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Newsletter of the San Fernando Valley Chapter
of the NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION of WOMEN PILOTS

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Rose of the Month

Michelle Albiez was awarded the leaf of month for her enthusiastic offer to chair **two** committees.

Social Event

May Social – **Kathy Crawley**

As your new Social Director I would like to invite all of you to our first social event. It will be a potluck wine and cheese party Sat. May 19, at 3:00 PM at my house. For your viewing pleasure we will have the Doo Dah Parade video. The idea of this is to just get together and have fun. Some of the ideas for future events are bowling, miniature golf and a progressive hanger party. Directions to Kathy's house will be available at the May meeting. If you have any questions or ideas please contact Kathy Crawley at 818 348-6811 and sign up!!

New Board

Chairman – **Helene Krongold**
Vice Chairman – **Wendy J. Wiencek**
Recording Secretary – **Kathy Crawley**
Treasurer – **Ruth Logan**
Corresponding Secretary – **Marcia Fuller**

Telephone Committee

Yeah!! We now have a telephone committee made up of 9 very generous members who have agreed to phone other members to let them know about up coming events. Please contact **Kathy Crawley** if you have an event coming up and we will put the phone committee to work for you.

S.O.P. Workshop

Calling all past, present or future committee chairmen. We are getting together Tues. May 22 at **Paula Sandling's** house at 6:30 PM (pot luck) to write S.O.P.s for all of our activities. The idea is to make it much easier for a new person to take over an activity. This will be an open meeting, so if you have chaired or even been on a committee please come and help us. Also if you have a lap top computer please bring that also. Thank you in advance for your help with this!!

FLY-INS

APRIL 22

- FALLBROOK AIRPORT- L18 - FALLBROOK
AVOCADO FESTIVAL- E.T.A.10:00

Our April fly-in will be to the Fallbrook Avocado Festival in Fallbrook, Ca. If you don't know where Fallbrook is located, it is on the southeast edge of Camp Pendleton. The airport runway is only 2100 ft long, so practice your short field takeoffs and landings. We have been told that there will be a shuttle bus to take us to the festival and there will be all sorts of fun things to do, to buy and to eat. It will be a day full of fun. If you have a seat of need a ride call **Ruth Logan** 818-768-1504 or **Jeanne Fenimore** 818-893-5806.

Mark your calendars for Memorial weekend. We will travel to Grass Valley and visit **Felicia Hoppe**. This will be an overnight, so bring a sleeping bag. More details next month.

Chapter Golden Anniversary

Next year is our Chapter's 50th anniversary (funny, it doesn't look that old!), and we are planning to celebrate in style. We need lots of members to join the committee and/or help brainstorm to get ideas for the festivities. We will be meeting on May 8 at 6:30 PM in **Paula Sandling's** hangar at Van Nuys (it's behind **Jaye's** office). We are planning to have pizza and beverages and lots of fun. If you can come, give **Michele Albiez** a call (818-846-4664), and bring your most outrageous ideas. We need everyone's help."

Awards Banquet

Our awards banquet will be held at the 94th Aero Squadron on Sat., June 2 at 11:00 am. Price is \$20.15 per person and should be sent to our Treasurer. People are encouraged to send in their reservations early, as we must get a number to the restaurant a week before the event. Any questions, call **Michelle Albiez** (818-846-4664).

B-17 will visit VNY

B-17 Aluminum Overcast will be in town! April 19 through 23, at Syncro Aviation, Van Nuys Airport. Owned and operated by the EAA, the B-17 will be the center of activities on Friday, April 20, at a press conference from 10 to 12. The 99s and Chapter 40 EAA will present recognition awards to several veterans groups, including the WASPs (three of whom are members of our Chapter). Then selected veterans will take a flight in the B-17. Lunch will be provided.

So, come honor the WASPs and other vets, and represent the 99s at the press conference. Fly-in parking is available at Syncro, or drive-in. It's on Woodley, across from the FlyAway.

Questions? Call **Ceci** at (818) 842-0005.

Greasy Thumb Clinic

The Greasy Thumb Clinic will be held at Whiteman Airpark on Saturday, April 21. Arrive early and have lunch at Rocky's then walk across the ramp and learn about magnetos and compression checks, how to safety wire, check and service your battery, and get answers to your questions about what you can do on your own plane. There will be planes without cowling (low and high wing). Be sure to wear your grubbies and be prepared to get your thumb greasy. We will have a corner of the ramp at the southwest end of the airport near the B row of hangars. If you have any questions, contact **Jeanne Kirhofer** at kirhofer@worldnet.att.net.

Ailing Members

Ely Rickabaugh is home in Encino – she hoped to attend the meeting but had a late session of physical therapy. Give her a cheer up call.

Rosemary DeAngelo had surgery on her shoulder at Valley Pres. She is still at home in Sherman Oaks.

Blue Sky Scholarship

Our chairman, Helene Krongold, won the monthly award from Blue Sky Aviation. Congratulations and have fun flying.

New Member

We have a new member, **Cristina Merrick**, who was pinned by **Lois Peck** this month. Welcome to the chapter, Cristina, we look forward to a new friend.

Wings for Greyhounds

WFW has been getting a lot of great publicity lately. To check out **Maggie McCurry's** latest escapades, go to www.wingsforgreyhounds.com.

Women in Aviation

Susan Theurkauf and Marcia Fuller attended the WIA convention in Reno and gave an enthusiastic report. This is a growing and exciting organization.

Be Prepared

WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR PURSE OR WALLET

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed using your name, address, SS#, credit, etc.

Unfortunately the author of this piece had firsthand knowledge, because his wallet was stolen and within a week the thieves) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change his driving record information on-line, and more.

Here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know.

As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know who to call. Keep those where you can find them easily (hunting for them is additional stress you WON'T need at that point!).

