



AUX TANK

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

CHAIRMAN:	Helene Krongold	RECORDING SECRETARY:	Kathy Crawley
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Wendy Wiencek	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Marcia Fuller
TREASURER:	Ruth Logan	AUX TANK EDITOR:	Bertie Duffy

March	2002
-------	------

Member of the Month

ME!! (**Bertie Duffy**) for hosting the brunch prior to our symphony afternoon. I made pancakes (coconut and lemon poppyseed. **Jan Wood** brought homemade pomegranate jelly that we had with the coconut and **Mary Glassman** made lemon curd for the lemon. If that isn't enough to get you to the next brunch, your taste buds are dead!!

Fund Raising

Do you have a Von's Club Card? A Chevron Card? A Visa/MasterCard/American Express card? If you do, each time you use your card with a participating merchant a percentage of your purchase will go to the Chapter. Keep your eyes open for upcoming news about the eScrip program. It's an easy way for our chapter to earn money! And all you have to do is sign up and buy from the participating merchants.

FLY-INS

We are canceling the Sunday, March 17th Fly-in to Big Bear. As of tonight we have only 1 plane going and 10 people who need rides(a tight fit for the Cessna 172!)

We think one of the reasons we did not get a good pilot response is because several people are participating in the Antelope Valley Chapter 99's Poker Run on the same day. We would like to encourage anyone who really wants to fly that day, to support our sister chapter and go to the Poker Run. There will be a BBQ (\$10) at Fox, combo tickets for

Poker Run and BBQ are \$17 - rain or shine. If you are interested, contact at (661)256-4357.

Over at Santa Monica - April 20th they are doing the Back to Basic Air Race again -- one the former Los Angeles 99 use to do.-----it about a 300 mile round robin. Pass the word. **Carolyn Horton** - 310 - 390-3050

HANGAR FLYING:

I just flew my Cherokee back from Camarillo Airport with a new engine in it!! My mechanic & I decided to buy a factory overhauled Lycoming O-360 engine and swap it for my old 2160-hour engine. Everything is new on my new purchase: cylinders, carburetor, alternator, mags, starter, oil pump, fuel pump, in addition to new engine mounts, new hoses, and I don't know what all! It flies FASTER, at least 10 mph faster (per the airspeed indicator and the GPS)! It's smooth and peppy. Now I need to fly 23 more hours to properly break it in. It's almost like having a new airplane. Come visit it at Whiteman Airport.

Ceci

March Speaker

Jay Howes presented her program on Women in Aviation. If you weren't there, you missed a treat and a bit of history education. Many thanks, Jaye.

At our Chapter meeting last Monday, the Birthday committee presented our activities to-date on what is being done to prepare for our Big Bash. Those of you who weren't there missed a real treat...and a great opportunity to sign up to help. But, like all good opportunities, this one will knock again.

As you know, we originally had thought of having a big hangar party, and Clay Lacy offered his. However, after looking into the logistics and cost, we thought it would be more economical to have it at the Airtel. Post 9/11, that turned out to be a good move, as the security would have been a nightmare. So that is what we're doing: having our "hangar party" at the hotel. The "dress" will be no more dressy than we have at one of our award luncheons—unless you wish to dress to the "nines"—feel free to decide! It's **your** party!

We will have a pre-dinner cocktail party with lots of fun and reminiscing with old friends. Do you have an interesting or funny story you would like to share with everyone? Just let us know. After dinner we will be asking people to get up and tell us anecdotes about their time with the Chapter, the friends they've made and the things they've done. We want lots of participation, so dig into your memory files!

And Lilian Holt has promised a few surprises and dance music that spans all our "decades" and really rocks! Bring your friends and significant (and not-so-significant) others, and fill up your dance card. (If you come solo, we'll just fill up Peter's* dance card!) Don't dance? Don't worry. You'll be so busy visiting and laughing with old friends, you won't even notice!
[*my husband]

Coralee Tucker has spent more hours than I can count cataloging and finding former members, and gathering names and addresses of other friends to invite. It has been a truly monumental task. We sent out more than 200 invitations to non-members, alone. If there is anyone whom you think we should invite, please let Coralee know, and we will send an invitation. The invitations sent over Yahoo! and in the Aux Tank were meant for current members and others in the Yahoo! Group. It was done this way to save postage. We have already gotten a really enthusiastic response from our current and former members, as well as others. Way to go, Coralee!!

