

Roseville aviatrix wins 'Pilot of the Year'

At a meeting in Colorado last month, Roseville resident and co-owner of Wild Bill's Tattoo Nancy Ginesi-Hill won the Southwest Section "Woman Pilot of the Year" award from The Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots.

Founded in 1929 (with Amelia Earhart as their first president) The Ninety-Nines promoted the advancement of female aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support.

Ginesi-Hill is chairman of the 99s Sacramento Valley Chapter and a pilot for over 22 years.

She first became interested in flying when a photo and story of the local 99s made front page of the newspaper.

Three years ago she lost her brother to cancer, which is when she decided to start the original three-year process for this very prestigious award, documenting dates and events in her life in aviation.

She joined the Ninety-Nines in 1989 as a student pilot and a "66," earning her wings in January of 1990. Since then she worked at local FBOs and managed flight schools for over 15 years. In 2003 she became chairman of the Sacramento



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that year Ginesi-Hill received the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship while working and living at Eagle Field AAFB Museum for the next four years to restore a piece of aviation history.

In 2007 she returned to the

involved in many different aviation organizations including chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, The Lincoln Regional Aviation Association and the FAA as a Safety Team representative for the Sacramento Region.

student at Sacramento City College aeronautics program.

Ginesi-Hill has a 1940 Stearman she flies to local air shows and fly-ins to and aviation serve aviation history.