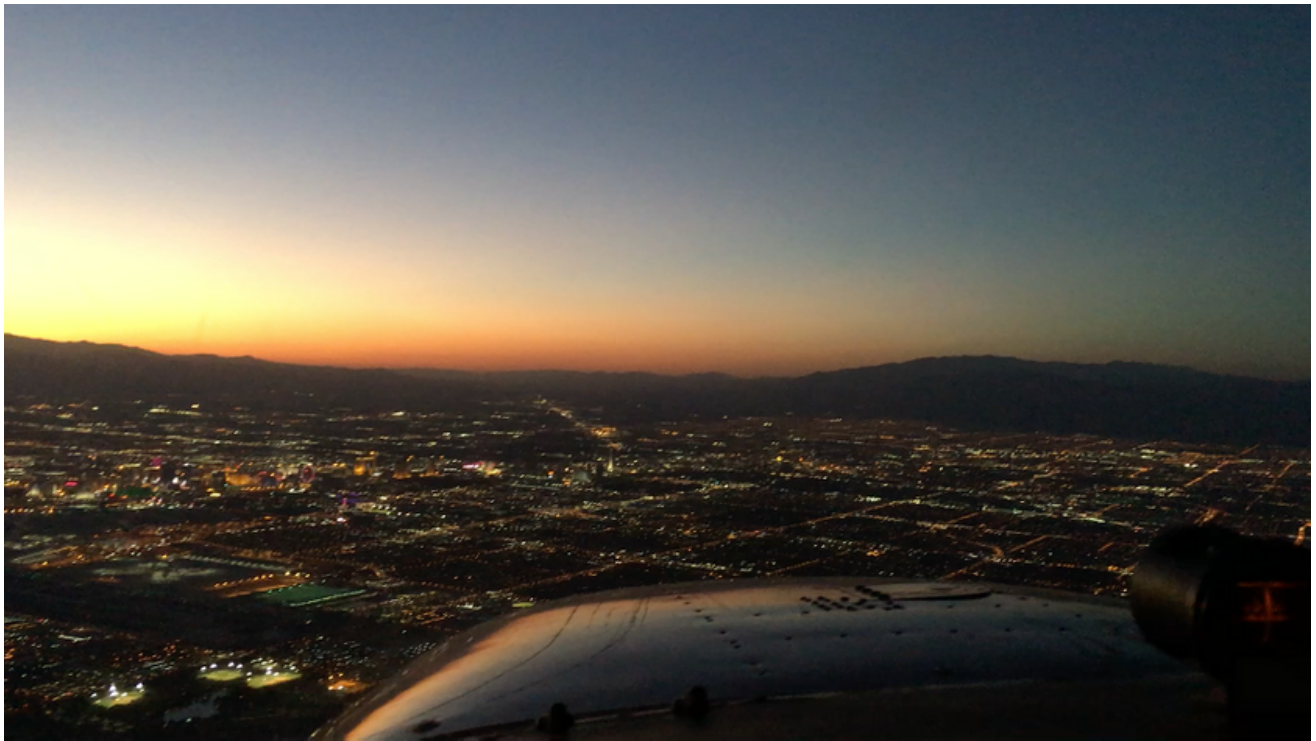


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ABOUT THE LA 99s

Written by Kate Scott

Based at the Santa Monica Airport, the Los Angeles 99s Chapter has members at 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 a Social at 6:30 p.m., Educational Tech Talk at 7:00 p.m., followed by our chapter business meeting at 8:00 p.m. For information about upcoming events, visit our online calendar.

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



Amelia Earhart, the first 99s elected president.

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**...decide...whether
or not the goal is
worth the risks
involved. If it is,
stop worrying...**

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. As Amelia said, "fly for the fun of it!"



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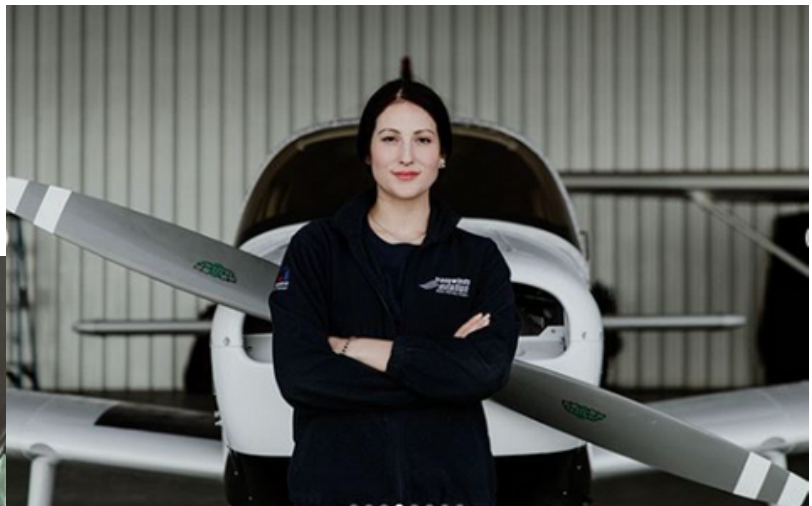
FLY LADY OF THE MONTH: MIA MASELLI

Written by Inaia Jimenez

LA native. Pilot, Yogi, Programmer, Vintage Enthusiast, Filmmaker, Writer, Dancer, It Girl, Engineer.

