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

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**Note: The September meeting will be August 26.**

## **Members of the Month**

Jaye Howes - Hostess of our Potluck  
Lorrie Blech - Organizer of Potluck

## **Susan Theurkauf honored**

Our own vice-chairman was awarded the President's award for service to the 99s at the International Convention in Kansas City. She and Vicky Anderson from the Orange County Chapter have worked endlessly on the 99 display used for conventions and trade shows. Congratulations.

If you want the opportunity to see this award winning display, **and** have the chance to work at the booth, plan on attending the AOPA convention in Palm Springs in October. They will need a lot of help at the booth. This is one of the best ways to get the work out about the 99s - in particular our own most humble - and the best - SFV Chapter.

## **Chairperson's Message**

From Chairman Jaye. . .

One Down & Ten to Go! (Meetings, that is.)

All of us on the new Board are happy to be here and look forward to a year of great doings and nonstop fun for our dynamic chapter.

You may notice a lot of flashing red and green ears around the chapter. Don't be alarmed, it's just our new fundraiser earrings. Our cost is \$2.00/pair and we're selling them for \$7.00/pair. We plan on selling them at Tucson in the Fly Market, so if you have a pair that you've purchased, be sure to wear them to Tucson and plan on working in the Fly Market for an hour or so. It will be great fun, especially when 99s from other chapters line up to buy our earrings.

In September, several members will attend the SWS meeting in Tucson. And in October, many members will work the Ninety-Nines, Inc. booth at AOPA in Palm Springs. In November, we'll have a special meeting, as well as in January, and February (our b-day).

The video and CDs from our 50 celebration are just about ready, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Paula Sandling and Coralee Tucker.

We have a great NEW idea for a Flying Companion Seminar.

But I'm not going to tell you everything that's going on. To learn what's happening and be on the inside track, you have to come to the meetings!

So, see you at the September meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, the new meeting time is 7:00PM sharp!!

## **Charter Member Present**

We were honored by the attendance of **Babe Story** at our August meeting. She is the only charter member of the SFV chapter that we have left. She now lives in Palmdale and we don't get to see her very often. Good to see you, Babe.

It was also good to see **Jan Wood**. Both **Jan and Babe** were WASPs.

## **CD/Video Ready**

The CDs of our history and bios of our members as well as the video from the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party are ready. We had a preview at the meeting and they are absolutely great. They are available for purchase – video and 2 CDs for \$35. Look in a previous Auxtank for the order form.

## **Dues are due**

Chapter dues are payable in September. They are still only \$25. Make your check to Ruth Logan or bring it to the next chapter meeting.

## **FAA TO ADD VFR WAYPOINTS NATIONWIDE**

Charts nationwide will soon sport something new: the four-pointed stars of VFR waypoints. The FAA has officially established a VFR waypoints program. The AOPA Air Safety Foundation pioneered the idea of VFR waypoints, and AOPA first requested that VFR waypoints be added to sectional and terminal charts four years ago. Since that time, the FAA has tested the program in the Los Angeles/San Diego area and along the Gulf Coast, from Louisiana around to Florida's eastern shore. The waypoints make it easier for pilots to navigate through complex airspace and to find and identify visual landmarks used by controllers as location reporting points. They can also be used to identify military operations areas (MOAs), restricted areas, and prohibited areas.

See ( <http://www.aopa.org/whatsnew/newsitems/2002/02-2-232x.html> ).

## **Fly-Ins**

Our next fly-in will be on Sunday Aug. 18 to Tehachapi airport for the annual Mountain Festival. ETA will be 10 AM. We will meet for breakfast at the Apple Shed and then walk to the Park and visit the many booths at the park.

This will be our third visit and it is always a lot of fun.

If you need a ride or have a seat. Call Jeanne at 818-787-5680 or Ruth at 818-768-1504

## **GROUND CONTROL TO 99s**

The 2003 conference in Huntsville, Alabama, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 through Sunday, July 13. There will be a PRE-CONFERENCE optional ADULT SPACE CAMP, scheduled for Friday, July 4 until about noon on Sunday, July 6, conducted at and by world-famous Space and Rocket Center.

