



## Colorado Ninety-Nines Profile

Name	Lynn Merrill
Ninety-Nines involvement (if you hold a position such as Membership Chair or Volunteer)	
Occupation	Retired technical writer / editor / graphic designer
Year that you joined	1997
Highest Pilot Certificate you hold	Private
Ratings you hold	ASEL, ASES
Flight Hours	776
Do you own an airplane?	No
Why did you start flying?	<p>My Private-pilot dad and I shared a love of aviation. But I never thought of being a pilot myself, until friends gave me an intro flight. Thanks to my wonderful CFI, Nancy, I kept at it.</p> <p>I'm a stick &amp; rudder gal. I love taildraggers, floatplanes, vintage planes. A Citabria is what I've flown the most, and I won't pass up a ride in an open-cockpit biplane, warbird, or classic propliner.</p>
Tell us about your favorite flying adventure	<p>One especially memorable adventure for me was a Super Cub seaplane-refresher flight in Moose Pass, Alaska. Hard to focus on skills while soaring over stunning peaks and glaciers, but wow!</p>
Why did you join The 99s?	<p>Training in the '90s, I realized how scarce women pilots were. I became a huge fan of the WASP &amp; other female flight pioneers,</p>

and was very proud to join the tradition when I become a Ninety-Nine.

What is your favorite 99s event or activity?

Getting together with other women pilots when I can—meetings or activities.

Hobbies, interests, or information about your self that you would like to share

Since I retired, I've been occupied with environmental causes, birding, citizen science, classes, travel, photography. In the process, flying got sidetracked—but I hope that will change!