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

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Nominating Committee Comments

We in the humble SFV Chapter are very lucky to belong to a large chapter with many active members. However, that number is finite.

As we have called members regarding board positions, we have heard time and again "I've already served on the board". It may be time for you to rethink that idea. We need every one of you and so many of our very talented leadership need to consider running for office.

As I have attended Section and International meetings I have talked with members from other chapters who automatically assume they will serve again in a couple years. We don't need that thought, but we do need you to support your chapter by being on the board

Your chapter needs you.

between 11:00 and 12:30 at Fox. The BBQ starts at 12 noon. Price for a poker hand and the BBQ is \$17, or \$10 for the BBQ only.

This is a very popular event, and BBQ tickets are usually sold out before the event. To assure availability of food (or for further information) call Ellen Coussens before March 15 at 661-256-4357 (evenings) or 661-948-5969 (work).



Apple Valley Fly In

ANTELOPE VALLEY 99s POKER RUN

The Antelope Valley 99s will have their 12th Annual St. Patrick's Day Poker Run on Sunday, March 17 at Fox Field beginning at 9:00 a.m. - rain or shine! Lots of great prizes! Special prizes will be given to all PICs who fly to at least 3 of the 6 participating airports. Spot landing competition will be held

Fly-INS

January's fly-in to Apple Valley was a great success-- good food, good friends AND the weather was beautiful.

There were 20 people in 8 planes that made it to this event. The list of pilots and passengers were as follows: Jill Brookhart, Paula & Michael Sandling, Kathy Smither & guest Francie Ozukovich, Ruth & Bill Logan, Vicki Rose & guest Carl Bernstein, Kathy Crawley, Cristina & Natasha Sunness, Jeanne Kirhofer, Pam Distaso, Marty Petri, Gunner Gunerson, Jennifer Miller, Gary, Linda Hernandez and guest James. Jennifer Miller wins the "She's Got What It Takes Award." Jennifer had several obstacles to hurdle the morning of the fly-in (discovered charts weren't current, etc.) She managed to get everything together and then our newly-anointed pilot showed up alone in a little Katana. Way to go Jennifer!

Show us the Money!!

It's that time again. Time to get together and come up with some good ideas for fundraising. You all know that we may not have the Van Nuys EXPO this year and that is where we get A LOT of our money for scholarships and operating expenses.

The plan is to meet at my house and brainstorm. This is not a committee so everyone is welcome, in fact the more the better!! I will have finger food and drinks, so you don't have to bring anything but ideas. Please put Sat. March 9, 2002 at 2:00pm on your calendars. Just sign up or call me so I know how much to get.

Thanks Kathy

For Sale

5 piece solid maple bedroom set in flawless condition. * * * New full size mattress and box springs. \$800. Contact Jaye Howes
661-251-2825

Too True

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

CHAPTER REPORTS 18 MEMBERS **"APT" for 2001**

For a year in which we were led to believe the Annual Proficiency Training Program was no longer in effect (and therefore no members were reminded to get their "Apt" ride), we now have 18 members to report who took a proficiency flight with an instructor at some time during the year. Thanks to Jeanne Kirhofer and Dolores Mathews who worked during December and early January to collect evidence of our members who got "Apt" anyway during 2001. They want to thank everyone who submitted their paperwork so that it could be sent in to Southwest Section. A big thank-you also to Jeanne Fenimore who allowed her fax to be used to receive last-minute copies of logbooks.

We congratulate the following members for getting "Apt" for 2001: Pia C. Berquist, Paula Bazar-Sandling, Jill Burkhart (FWP), Pamela Distaso, Claudia Ferguson, Jacqueline M. Forsting, Lisa Hineman, Lillian D. Holt, Maureen Kenney, Jeanne Kirhofer, Helene Krongold, Madeline Kurrasch, Dolores Mathews, Jennifer Miller, Lois Peck, Ceci Stratford, Wendy Weincek and Susan Theurkauf.

If we had known for the last six months we were going to have an Apt program after all this year, think what we could have done! As most of you know, the old Apt program has been replaced with a Proficiency Training Program ("PTP") for the year 2002. Under the new program, any member attending a qualified aviation seminar such as a ground school, an AOPA town meeting or seminar, an FAA safety seminar, or various other instructional aviation meetings, will be able to submit proof of attendance and be counted under the "PTP" program. This means that those of you who are not flying during the year can also qualify as well as those who fly with an instructor.

We will include in next month Auxtank a form for you to keep track of any time you attend a qualifying meeting or seminar, you can have it signed by the presenter; or any time you ride with an instructor you can have it signed at the time you take the flight. Turn all such forms in to one of the program co-chairmen, Jeanne Kirhofer or Dolores Mathews. There is no reason the Great San Fernando Valley Chapter can't be 100% in the Proficiency Training Program in 2002!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 818-997-7676
RATES: Single/Double \$79.00 per night

BIRTHDAY GALA RESERVATIONS: April 27, 2002

Name: _____

Phone: _____ (important)

Address: _____

FAX: _____ (important)

Email: _____ (important)

We will confirm reservations and provide further details via
Email, FAX or phone whenever possible.