Paula Sandling has offered her hangar for a Welcome Hangar Party on Friday night. We are required by the airport to have a list of attendees for security reasons, so everyone who buys a ticket to the Saturday Night Party will automatically be put on that list. We thought that would be the easiest way to do it. This will be a "hot dog and pot luck salad" affair to just welcome our out-of-

towners, meet interesting people and special guests, and see an impromptu static display we've arranged. It will be a raucous good time, so plan to attend!

Paula is also in charge of publicity and she has prepared a publicity packet to be sent to the local papers which is really great. We'll keep you posted on any articles. In addition, she is making up a great slide presentation to be shown at our cocktail party. Paula has spent hours pouring over hundreds of photos of the Chapter from the Fifties, on. She showed a preliminary presentation at the Chapter meeting, and it is really a professional job. The finished product promises to be something to remember. Paula suggested we put it on a disc and sell it after the party as a fund-raiser. This is a great idea! Everyone wants a pocketful of memories.

Everyone who comes to the Party will get a souvenir program and a patch (an original design by Connie Schurr!). I am in charge of the Programs, and am fortunately being assisted by Dolly Hicklin, who has had tons of experience with the Jim Hicklin Air Race programs. We want this to be a really special program to highlight a really special night and celebration.

Wendy Wiencek will be our official photographer, to make sure all the fun is captured forever.

Golda Neuman has designed really great centerpieces for our tables. And Paula has great ideas for the room decorations.

Jeanne Fenimore is our Site Chairman, and she told us that we already have some rooms reserved by those from out of town who will be joining us. We have thirty rooms blocked out at a special rate of \$79.00 per night, single/double occupancy. If you wish to stay at the Airtel, or know of someone who does, please remember to ask for the 99s 50th Birthday party rate. We understand that some who have inquired were told that the rate was \$89.00, but this is untrue. We will get this straightened out with the Hotel so the proper information is disseminated. We will also be having a hospitality suite at the Airtel, so stop by and visit!

As we will be having guests all weekend, we have arranged for two excursions on Saturday: a Tour of the Japanese Gardens in the morning (10:00 am), and a tour of The Autry Museum in the afternoon (2:00 pm). The afternoon tour lasts about an hour, and you will get back in plenty of time to get ready for the party. These are free to anyone who wants to join us. **If you are interested in either (or both) of these tours, please contact Mary Glassman and let her know. We do have to obtain a count.**

As you can see, the Humble Chapter has the most talented and enthusiastic members, anywhere! This is going to be a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

NOW FOR THAT SECOND OPPORTUNITY

We really need lots of help with this, and are asking everyone to pitch in. We welcome all the help we can get. Even if you can only donate a few hours to a certain project, or a couple of hours on one and a couple on another, we'll take it! Read on, and see where you can help.

Our hospitality suite will need refreshments. If you would like to donate something tasty, please call Kathy Crawley—she's in charge of Hospitality.

Mary Glassman and I are in charge of the Saturday excursions, but we will need a couple more helpers to be "people wranglers" and accompany the tours. If you would like to help, please call Mary or myself.

Jeanne Fenimore will need help with tie-downs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for those who are flying in. Please give her a call and lend a hand.

Jeanne Kirhoffer and Lois Peck are in charge of Transportation. They are responsible for transporting people to and from Burbank airport and the Van Nuys Flyaway. They will also provide transportation to our guests between the Hotel and the Hangar party, and between the Hotel and the Saturday excursions. They will also provide any other transportation needs we may have. As you can see, it will be a big job, and we need drivers and cars – the larger, the better – to help. If you can provide some time for transportation, give Jeanne or Lois a call.

Paula Sandling and Lilian Holt will need help Saturday afternoon to set up the room decorations, and take them down, as well as any other setup Lilian may require. We will only have a short time in the afternoon to do this, as the room is being used before us. Please give them a call if you can help.

Jill Brookhart & Lois Rifkin are in charge of the Hangar Party on Friday. If you can help with set-up, decorations, or anything else, please call them.

Mary Glassman is in charge of registration, and she is looking for people who can "man" the table Saturday night in short shift rotations at the party. Also, we will be displaying our scrapbooks, and we need people who will offer to sit at the table for a short time just to keep an eye on things and see that these fragile items stay together.

