



Gail Schipper



Vice Chair (2003-2007), Co-Chair (2001-2005)

Occupation

Software nerd/developer

Member since

1996

Type of Certificate

Private

What ratings to you hold?

ASEL, Instrument

Flight Hours

450

Do you own an airplane?

Bücker Jungman, N628BJ, Built in 1963 in Spain for the Spanish military. Used as a trainer until the early 1970s. Open cockpit, bi-plane. Powered by a Tigre, 150 hp inverted in-line 4-cylinder engine. Motor was produced by CASA/ENMA in Spain from the 1930s to the 1960s. The basic aircraft design was made in Germany where it was used to train pilots to fly the Me-109 fighter aircraft. V_{ne} is 360 kilometers/hr. Several other countries built the aircraft as a military trainer including Japan, which built more than 2,000.

Why did you start flying?

My uncle took me flying in a C182 a few times when I was a kid and after that I wanted to get my license. Tried to get it in high school, but couldn't manage to afford it. As soon as the school loans were getting close to being paid off I started taking gliding lessons.

Tell us about your favorite flying adventure

Going places in small planes is my favorite adventure. When I owned a C170 my husband and I flew it all across the country. It's a bit harder to travel with the bi-plane but lots more fun. Normally we go with 1 or two other aircraft (1928 Travel Air and a new WACO) so they can carry the luggage, and of course, enough tools to keep the Tigre running.

Why did you join the 99s?

Because it is one of the great organizations for women.

What is your favorite 99s event or activity?

The thing I most enjoy is attending aviation events and getting other women interested in joining our Chapter. It's great to talk to other women who are interested in aviation.