Yes! I want to join the fun! Please send me _____ tickets @ \$45.00 each. I enclose my check for \$_____

Please indicate number of each dinner preference: Filet/Salmon combination _____ Vegetarian _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION: By Commercial: Arrival Date/Time: _____ Airline _____

Flight # _____ Airport _____

Private Plane: Aircraft Type/Registration # _____ Arrival Date/Airport _____

ETA _____

NINETY-NINES INFORMATION: Full Name: _____

For Badge: _____

Section: _____ Chapter _____

Current/Former San Fernando Valley member? _____

Are you now, or have you ever been (check all that apply):

? Chapter Chairman ? Section Board ? Section Governor ? International Board (Position _____)

**If you have an interesting story or amusing anecdote about your 99s adventure, please send or Email it to us.
We would love to share it!**

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Event Chairman: Michele Albiez

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Aircraft Lights

Well, in the last 12 years, I've covered a lot of safety topics, but I think I have yet to say something about aircraft lights and lighting. (Thanks, Lorrie, for the idea!) It may seem pretty simple, but if you're going to fly day or night, or IFR, there are certain exterior lights that the FAA requires you to switch on. There aren't all that many, so this will be pretty simple. Lights on the aircraft are covered by FAR 91.209, and also in 91.205.c. There are some common sense things to think about, too. For the sake of this article, I'll talk about exterior lights only. I'm also going to limit this discussion to the light piston land aircraft most of us fly under FAR part 91. (Those smarties who fly jets, or for charter or the airlines can wait for future articles. ☺)

Exterior Lighting Systems

There are several types or groups of exterior lights:

1. Anti-Collision lights (rotating beacons)
2. Position or Navigation lights
3. Landing / taxi lights
4. Strobes, Ice lights, Logo (or tell-tail) lights

Well, it turns out that the "rotating" beacon, which can also be a "strobe" or flashing-type light, is known to the FAA as an "anticollision light". All airplanes made after 8/11/71 have them, they can be either red or white (sometimes, they're half and half) and if you've got one, you have to have it on while operating the aircraft. To say this another way: if the engine's on, the rotating beacon has got to be on. Therefore, it would be a really good idea while you're doing a pre-flight to flip on the battery switch and the beacon switch and make sure it works. The FAA will allow you to turn it off only if it proves to be a safety hazard, e.g., if you're in the clouds and the flashing is distracting you. If the system quits working while you're away from home, you are allowed to continue without it operating until you reach a place where it can be fixed.

Position lights, or Navigation lights as they are sometimes called due to their nautical heritage, are that 3-light system the airplane has which includes 1 green light on the right wingtip, 1 white light facing rear at the back of the aircraft (usually on the vertical stabilizer, but not always), and one red light on the left wingtip. These must be turned on between sunset and sunrise, and also when flying IFR. If you're going to fly at night, better also check those lights on your pre-flight while you're checking the rotating beacon. If you own the airplane (and maybe even if you don't), you might also want to think about carrying a spare bulb with you in your aircraft emergency tool kit in case you need to fix one while you're out and about. It would be pretty silly to have to cancel a flight for want of a light bulb.

Landing lights aren't exactly required, unless your flight is for hire (FAR 91.206.c.4), but I sure don't like having to land without one. In spite of the lights on the runway, it's no fun to be groping around during your final flare with no landing light. Some planes have them located in the nose of the aircraft, and some have them out on the leading edge of one wing. It doesn't matter where they are as long as they light up the runway for you. Depth perception gets better the more light there is. Of course, some airplanes are equipped with separate taxi lights, which are usually pointed down at a steeper angle so you can see things closer to the airplane. In a pinch, they can serve quite well as a backup landing light. If

you want, you can even use them both for landing and increase your chances of better depth perception. Don't forget to check these on your pre-flight, too! Remember Murphy's Law...

Some airplanes have extra lighting systems installed to enhance their visibility at night and act as additional anticollision lights. These aren't required, but they are permitted by the FAA, and are nice to have for safety (and other) reasons. Strobe lights mounted on the aircraft are great at providing extra visibility at night. They are very bright and can be mounted underneath the aircraft or in various other places. Wingtip strobe lights can provide the attention-getting properties of strobe lights while keeping them out and away from the pilot. When using strobes, it's a good idea to turn them on after take-off and turn them off when on short final. Otherwise, the lights will reflect off the runway (especially if it's wet!) and could be a distraction. If you're IMC, you might also want to shut them off for the same reason. "Logo" or "tell-tail" lights, are mounted on the empennage of the aircraft in such a way that they shine on the tail. This makes it so that the owner's tail logo is visible to anybody nearby, so it's not only safety, but good advertising. Just look up some night at an airliner going overhead and you'll see what I mean when you are able to tell which airline owns the airplane. ☺ Ice lights are normally mounted in the fuselage and are pointed down the leading edge of the wing so the pilot(s) can tell whether there is ice on the wings at night. Like logo lights, they have the added benefit of making the airplane more visible to other traffic at night.

Have a safe flight and don't forget to use those lights!

Claudia Ferguson
Safety Chairman, SFV 99s
FAA Accident Prevention Counselor

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Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said the first one. "Me, too," said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch.

They flew down and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms. They ate and ate and ate and ate until they couldn't eat anymore." I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree," said the first robin.

"Me either," said the second robin. "Let's just lay here and bask in the warm sun," said the first. "OK," said the second. The robins plopped down, basking in the sun.

They had barely fallen asleep when a big, fat tomcat sneaked up and gobbled both of them down. As he sat washing his face after his meal, the cat thought -- "I just love baskin' robins."

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 7:30 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 Mar. 4	Chapter Meeting
Sat Mar 9	Fundraising Idea Meeting
Sun Mar 17	Poker Flight Fox Field
Sat Apr 27 2002	Our 50 th Anniversary Birthday Bash
May 17 – 19	Spring Section Yuba City CA
July 16 – 21	International Convention – Atchison KS
Sept 13 – 15	Fall Section – Tucson AZ
April 2003	Aviation World Fair – Kitty Hawk, N.C.

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