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important: Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#.

He had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell him an application for credit was made over the Internet in his name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time he was advised to do this - almost 2 weeks after the theft when all the damage had been done (there are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which he knew about before placing the alert).

Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw his wallet away this weekend

(someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks. The numbers are:

Equifax 1-800 525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW) 1-800-301-7195

Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration also has a fraud line at 1-800-269-0271

Address Change

Melinda Lyon has moved back to her old house: 1130 Linda Flora Drive, LA CA 90049 phone 310-472-3773 fax 310-472-8157.

Flying Thunderstorms

LEARNING THE LATEST ON THUNDERSTORM FLYING

The National Weather Association is beginning a series of free interactive lessons called "Thunderstorms and Flying." The six-week course should provide a solid understanding of storms and their hazards. Lessons begin April 2, but you can sign up and begin all (or any portion) of the course anytime until the interactive links are turned off, at the end of May.

NOTE: For more on the course and how to register, go to AVweb's NewsWire <http://avweb.com/n/?14a>

Guatemala Anyone???

Jan Archibald has been invited to go to Guatemala by pilots from GRUPO TACA Airlines to present a seminar on ATC procedures and phraseology. She is looking for a travel buddy – airfare and lodging paid!!!. If anyone is interested in an exciting adventure in early June (date not yet set) please contact Jan at 818 703 6965 ja6965@aol.com

Welcome Back

We were happy to see Marion McNiff and Jan Archibald after a long absence. Welcome....

Photos from the Death Valley Fly-In
Taken by Wendy Wiencek



Aerial view of Death Valley Airport



Where's the beef??



Safety

Small Airports and Runways - or "How do I find and land at Fallbrook Airport?"

I don't know about you, but I get pretty spoiled flying around the L.A. basin. Airports there are generally good sized, have nice long level runways (> 4000') and are pretty easy to spot. Not much of a challenge to find them or make your landing. Then there are neat little places like Fla-Bob and Fallbrook...

Since our next fly-in is scheduled for Fallbrook airport (identifier is L18), it was suggested that I write a few words about short field landings. Fallbrook is one of my favorite places to fly to on a Sunday afternoon. In the last year, I've been there several times to practice landings. Considering that Fallbrook is often a bit hard to find, and that it is right next to some airspace you don't want to blunder into without permission (it belongs to the Marines at Camp Pendleton), I thought I'd also mention a few things you might want to know before you head down there.

There are several features of Fallbrook that make it "interesting". First, it's on the top of a hill, with taxiways that lead fairly steeply up and down to the tie-down areas. Second, the runway is 2,160' long and 60' wide and not level (they never quite leveled off the hill it's on), although the surface was in great condition the last time I was there. Third, the landscape in the area is hilly and covered with lots of trees (mostly avocado - yum!), and there is a nursery complex with several greenhouses off the southeast corner of the airfield. This makes the airport a bit difficult to spot. If you're not familiar or you don't have a GPS moving map display in your cockpit, I would urge you to study the sectional chart carefully for landmarks when you are planning your flight. When approaching the area, stay toward the east, over Highway 15. If you aren't careful, you may find yourself inside a fourth interesting feature of Fallbrook - R2503B, which is the Restricted Area belonging to Camp Pendleton (their runway is just 6 miles away). It is just west of Fallbrook and includes airspace from the surface to 15,000' and is effective from 0800 to 0000 (that's midnight) daily.

Short field landings, even for those who are used to the wide-open spaces of VNY or BUR, aren't that big of a deal. The idea of landing an airplane is of course to arrive at the landing spot by running out of altitude and flying speed at the same time. If you have good landing practices - landing in the middle of the runway (vs. one side or the other), and approach speeds under control, and putting the airplane on the spot you choose (vs. just flaring somewhere past the fence and waiting for the plane to come down where it wants to), then a short field should hold no extra challenges for you. Tips for short field landings include a little slower airspeed on final (use slightly higher nose attitude and carry power a little longer), using full flaps and then retracting them as soon as you touch down to dump the lift and get more weight on wheels, which helps braking, and moving your touchdown spot to just beyond the threshold (vs. shooting for the numbers or someplace else further down the runway). Try it the next time you land, just to prove to yourself that you can do it.

For further information on Fallbrook Airport (L18), see the following web sites:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/L18>

<http://airports.pilotage.com/l18/index.html>

<http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/cnty/cntydepts/landuse/works/airports/fallbrook.htm>

<http://sd.znet.com/~schester/fallbrook/attractions/airpark.html> [for a little history]

Hope to see you all at the Fallbrook fly-in! ☺

Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman

WEB SITES of INTEREST - www.ninety-nines.org (International)

www.sws99s.org (Southwest Section)

www.sfv99s.org (SFV99s OWN site)

<http://www.lawa.org/vny/welcome.htm> (this is a very useful site for SFV pilots!)

Each of these sites has links to other aviation sites and other 99s chapters!

Our meeting is the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Meeting place is the Airtel Plaza Hotel, corner of Valjean and Sherman Way next to VNY.

Thursday NOON after the monthly meeting is the DEADLINE for the AUXTANK!

Email (bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us) contributions to Bertie Duffy

Calendar of Events and Coming Attractions

Sat. Apr 21	Greasy Thumb Clinic – WHP – 1pm
Sun. Apr 22`	Fly-In to Fallbrook – ETA 10am
Fri. Apr 27	Salute to Youth - Palmdale
Apr 27-29	SW Spring Section in Long Beach
Mon. May 7	Chapter meeting – Airtel Plaza 7pm
Tue. May 22	SOP Workshop – Paula Sandling’s 6:30pm
Sat. Jun 2	Awards Banquet – 94 th Aero Squadron – 11am
June 23-24	VNY Aviation Expo

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