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

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Thanks from Golda

Thanks so much for your thoughts, prayers and cards received both during and after my back surgery. It has been greatly appreciated, as well as the lovely plant the chapter sent when I got home. It will be a constant reminder of all of you, every time I pass it. You are a very special group of women who mean a lot to me. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Hugs, Golda Neuman

(PS Hope you're back to being your chipper self soon. Ed.)

Happy Birthday to Us

The plans for our Birthday Bash are proceeding apace. If you were not at the last meeting, this will bring you up to date.

We have so far located a ton of names of past members. The list was brought to the meeting, and a number of members went over the list to "weed out" any who were deceased, and offer insight into where many can be found. There is still a lot of work to do, however. There is at least 1 ½ decades in our records which are a complete blank. Paula and Coralee are going through all the old records looking for rosters, news articles, etc. to get names. If anyone has old rosters from the seventies, sixties or fifties, please call Paula. We really need input from everyone. After we get a coherent list, we will be asking

everyone in the Chapter to take a look and help us find these people.

We are also putting an ad in the 99 News asking all former members to contact us. Jaye designed an eye-catching ad for us, and I brought a sample to the meeting. There was much discussion, and some alternative suggestions, which I researched and took up with the other Committee Chairmen. It was suggested that we make the ad smaller to save money, and then change or enlarge upon it in subsequent issues. The problem with this is two-fold. To make the ad smaller, it would not have the eye-catching impact of a larger ad. Since we are only planning to run this twice, we want to get the best "bang" for our buck. Also, if we changed the ad at all in a subsequent issue, this would essentially be a new ad which would be much more expensive (by +50%) than running the same ad again. The prices for ads in the 99 News are extremely reasonable as ad prices go (\$200 for a full page, if run continuously). Also, it was mentioned that it seemed to focus too much on "just our members" and not an open invitation to everyone. This is because the ad is not an invitation. It's sole purpose is to find former members and ask them to contact us regarding the party. The 99 News goes all over the world, and 99% of everyone will not be interested in attending our party. We are narrow-casting to find members. Invitations to others who wish to attend will go out later, and we will concentrate on those who are likely to come: people involved with the airport, friends of our Chapter, and local chapters of the 99s. Although everyone is welcome, I don't envision many outside the Southwest Section (except former members)

actually coming. Some invitations will go out to others like the International President, but that is just a courtesy

In the end, we decided that the ad was as good and economical as it could be given its task, and I have contacted the publisher to have our ad included in the September/October issue of the 99 News. It will be left there for the November/December issue, as well, at which time we may decide to pull the ad unless we have an overwhelming response.

We are also putting an article in the Southwesterly about our birthday, and mission, to find former members.

We also spoke of the need for publicity. Helene is going to write a brief history of our Chapter, with mention of our upcoming birthday celebrations, and we plan to distribute this to local publications. Ceci know one or two to send it to, and Helene another. However, one thing we desperately need is a Publicity Chairman. No one has so far volunteered for this, and we need to have someone who is publicity savvy to keep our Chapter activities and birthday in the public eye. This is one way we can encourage people to come: get them interested. If you have a finger on the pulse of local newspapers, PLEASE call me. We need a Publicity Chairman to handle these things. Also, as we have not had a Publicity Chairman for some time, we have had no articles in the 99 News about our Chapter. As our birthday year is approaching, this would be an opportune time to remedy this. How will anyone know how HUMBLE we are, unless we tell them?!

Another Chair which has gone unfilled is for soliciting donations to the 99s. We need to seek out donations, and, again, we need someone who has their finger on the pulse of the local businesses (probably airport related) who would like to contribute. Please contact myself or Helene if you would like to Chair this committee.

I had asked Connie Shurr, who is an animator, to design a commemorative patch for us, and she came up with a beauty! I brought a picture of it to the meeting, and everyone loved it. I have to get together with Anderson Trophy to discuss and finalize the design, but if we sell them for \$5 apiece, this will cover the cost of the patch plus some extra, which will go into our party fund. We encourage

everyone in the chapter to buy a patch to commemorate our 50th—what better way to do it, than to have a patch on a jacket or hat to show our pride in our Chapter. If I can get my rear into gear, we should have them by the middle of September.

It was also suggested at the meeting that (for a small increase in the price of the ticket) we can give a commemorative patch to everyone who attends our party. I think that is a great idea. It will be more appreciated, and last longer, than a lot of commemorative stuff we get at banquets and parties. We also discussed T-shirts. This would be a more limited-use idea than the patches. Those of us who are going to Section will wear T-shirts advertising our birthday and party, and they will be available for anyone else to purchase who wishes to wear news of our celebration. Jaye had designed the “front” of the T-shirt, which shows two women asking “Guess who’s turning 50?”