As you know, we have been soliciting funds from our aviation friends, and have gotten a good response. We are also selling ad space in our programs to raise more funds, and Mary Glassman is in charge of this. If you would like to help solicit for sponsors or ads, or place one yourself, please give Mary a call. Our deadline to place an ad in the programs is April 1.

Golda Neuman will need help putting together thirty centerpieces a few days before the party. If you can donate some time, please let her know.

We will have a sales table in front of the banquet room on Saturday night. We wanted to sell our red 99s bags, Bobby Trout (who may come) asked to sell her first-day covers, and Claire Walters has her book to sell. Maureen Kenney is in charge of the Sales Tables. Please call her with offers to help.

And last but not least, Dolly and I could use some help with the programs. Do you have clever and artistic ideas, have time to pour over photos and put together interesting layouts? If so, call me and join us as we put this together.

If there is any Chairman or Committee that I have missed (I do have senior moments) who needs help, please Yahoo!

Happy Partying to all!

Michele Albiez
Event Chairman

Proficiency Training

There are several opportunities during the month of March to gain points even if you are not PIC. If you are a safety pilot or flying as a passenger, knowing pertinent information because you heard it recently at a Safety Meeting is a definite plus.

Every Saturday at 9 am is the Flyerside Chat at 920 Vineland (BUR). Wed. Mar 20 Cindy Brickner will speak about summer flying at 16142 Wyandotte. At the same place will be IFR emergencies on Sat Mar 23 at 9 am

Check your So Cal Pilot every month for more.

Situational Awareness or “What’s Goin’ On?”

Situational awareness is a fancy term that basically means is knowing what’s going on around you. When you’re in an airplane, it means using eyes and ears – not only yours, but your copilot’s, if you have one!. Obviously, this is a skill you want to develop – especially if you fly in the Southern California airspace, which is some of the busiest airspace in the world. It can help you stay out of trouble and it can also help you anticipate what might be coming next, so you can plan your next moves accordingly.

For example, if you are entering the VNY west traffic pattern (assuming they’re landing runways 16) on a long downwind from the Encino reservoir area, and you hear another aircraft (say, a Cardinal) call “Cal State Northridge”, it’s a safe bet you’re going to be instructed to follow that traffic. Now that you’ve paid attention to that other pilot’s radio transmission, you’re aware of the situation, which is that you’re most likely going to be following that Cardinal, who’s entering the pattern on an extended left base. You also know where to start looking for that traffic and have extra time to do so before the controller tells you about your traffic on left base. This is a pretty simple example, but there are plenty of other situations you can anticipate if you learn to keep track of what’s going on up there – especially as you gain more experience and learn how the airspace system works.

This isn’t a skill that you can take for granted. It takes lots of flight experience to have good situational awareness. Cockpit priorities being “aviate, navigate, communicate”, this is also the order in which we tend to concentrate on things when learning to fly. Once the “aviate” progresses to a certain point, we can concentrate on “navigate”, and last comes “communicate”. Situational awareness comes after that. It becomes easier when you are skilled enough to not only keep track of what communications are being directed to you, but to the others around you as well.

Situational awareness is acquired not only by what you knowing what you hear, but by what you see while keeping your head on a swivel and looking around you. Keeping track of what’s going on inside and outside your plane also requires plenty of practice. There are times when ATC will help you by pointing out traffic, but do not depend on them to see

for you! Aircraft in your vicinity may not be on the same frequency, such as at Van Nuys, where there are separate frequencies for each runway and not all that much distance between them.

Or, there may be aircraft with no radios at all. This is quite possible when operating in uncontrolled airspace or other areas where radio communications are optional – good idea, but not required.

Uncontrolled airports such as Big Bear, Rosamond, Santa Paula, Corona, etc., are prime examples. If your head is buried in the cockpit, you may hear the communications of those who are using their radios, but you won’t see the pilot who isn’t talking that just cut you off in the pattern. Oops! (Passengers just hate to hear the pilot say “oops!” – or maybe something worse...) Anyway, you get the idea here.

The long and short of this is that it’s a very good idea to develop your flying skills and keep them sharp so that you can be aware not only of what you and your airplane are doing, but also of what the airplanes around you are doing. And don’t forget to enlist the eyes and ears of everyone on board. They’re great assets, especially if they belong to another pilot who has good situational awareness!

Happy (and safe) flying!

