



# AUX TANK

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

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missed one of the finest banquets I can remember.

## Chairperson's Message

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Now that one term has ended and a new term is about to begin, I'd like to thank my outgoing Board once again for your efforts, commitment and friendship this past year. I'm sure you'll all agree that serving on the Board has truly strengthened and deepened your connection to the organization and to other chapter members. We saw a lot of things accomplished and had a lot of fun in the process. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?!

My sincere thanks to Michelle Albiez, Marion McNiff, Jaye Howes, Pam Distaso, our Scholarship Awards Committee and everyone else who helped make our Installation/ Awards banquet such a success (please forgive me if I've overlooked anyone). Jaye was her usually vivacious self as our wonderful MC ... the food was great ... programs were attractive ... centerpieces were lovely ... and even the weather cooperated! If you weren't able to attend, you

And so begins a new year in our Chapter's history – our 50<sup>th</sup> year, to be exact. Half a century of women pilots in the San Fernando Valley. It's a milestone deserving of some very special recognition, and that's exactly what we have in mind: an extravagant, catered dinner-dance, complete with music, entertainment, decorations, historical tributes — the works! To pull it off, however, we need the enthusiastic participation of every member in our chapter — and I do mean EVERY member.

As our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee Chairman, Michelle Albiez will once again help us put all the pieces together, but she can't do it alone. For the next eight months, we all need to pull together as never before, working as a team to produce this lavish celebration. Think about what you can do to help, then sign up for a committee ... or two ... or three. And remember, what we need most of all right now are your creative *ideas*. With everyone's enthusiastic participation (and some really good publicity!), our spectacular birthday bash is sure to get the attention of the entire aviation community, as well as the public at large — proving once again that, although humble, the San Fernando Valley Chapter is simply the best!

Being chairman someday was the last thing on my mind when I first joined this chapter 32 years ago — yet here I am, about to lead the SFV99s through our landmark 50<sup>th</sup> year. As I begin my second term as your Chairman, I want you all to know how greatly I appreciate your support and friendship.

Blue skies ...

Helene

### Web Site

Check out our newly designed Web Site done by Pam Distaso. Great job, Pam

## WPOY

The Woman Pilot of the Year form is enclosed with this Auxtank to SFV 99 members only. The deadline for submitting the application to Ruth Logan is July 15 and the award will be presented at our Summer Potluck on July 28.

If you have been a 99 for at least two years, please consider completing the application for Pilot of the Year. We know there are many deserving pilots out there. Anyone with a year's membership can complete the Rookie of the Year application. The deadline for submitting applications is July 15, 2001. Please send completed applications to Ruth Logan (address is in the directory). If you have any questions, please call Ruth Logan (818) 768-1504.

## Blue Skies Flight Time

The Blue Skies flight time was won by **Lilian Holt** – Congratulations!! Have fun flying.

## Summer Potluck

Our summer potluck party will be held on Sat. July 28 at the home of **Melinda Lyon**. Call **Lorrie Blech** or **Linda Hernandez** to RSVP and let them know what you plan to bring.

Directions to Melinda Lyon's House  
1130 Linda Flora Drive, LA CA 90049  
(310) 472-3773

Coming From Santa Monica

1. Take I-405 N. 3.2
2. Take the MORAGA DR exit. 0.1
3. Stay straight to go onto MORAGA DR. 0.0
4. Turn RIGHT onto W BELLAGIO RD. 0.4
5. Turn LEFT onto LINDA FLORA DR. 0.8

Coming from the Valley:

1. Take I-405 S. 6.9
2. Take the exit towards SUNSET BLVD. 0.1
3. Turn RIGHT onto N CHURCH LN. 0.2
4. Turn LEFT onto N SEPULVEDA BLVD. 0.1
5. Turn RIGHT onto MORAGA DR. 0.0
6. Turn RIGHT onto W BELLAGIO RD. 0.4
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## Birthday Party

Our chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday will be next February and we are throwing a **party!!!** We will have a 50's hangar dance at the Clay Lacy hangar. The date will be announced soon. **Michelle Albiez** is in charge of the gala affair and will need help from each of you with planning, selling tickets, and hosting. We hope for people from all over the area to join us in this big event and we need every one of you to tell at least 50 of your closest friends about the party. There will be a committee meeting on Thurs June 14 at Jaye Howes office. More news later.

## New FWP

We have a new FWP – **Jennifer Miller**. She has attended several meetings and was pinned as an FWP at our meeting. Say hello to Jennifer at the next event.

