

Member Profile



Anita Hessin



Ex-Chapter Chair - plus other Chapter offices. Primarily a "worker bee".

Occupation

Retired. Business is my forte - Civil Service, War Service Temporary Appointment during WWII, 20 years with Allstate Insurance. Co, Operating Manager - Finally, owner, with two partners of a travel agency.

Member since

1969

Type of Certificate

Private

What ratings to you hold?

ASEL, Instrument

Flight Hours

2800

Do you own an airplane?

Yes. N83484 (our third airplane) A 1981 Piper Turbo Arrow IV, gray with red, white and blue trim, T-tail. I think she is a good girl, but then I always fall in love with my airplanes.

Why did you start flying?

Because the opportunity finally presented itself with the help of my non-flying husband at the time, and it was a dream I had had since I was 16 years old. I was 45 at the time.

Tell us about your favorite flying adventure

There were two - one was flying the Angel Derby with a great co-pilot by the name of Joye Baker - from Dallas to Freeport in the Bahamas. We flew through the Devil's Triangle and got our name in the National Enquirer (a feat I neither courted nor anticipated, but it was a kick.) For the timing line we were allowed to fly right down the beach at minimum altitude in front of the Xanadu hotel. The other one was when I was a very low time pilot and flew out over New York City and around the Empire State Bldg. at night. There was a plane salesman in the right seat and my non-pilot husband in the back. I would say that guy really knew how to sell airplanes. We bought the plane and my husband became a pilot.

Why did you join the 99s?

My spouse nagged me into it, and I have been eternally grateful. I had never been a joiner, but this was one of my better decisions in life.

What is your favorite 99s event or activity?

It's gotta be fly-ins but there are many things that I enjoy which make up the whole picture.