



Emma Hall

"Doesn't everyone dream of flying?" Emmy Hall replies with her usual candor when asked why she learned to fly 52 years ago at the age of 20. Ironically, her stepfather didn't believe in the women in his family driving, so Emmy had her pilot's certificate and marriage license before she knew how to drive. Her husband taught her.

As fate and her love of flying would have it, Emmy not only learned to fly, but was teaching others to fly before she would learn to drive.

After soloing a Piper Cub in 1940 while a pre-med student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Emmy obtained her Private in 1941. A call went out for instructors to train military pilots for World War II. Applying to a federally assisted pilot training program, the Phoebe

and, on weekends, meeting her new Navy jet fighter pilot husband as she could. Taking each of the assigned ten students for three months, Emmy stressed spot landings, emphasizing slipping to spots, "S" turns to spots and landing within a circle in preparation for carrier landings. After 50 hours of instruction or the equivalent of a Private certificate, her students went on to the Navy.

Emmy continued to fly during her marriage to her pilot husband, Richard Duncan Hall, going on to get her Instrument rating and flying their Beechcraft Baron. Supporting general aviation in many ways, she recently completed step #8 in the FAA Wings Safety Program and is headed to #10.

"I believe this is a tremendous program," she asserts, "and I push it every chance I get. It really saves a

sas 99s. She is the president of the Arkansas Pilots' Association, treasurer of the Arkansas Aviation Historical Association, and is a member of Arkansas Women in Aviation, the Aero Club, North Little Rock Rotary, the North Little Rock Airport Commission. She is a lay reader in the Episcopal Church.

According to Emmy, the biggest honor in her life was being acclaimed Citizen of the Year in 1989 by the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Voluntarily declining to fly solo after her 70th birthday, Emmy flies "Dolly the Duchess," her twin-engined Beechcraft, with a co-pilot. She maintains her proficiency with recurrent training. Congratulations to Emmy Hall, a dynamic Ninety-Nine!

Submitted by Carolyn Pugh.

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Omlie's Women's Military Flight Instructor's program in Nashville, TN, she was one of 10 women pilots selected from a field of 200 applicants. The women were tested for their teaching abilities and given physical fitness exams. Further requirements were to be unmarried (or, if married, they had to be married to active military personnel) and to have logged 140 hours with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Also, they had to agree to train men as pilots wherever they were sent.

Emmy became a Navy Pilot Instructor, teaching cadets to fly during the day, ground school at night

lot of lives."

Emmy has received many honors during her flying career including winning the Arkansas Air Derby in 1986 with her son as co-pilot. She was featured in articles in the *Arkansas Gazette*, *Active Years*, *FAAviation News* and *Beech Aero* publications.

In 1952, she and her husband opened Hall Tank Company, a multi-million dollar company that manufactures fuel tanks with capacities that vary from 100 gallons to 20,000 gallons. Since his death in 1980, Emmy continues to operate the company.

An avid scuba diver, Emmy also serves as the treasurer of the Arkan-

