



Penelope Amabile

Occupation	Retired		
Member since	On and off since late 60s, mostly on. The only lapse being a time when the greater New York Chapter ceased functioning.		
Type of Certificate	Commercial		
What ratings do you hold?	SEL Instrument LTA Commercial with instructor privileges		
Flight Hours	Logged 2,600, more like 5,000 actual		
Do you own an airplane?	Owned separately	1. PT 19 2. Debonair	3. Mooney 201 All sold
Why did you start flying?	I tore out a \$5 coupon in Life Magazine. I got mad at all the kids one day and took the coupon and myself to the local airport (HP- White Plains, NY) and cashed it in. I was totally uninterested in the flight (the flight instructor being let go at the end of the week); I was talked into signing up for a "real lesson." My next instructor was a Robert Redford clone. I learned to fly.		
Tell us about your favorite flying adventure	<p>The day I landed my balloon (named "Flattery", because it got me nowhere) in the courtyard of the <i>Reader's Digest</i> Corporate Headquarters, Pleasantville, NY. The flight started in sweet weather, but an unforecast "disturbance" came through the area and ATC warned me to get down ASAP (this after being becalmed over the HPN outer marker and throwing traffic into a frenzy).</p> <p>I knew only one person at <i>Reader's Digest</i>, an executive secretary. Ah, bless you, Charlotte. As the security men rushed out, ordering me to "blow that thing up again and get of here", I announced I had come to see Miss Spero.</p> <p>She was fetched from her duties. Half of the building emptying out with her. Actually, she inquired why I hadn't had the courtesy to call her first, and giggled at her cleverness.</p> <p>Two schools in the immediate area spilled out into the already-filled courtyard like ants on a cookie.</p> <p>The security men weren't fired, my balloon was not impounded and I wasn't arrested. HPN traffic returned to normal. All was well.</p>		
Why did you join the 99s?	Friendships and solidarity with women sharing a common interest.		
What is your favorite 99s event or activity?	Airmarking, helping out at air shows, flying when anyone has an extra seat.		