



Debby Rihn-Harvey

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U.S. National Aerobatic Champion 2006, 2008 & 2009

Top-Ranked U.S. Women's Aerobatics Competitor 1985, 1998-2004, 2006, 2008-2011

Texas Aviation Hall Of Fame Inductee - 2003

EAA Sport Aviation Hall Of Fame Inductee - 2007

Loyd P. Nolan Lifetime Achievement Award - 2010

International Ninety Nine's Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation - 2012

Debby Rihn-Harvey is one of the highest ranked aerobatics competitors in the United States. In 2011, she won the Betty Skelton "First Lady of Aerobatics" Trophy making her the highest scoring female competitor for the thirteenth time. Rihn-Harvey is also the longest standing member of the U.S. Unlimited Aerobatics Team, qualifying to represent the U.S. fifteen times in World Aerobatic Championships in North America and Europe. In world competition, Rihn-Harvey has been a Gold Medalist as well as holding many regional titles. As a tribute to her many accomplishments, she was inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame in 2003, the EAA Sport Aviation Hall of Fame in 2007, she received the Loyd P. Nolan Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010, and the International Ninety Nine's Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation in 2012.

This native Nebraskan is the third generation of aviators in her family. Her grandfather, Roy Furstenberg, manufactured the Overland Sport Aircraft in Omaha in the 1920's, while her father, Jack Furstenberg, began teaching her to fly in her teens.

Rihn-Harvey is a captain for Southwest Airlines. Besides the many hours of practice it takes for competition and airshow flying, she also manages a flight school and fixed-base operation at La Porte Municipal Airport, Harvey & Rihn Aviation. The aerobatics school attracts pilots from around the world. Rihn-Harvey is also an Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) for the International Council of Airshows

and an FAA Designated Flight Examiner who administers flight exams for Private Pilot through Airline Transport Pilot certificates.