

Thea Doku Rasche



In 1924, Germany's Thea Rasche earned her glider pilot license at the Wasserkuppe. In a few months, Thea was an airplane pilot, and Germany's first female licensed aerobatic pilot, known as "the Flying Fraulein."

In 1929, Thea flew at American exhibitions. The Moth Aircraft Corporation then asked her to fly a de Havilland Gipsy Moth in the Powder Puff Derby.

Later, Thea joined in the founding of the International Ninety-Nines, becoming the first German member. In 1932, Thea became Germany's first woman awarded

a seaplane license.

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