For the back, I designed a HUMBLE logo, and it says: “The Humble Chapter celebrates 50 years! Join us...April 27, 2001.” We are hoping this will attract attention and encourage people to ask us. Then we can tell them about our party and invite them. Everyone at the meeting thought these were great shirts. I found a T-shirt printer who will do small orders (minimum 24). We are going to get a minimum order which will provide shirts for all those going to Section, plus others who wish to buy them. If there are more than 25 who want them, we can always have another order printed. They will sell for about \$25.00 apiece (based on the minimum order price).

The last thing we discussed is the need to update our Web site with party information. Which brought up the fact that we currently have no one to tend our Web site. Does anyone who knows how to do this want to take on this job?

As we continue to plan our festivities, there will be more and more things to take care of. We will need the input and help from everyone, and we encourage everyone to contribute. You may not realize that no chapter funds are being used for this party. We are depending totally upon contributions from members and outside contributors. If you can donate your time and expertise to any endeavor, Thank you! We need your help! If you can contribute the cost of your efforts (such as not asking for reimbursement for

phone or other expenses incurred), we would be most appreciative. And if you wish to donate funds to help finance our party, that, too, would be more than welcome. We appreciate any kind of contribution you can make to help make our celebration one to remember. After all, it's OUR party, and we only turn 50 once!

Past Rosters

We need past International & SFV Chapter rosters. In preparation for the 50th Chapter Anniversary next year, we are trying to put together a master list of ALL former and current members plus as many addresses as we can find. I have been scouring our old scrapbooks, attendance lists, etc. as well as a few International and Chapter rosters and we have a list of close to 400. Many are still missing, however.

We already have International 1961, 91-00 and Chapter's 77, 81,95-00. We NEED rosters from the 60s, 70s and 80s. If you have any, let Coralee Tucker know at (818 348 6448) or (cyt2@pacbell.net).

Also, if you have addresses of former members, please send those, too, and help update our list.

Hangar Flying:

Chuck & I took a driving vacation (because I had a cold & couldn't fly, darn it!) to California's gold country. We stayed at an old (1874) hotel in Mokolumne Hill and drove around all the back roads & Hwy. 49 to such quaint places as Murphys, Angels Camp (Mark Twain has a statue there for his story on the Jumping Frog of Calaveras County), Jamestown, Jacksonville. We visited Calaveras Co. airport (where they have float planes & training), California Caverns, & took a ride in a steam engine train.

In July/August flew to Santa Paula, Camarillo, Catalina, Santa Ynez (Wings N Wheels) and flew Young Eagles, too.

In May, Chuck & I flew to Chandler & Williams-Gateway (south of Phoenix) to visit Chuck's family. Weather was interesting--lots of mid level clouds and

rain showers in Phoenix area. But it was clear all along our route! I took some of Chuck's family flying--they loved it! That same week we flew to Placerville (to visit Misti & Harold Flaspohler), Nevada City (with SFV 99s to see Felicia & Truman's new home), and Pine Mountain Lake (also with SFV 99s to stay at Paula & Michael's home). It was a great vacation, with 16.5 hours put on the airplane!

Ceci

Announcements/Calendar: The SoCal Wing Confederate Air Force is having a USO Hollywood Canteen Party October 27, in their new hangar at Camarillo Airport. It should be fun! Tex Beneke Band and The Ink Spots will be there. Ticket donations are \$30. If we get a table of 10 from the 99s, tickets are \$25. Call Ceci (818) 842-0005.

New List Server

We have a new list server – listbot went out of business. You can send a message to all subscribers of the list by addressing your e-mail to SFV99s@yahoogroups.com. You can also go to this address to check our calendar. I have posted a few things on the calendar with automatic notification of the events which will go out to everyone. You can post dates there too. Just go to yahoogroups.com – click on SFV99s – click on calendar and follow instructions.

I haven't been able yet to figure out how to change the settings to allow you to reply to only one person when you reply so keep in mind that you either have to send them a message with just their address or everyone will get it.

You can also post photos there – so let's see some pictures!!!

Bertie

Palm to Pines Results

Here are the results of the famous Palms to Pines Air Race.

