



Dear fellow pilots and supporters of the Minnesota Pilots Association,

It is with great sadness that we received knowledge that **Charlotte Swanson**, Editor-in-Chief of Minnesota Flyer, passed away this morning after a brief, serious illness.

Charlotte was one of our most dependable supporters. She became Tim Franklin's "right hand person" in making the Minnesota Flyer an important resource for aviation supporters and pilots in Minnesota. From our very beginning as an organization Charlotte remained a constant, fervent positive influence on our organization, offering guidance and insights to us as we formed the MN Pilots Assn and as we held the Great Minnesota Aviation Gatherings. Personally, she was a frequent inspiration for my writings in the "MN Pilots Hangar Flying" monthly column, a task that sometimes required more finesse and political correctness than I possessed. She was at virtually every fly in that I have attended in Minnesota, keeping her fingers on the pulse of general aviation throughout the state. There was no one who loved aviation, and who appreciated the quality people in aviation, than Charlotte.

To say that she will be greatly missed is such a huge understatement. Our heartfelt condolences to out to her family and friends.

While she was not a pilot herself, it is fitting that we wish her Blue Skies and Tailwinds.

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President, Minnesota Pilots Association