## New FWP Committee

After capably serving many years as co-chairs of the FWP committee, we are saddened to announce the retirement of **Pam Distaso** and **Kathy Smither**. Thank you for a job well done.

The new co-chairs are **Marion McNiff** and **Linda Hernandez**. Linda was a previous FWP and will bring to the committee new ideas on how to reach out to women learning to fly. If any of you know of women student pilots, give their names to Marion or Linda so they can contact them and get them into the program. We have \$\$\$\$ available to help them and also assign a mentor to help them over the rough psychological spots. (We all remember those, huh)

This program brings us our future members, so every one of you should introduce at least one new FWP in the next year.

## **Trixie Awards**

This year we had two members tie for the Trixie Ann service award so for the first time there were two first place awards given. They were won by **Maureen Kenney and Ruth Logan**. Congratulations to you both and many thanks for all the work you have done for the chapter during the past year.

## **VNY AIR EXPO 2001 BEER BOOTH.**

IT'S BEER TIME!

The SFV99s serve as co-chairs with Van Nuys Airport for this exciting event. In addition, we also operate a Beer and Soda Booth, which provides us with additional scholarship money to distribute to worthy aviation career candidates. We need your support to make this fundraising event a success!

When you come to volunteer your time in the Beer Booth (I'm sure EVERYONE will) -- you'll need to know the following information:

Due to a reconfiguration of the parking area previously used by the non-profits, all non-profits will be required to park in the lot on the north side of the Airtel Plaza at 7337 Valjean Avenue (just north of Sherman Way). The lot is in between the Airtel and Clay Lacy's Hangar. Busses will be provided to transport you field side to the Expo venue. Gates at this location will open at 6:30 am. You will need parking passes to park in this lot.

We will do our best to get everyone who volunteers a pass. These passes need to be displayed in the lower, left-hand corner of your windshield. Space is limited, you are encouraged to carpool.

We encourage everyone to wear navy blue pants or shorts (not short-shorts). White shirts (with a 99s logo would be nice). A hat is also suggested.

It's always fun, and your participation is what makes it the greatest event of the year. Call either **Ruth Logan, 818-768-1504** or **Laurel Carpenter, 323-933-0250** to sign up. The booth is in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you need flyers to pass out at your workplace, let us know. SEE YOU AT THE EXPO!

## **Hangar Flying**

**Ruth Logan** flew to Mesa, AZ, 4 times in May to care for my ailing daughter and watch the grandkids. My daughter is doing much better now and I really appreciate all the good wishes and prayers from everyone.

**Bertie Duffy** flew to Fresno for the Doolittle Raider Reunion. I'm sure many of you saw the 8 B-25s land at VNY a few weeks ago – they were forming up for a flight to Fresno for the Doolittle Reunion. I flew up on Friday afternoon and it was a wonderful weekend. The San Joaquin Valley experienced a record heat wave as I was flying up on Friday afternoon so I maintained a high altitude of about 2000 AGL. Didn't even get many bugs on my wings (or teeth) at that altitude. I had a tail wind so I made it non-stop!! Friday night there was a party for the attending survivors of the Raid (there are 24 living – 13 attended) Also in attendance was the gentleman from OSS who parachuted into Russia to bring one of the crews home.

On Saturday the bombers all took to the air – 12 of them doing formation fly-bys. What a sight to see and the sound was unforgettable – the roar of 24 big round engines is a sound we rarely hear today. Sat. night there was a dinner dance with 1400 people in attendance – many people in 40s dress or uniform – dancing to big band music. Again the guests of honor were the Raiders.

Sunday the weather turned COLD. Luckily I had made this trip a few times and had extra clothes with me but it was one of the coldest flights I can remember. By the time I landed I felt like my toes had turned into icicles. It took several hours before I was completely thawed out.

It was a great weekend honoring some real heroes and I was so lucky to be in attendance.

WEB SITES of INTEREST - [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org) (International)  
[www.sws99s.org](http://www.sws99s.org) (Southwest Section)  
[www.sfv99s.org](http://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, each month!  
 Email ([bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us)) contributions to Bertie Duffy

## Calendar of Events and Coming Attractions

Jun 23/24	VNY Expo – Beer Booth
July 17-21	International Convention (Calgary)
Sat. July 23	Summer Potluck – Melinda Lyon’s 4 PM
Mon. Aug 5	Chapter Meeting
Sat. Aug 13	Fly-In Tehachapi Mountain Festival
Mon. Aug. 17	September meeting
Sep. 28-30	SW Fall Section – Las Vegas
Sat. Dec. 22	Holiday Party – Lilian Holt’s house

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**NO MEETING IN JULY**