

It was her designated examiner, Dave Pearce, who encouraged **Sue Passmore** to join the Ninety-Nines. The day she took her private pilot checkride was the 100th birthday of Fay Gillis Wells, one of the founding members of the Ninety-Nines. At the time, she had never heard about the organization. Her examiner included some Internet research about the Ninety-Nines in their discussions. After Sue attended her first AOPA safety seminar and counted only five (5) women in the ballroom-sized meeting room, she knew she had to find the women who liked to fly. She joined the Ninety-Nines in 2009.



Flying the DA42-VI from Leesburg, VA (KJYO home base)



Flying the Diamond DA40

Sue also earned her instrument rating in 2009. She and her husband, Dave, trained together in their 2008 Diamond DA40 XLS (with G1000, Synthetic Vision and Active Traffic). They passed their checkrides on the same day, within a week of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Sue is now co-owner of a Diamond DA42-VI (dash 6) and working to complete her Commercial Multi-Engine rating (AMEL).

Sue's husband, Dave, is retired. He's a CFII who is working on his MEI. Her daughter, Elizabeth, soloed in their DA40 and now attends veterinary school in Davis, CA. Her son, Dan, lives in San Diego, CA.

Learning to fly has also led Sue to a new career. After almost 25 years in the computer industry (and 14 years working for Tandem Computers), she now works for the Federal Aviation Administration as Project Manager for Surface/Terminal research in the Advanced Concepts and Technology Prototyping Division.

When she is not flying or working, you can find Sue at her neighborhood barn in Great Falls, VA, riding a Clydesdale/thoroughbred sport horse named Chloe.

Sue is currently serving as the chapter chair of the Old Dominion chapter of the Ninety-Nines.



Accepting the DA42-VI at the Diamond factory in Austria