Claudia Ferguson,
Safety Chairman

Aerospace Education

You will find enclosed in this newsletter the form to complete for our chapter’s aerospace education entry for the SW Section trophy. Please look it over, complete it, and return it to **Marcia Fuller** as soon as possible.

Ed. Note

I know there are a lot of forms in the Auxtank this month – just worked out that way. They are all important, so please check them out, take action, and return where indicated.

TRIXIE ANN SCHUBERT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a member of International 99s and the San Fernando Valley Chapter since May 1, 2000.

List activities from May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002

Dues

- 1) Paid international dues during month due
- 2) Paid SFV chapter dues by Dec. 1, 2001

Attendance

- 3) Chapter meetings (11 possible from our chapter, you may include other 99s chapter meetings)
- 4) Chapter committee meetings (includes Board Meetings)
Limit 5 per committee (LIST DATES)
- 5) Section meeting—specify which meetings
- 6) International Meeting
- 7) Participation in Chapter Fly-ins (LIST DATES)
- 8) Official chapter Social Events (Potluck, Holiday Party Awards Banquet, etc. Note: dinner before meetings is not eligible.)

Offices Held

- 9) Chapter elected office
- 10) Appointed Chairman of a Chapter Committee (see roster for listings)
- 11) Committee Membership

Publicity

- 12) Points will be evaluated by Awards committee for any publicity which mentions your name and promotes the 99s. (NO 99s affiliated publications allowed.) Promotion of 99s. i.e.: Radio, TV, newspapers, magazine, speeches at civic organizations or schools etc. on aviation or 99s.
Note: Total publicity points may not be more than 25% of total points submitted.

Additional

- 13) Introduction and sponsor of new member
- 14) Arranging a special event/speaker for 99s meeting
- (LIST) 1
- 15) Using home for regular meeting or special function, also using home for committee meeting
- 16) Representation of SFV 99s at community aviation meetings, AOPA, EAA, VNY Airport Assn., FAA Citizens Advisory Council, etc.
- 17) Turning in a completed APT form
- 18) Chairing a Chapter event not listed under #10 (List)
- 19) Hours contributed to SFV Chapter sponsored events. Include preparation for activity, as well as hours spent working the activity.
(LIST activity, dates and hours)

- 20) Turn in this application
- 20) Miscellaneous activities not covered above. List for Committee consideration.

Completed form must be postmarked or handed in no later than May 15, 2002.

RETURN TO: Ruth Logan, 9733 La Tuna Canyon Road, Sun Valley, CA 91352

	Points Earned	
Applicant's name	1	_____

As you wish it to appear on award	1	_____
Address		_____

Telephone # meeting	1 per meeting	_____
	1 per section	_____
	2	_____
	1 per event	_____
	1 per event	_____
	2	_____
	1	_____
	¼ per committee	_____
	2	_____
	1	_____
	¼ per meeting	_____
	½	_____
	1	_____
	1 pt. Per 3 hrs.	_____

Southwest Section Ninety-Nines Proficiency Training Program

January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

Name: _____
Ninety-Nines Chapter: _____ San Fernando Valley _____
Phone : _____ Email: _____

Qualifying Activities:

Ground Activity Type: _____
Flight Activity Type : _____
Date: _____
Instructor Signature : _____

Ground based Activities:

Safety seminars – led by official FAA representative
Industry-conducted re-currency training – includes simulator training and research studies.
Physiological training – one example is the high-altitude chamber
Aviation judge training – i.e. NIFA or WPFC judging
Aviation judging – spot landing, NIFA, WPFC, etc.
Flight Instructors – re-currency ground training.
Aircraft maintenance training
Attendance at AOPA Tow Meetings and seminars
Any ground school course – i.e., official FAA, mountain flying, or floatplane
Parachute ground training

Flight Activities:

Wings certification – any level
Biannual Flight Review
Instrument competency check
Any new rating
Check out in new aircraft type
Flight Instructors – re-currency flight training
Check rides with Angel Flight, Cap, etc.
First Parachute jump

Complete and mail to: **Jeanne Kirhofer**
4639 Encinas Drive
La Canada, CA 91011-2220

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

Sun Mar 17	Poker Run Antelope Valley
Mon Apr 1	Chapter Meeting
Sat Apr 20	Back to Basics Race – Santa Monica
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.

AUX TANK
P.O. Box 7142
Van Nuys, CA 91409

