



**SUZANNE COLLINS** became a 99 in March 2007, shortly after passing her private pilot check ride in a Diamond DA20-A1 “Katana”, and is currently serving as Chairman of the Hampton Roads Chapter.

Since joining the 99s she has served as Aerospace Education chair, helping young enthusiasts earn their merit badges, and participating in other aviation outreach activities. She later served one term as Vice-Chairman, two terms as Chairman, and most recently, one term each as Mid-Atlantic Section Membership Chair, and Secretary of the Hampton Roads Chapter.

Suzanne is a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol, which she joined in January 2008, and currently serves as the Deputy Commander for the Hampton Roads Composite Squadron. Not one to sit still, she has participated as a judge in NIFA competitions since 2008 for Navigation, Landings, Scoring, Computer Accuracy, Aircraft Recognition, and other events. She flies often, and until recently, maintained currency with two flight centers; one which has primarily Cessna aircraft (C172S, C172RG, C172/G1000); the other sporting more variety including CZAW SportCruiser LSA, Diamond DA20-C1 “Eclipse”, Diamond DA40 “Diamond Star”, Flight Design CTLs LSA, Piper Arrow, Piper Warrior, and Symphony. All of which she flew because she enjoyed the diversity, and has been heard to comment that “diamonds are a girl’s best friend! Not the ring... the airplane”!

In 2009 she won an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for an Instrument Rating, attended her first 99s International Conference, and completed the rating in October of that year. She has attended section meetings, and those who have met her will attest that she is, undisputedly, the fastest talker in the east, and evidenced by a recent trip to the north when New York approach asked her to “slow down”!

Suzanne participates in the FAA Safety WINGS Pilot Proficiency program and has given presentations on it, in addition to mentoring student and fellow pilots. In recent years, she has earned all three (Basic, Advanced, Master) WINGS levels, and added Basic SeaWINGS in September 2011, following her Seaplane rating during a vacation in Alaska. She completed the Virginia Aviation Ambassador Passport Program in April 2012, having visited all 66 public use airports, some more than once, in addition to other program requirements, and hopes to compete in the Air Race Classic someday. She also holds Instrument & Advanced Ground Instructor certificates, and plans to add a Commercial rating in 2013. Suzanne is employed in the Information Technology field, and resides in the Hampton Roads area.