First Place Pat Prentiss/Lianne Oakes
Second Place Fran Bera/CJ Strawn
Third Place Dene Chabot-Fence/Gloria May
Fourth Place Colleen Gagnon*
Fifth Place Jean Schiffman/Ann Fenton

The two-day race starts in Santa Monica, CA and ends in Bend, OR with a fly-by/lunch stop in Merced and an overnight stop in Red Bluff. It's a VFR navigational race and a lot of fun. If you want to learn more about it, here's a good link:

<http://www.sws99s.org/sites/sws/flying/palms.html>
Gotta love those racers!!!

* Colleen Gagnon is a first time racer, who raced her Cardinal solo!

Back To Basics Race

For many years the Los Angeles Chapter did the Back to Basic air race – in the fall. It has been dormant for approx. 3 years. As the Palms and Los Angeles Chapters have merged we are bringing the Back to Basic race, back. It will be from Santa Monica, Saturday, December 1st. It will be approx. 350 miles with the option to stop at one of the designated airports for fuel, etc. You get all of your PANEL covered up except the legal basic. Wet compass and com radios. No VOR, Loran, GPS, etc. navigation. I have flown it 3 times and found it a lot of fun. After the race we always do a lot of hanger talk about what happened. PASS THE WORD. Flyers will be sent out.

Contact Carolyn Horton at lapalms99@aol.com

Intent to Seek Election

If you are interested in running for international office please complete the attached form. – Helene

News from Headquarters

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to give an update of what's going to be

happening with the Headquarters Dispatch. We've spent a little extra time getting our, um, "stuff" together and I'll be editing the Dispatch starting with the September issue. We wanted to do it right, and having me rush out my first edition didn't seem like the way to go. Besides, no one told Faith (our new Headquarters Manager) that I would start doing the Dispatch. <g> Oops. Better to wait and do it right.

When the Dispatch was conceived in 1997, I was the original "layout" person. I didn't have much to say about what went in it, I was just supposed to put it together in a convenient newsletter format. This worked much better than the bits o' paper that used to come from HQ. Once I quit doing the Dispatch a few years ago, it sorta fell to HQ to get it done. Needless to say, the HQ personnel didn't have a lot of time to dedicate to doing a monthly "newsletter." I think the Dispatch became more of an afterthought for the monthly mailings. Because I felt the need for real communication was really, really important, I volunteered to do the Dispatch again. This time, though, I made my "demands" known. I wanted to be the editor, a real editor.

We're going to turn this into a real communication tool. All those things that never get out to the members are going to be a regular part of the Dispatch. If the information gets to me and it has broad appeal, we're going to be printing it. I want to start doing a lot of nuts and bolts stuff that no one ever tells you but you're supposed to know. We have a lot of new Chapter Chairmen, and many of them are new 99s. Nothing we do is a secret, it's just that no one puts the information "out there." And as Pamela has told you, we'll be posting it on the website in PDF format for all to see. And in case there's some whining about it being in the Member's Only section, remember that we put lots of addresses and phone numbers in the Dispatch. I don't want all my information out on the public section of the website. But that's just me...

I'm working on the shell now for the new Dispatch. The first issue will introduce our new Headquarters Manager, Faith Duncan. [Pssst! She's not an office manager, she's a HEADQUARTERS manager.] If there's something you want to see in the Dispatch, make sure it gets to me. You can find me on email or just post here. I'm listening!

Anna Taylor

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!

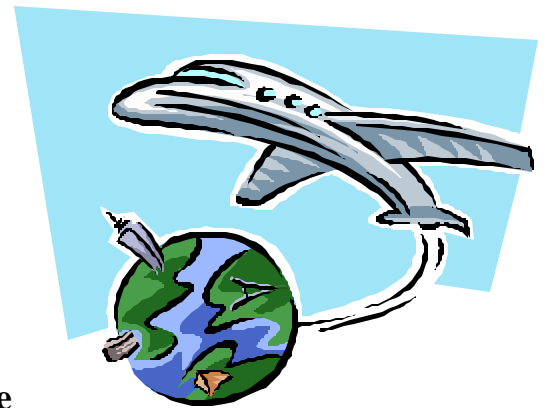
Our meeting is the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Meeting place is the Airtel Plaza Hotel, corner of Valjean and Sherman Way next to VNY.

Thursday NOON after the monthly meeting is the DEADLINE for the AUXTANK, each month!
Email (bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us) contributions to Bertie Duffy

Calendar of Events and Coming Attractions

Mon Aug 27	Sept. Chapter Meeting
Sep 28-30	Fall Section – Las Vegas
Sat Dec 22	Chapter Holiday Party
April 27 2001	Chapter 50 th Anniversary Party

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Sept. meeting is August 27 due
to Labor Day.