

Donna T. Myers

Honored in 1974

Colorado Aviation Historical Society

Donna Tracy Myers was born in Evans, Colorado on March 22, 1915, and except for four years has lived all of her life in this state. She showed an early interest in aviation and soloed very young. Some of her early activities involved helping the "boys next door" to home-build a Heath

Parasol plane, and assisting young people in building model aircraft at the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. Her first license from the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce, was dated June 28, 1937, which makes her one of the very earliest licensed women pilots in

Colorado. Some information sources list her as the first. Donna enrolled in the Colorado University aviation ground school in 1935, leading her to become a pilot. She worked in a number of jobs in aviation, making her a pioneer in the field.

In 1937, Colorado women pilots joined together to form the Wings Club, with Donna as President. These early women flyers were in every aviation activity, parade and air show available. They even raffled off a Piper Cub in 1938. Donna also organized the CU (University of Colorado)

Flying Club as an aviation promotion and study group.

In 1939, Ray Wilson was involved in the Civilian Pilot Training (CPT) program and had established the first school in the area. Donna had a major hand in this project, helping to ferry new Cubs from the Lock Haven (Pennsylvania) factory. In the same year she married John Myers, who

became a senior Captain on Frontier Airlines. Donna became Secretary to the board of Ray Wilson's Monarch Airlines, and held that position until she retired in 1951.

She became very active in the 99s Organization which was founded by Amelia Earhart and a small group of women pilots, helped organize the Colorado chapter. She was the national secretary in 1951 and national president in 1967-69. She also helped organize Denver's Aviation Country

Club and was a member for many years.

Donna is rated as a pilot for both single and multi-engine aircraft.

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Donna Tracy Myers,

a noted aviatrix and the first woman pilot licensed in Colorado, was a charter member of the Colorado Chapter and became the Ninety-Nines national president in 1967. Myers was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame in 1974.

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