Mia has been flying since May of 2017. She is working on her Private Pilot Certificate. Life's challenges have meant that for a period of time, Mia had experienced a challenge with always being able to fly consistently. But that doesn't mean that Mia has been taking it easy. Mia currently works at a flight school in Van Nuys and somehow she also manages to squeeze in activities such as writing and reading

quite a bit, learning Polish, going to vintage-themed events, dancing, and practicing ...(continued)



Mia's Favorite Quote:

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“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” - Aristotle

developing websites and small programs. Mia also does occasional photography and filmmaking.

When asked what her favorite thing about flying is, Mia says it's the community and the friends she's made as a result of being involved in aviation.

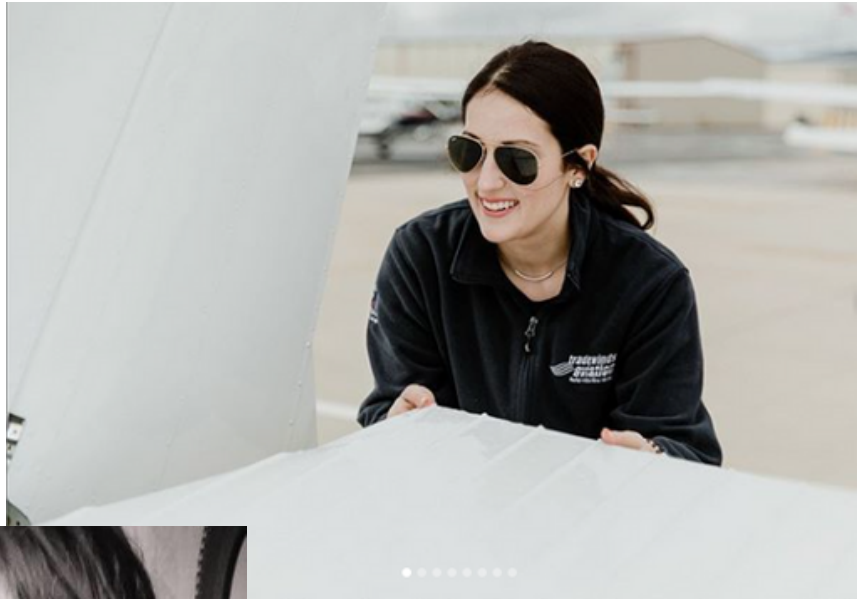
I asked Mia what her favorite flight she's ever flown so far was. Her response was: "It was in November of 2017, and it was my last flight with my favorite instructor before he moved on to the airlines. He told me to plan a xc to Long Beach, then choose a few towered and non-towered airports to hop around to and practice the traffic pattern and landings. I came up with a few routes, and when I came into the school that day he told me, "Okay, that was just for planning practice. We're still going to Long Beach, but then we're going to Hawthorne, picking up my brother, and we're all going to San Diego for lunch in Little Italy." For a second I thought I was going to die; as a pre solo student I was terrified of making such an epic flight, and with a passenger to boot, but it turned out to be an incredible experience that made me feel like I could fly anywhere after that.



We even caught a glimpse of an Osprey near Camp Pendleton. I think I owe it to this flight that I was able to stop flying for 6 months and solo just three flights after getting back into it."

Right: Mia doing her preflight.

Below: Mia behind the lens.



Below: A quick lipstick touchup before taxiing



NOT SO RETRO FLY: LAUREN WILSON

Written by Inaia Jimenez



If you check out Lauren Wilson's instagram @laurenairshows, you will see that her description is as follows: Airshow pilot/Aerobatic instructor/Airline pilot/Engineer/Lifter/Writer/Biker.

Lauren is From Exeter, UK. Unlike many top pilots and airshow stars, Lauren didn't grow up in an aviation family. Neither her parents nor her grandparents had ever been pilots. In fact, Lauren says she's pretty sure she's actually the first in her family to learn to fly!

Pursuing a childhood dream, Lauren started to take flying lessons when she was 19, after saving money working as an engineering apprentice from the age of 16. Once she had saved enough to realistically be able to complete her license, she headed over to her local flying club and joined.

NOT SO RETRO FLY: LAUREN WILSON (CONTINUED)



When she began flying, Lauren never considered flying aerobatics. She thought it was a pretty crazy idea. She couldn't fathom why people would do it. All that changed after she took her first flight in a two seat Pitts S2A. She was hooked from the very start. Lauren says that the first time she saw the earth from the top of a loop, it instantly changed her life. After her first flight, she started taking aerobatic lessons. She learned the basics, then headed to her first competition, which she won.

In 2012 Lauren became British Female Aerobatic champion. After that, she gained her Display Authorisation. In 2013 she started flying in airshows and found her true passion.

Lauren consistently pushes herself further and harder than before, getting fitter, stronger, more experienced and more focused. She is still a competitive aerobatic pilot, however her main focus is on airshow flying. She trains and practices hard to make each performance the best it can possibly be, working on designing and tweaking new sequences and maneuvers constantly, drawing inspiration from wherever she can to make each performance as incredible and as memorable as possible. Lauren does what she loves and she loves what she does.

Today Lauren is also a first officer at Flybe, a large European regional airline. At 31, this fly lady is a total inspiration. I can't wait to see what she does next...

FLY FACTS ABOUT SANTA MONICA AIRPORT



During the 50's and 60's general aviation experienced unprecedented growth and activity – pilots returning from WW II and the Korean War purchased aircraft and continued flying Airlines were expanding – hiring pilots – and pilot training reached an all time high.

This growth peaked at Santa Monica Airport (and at other airport's in the Basin) in the late 60's when total operations reached 356,000+ per year – which equated to 975 operations per day (or an average of approx 40 arrivals & 40 departures per hour over a twelve hour period).

FLYING HIGH

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Regie Elliott completed her first solo flight!!!

Way to go Lady!!!