This camp is a 99s-only event, planned especially for us by SRC and will provide realistic astronaut training. Tuition will include meals and housing. There must be a minimum of 12 to conduct this space camp, and the max is 48.

Tuition is \$499 if registered by September 15, 2002 (that's 8 weeks from today). After September 15, the registration will be \$529. A 50% deposit is required with registration and the balance is due 60 days prior to the camp.

Several 99s at the Kansas City conference expressed their desire to attend this space camp. As registration information usually is not complete this early, we wanted to get this word to you as soon as possible. We will have more information in an up-coming 99s News as well as the Dispatch.

To reserve your bunk, send a check for \$249.50 made out to the Southeast Section to

Lisa Cotham  
10436-G Jefferson Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809 Thanks.

Lisa, Conference Coordinator  
[lisacot@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:lisacot@EARTHLINK.NET)

## **Amelia spotted at Laguna**

Byron & I saw the Laguna Art Festival and Pageant of the Masters.

The pageant is something everyone should see, but especially this year as the Amelia Statue at the Park in North Hollywood is IN THE SHOW. The show is titled Heroes and Heroines. The announcer even tells where to see the statue in N. Hollywood. We were pleasantly surprised. -- Bunny Newman

## **Statue Removed for Renovation**

The wonderful Amelia Earhart statue at the North Hollywood Library was removed from the pedestal and taken to the foundry to be cast in bronze. The statue had a Styrofoam core and over the years the weather has done a lot of damage and it was near disintegration.

You have seen in previous issues that there is a major fundraising campaign to raise the funds needed for this project. This is a worthy cause for your charity donation this year and is tax deductible as a 501C3.

Eight 99s attended Thursday at 9AM. They were: **Lilian Holt, Barbara Black, Lois Peck, Jeanne Kirhofer, Susan Theurkauf, Ruth Logan, Sylvia Sanderson** and me (**Jaye Howes**).

Several rows of chairs were in place, news media people were there from KNBC, KNX, and KFWB.

Lots of dignitaries . . . councilmen, the mayor of Burbank, the sculptor of the statue, the foundry studio where Amelia will have her complete refurbishing and casting in bronze. By the way, he gave me his card and invited us to come by anytime. I think that would be very interesting and close by, as well - he's located in North Hollywood.

Of course, the Zontas were well represented. They presented a check for \$10,000 toward the restoration project.

I spoke of our beginnings and AE's reign as president.

One of the councilmen there said he would see to it that the corner of Magnolia and Tujunga would

become "Amelia Earhart Square."

It was all very nicely done.

## **Join the SFV Flashers**

We have earrings for sale. They are flashing red and green lights and really make a statement!!! (I'm not exactly sure what statement? They are \$7 per pair – we are asking each member to sell 10 pair. You can sell them to friends, teenagers on their way to a rave, or wear all them yourself. This is one of those painless and fun ways to raise \$\$\$ for our chapter so have fun with them.

## **Ceci's Party**

**You're Invited to**

**Ceci's Annual Hangar Party**

**August 25, 2002**

**12 Noon - 4:00 pm**

**Whiteman Airport (WHP) - Hangar G2**

**RSVP:** Ceci Stratford

(818) 842-0005 or [cecipilot@cs.com](mailto:cecipilot@cs.com) Bring some food to share!

FLY IN or DRIVE IN

Driving: Take Osborne Offramp from 5 Freeway. Go north. Cross San Fernando Road & railroad tracks, turn left into airport. Park in airport parking. Walk thru gate straight ahead to Hangar G2, where the action is!

Note: No electricity at hangar

## **Farewell**

**Kristina Sunness** has been visiting with us for several months. She is a young girl interested in flying and will one day be a 99. She and her mother are going to live in Japan for 2 years (How lucky can you get) We'll miss you and look forward to your return. She brought chocolates to say goodbye!! See what you miss at the meetings???

## **Report from International**

For those of you who weren't in Kansas City for Int'l Conference, here's the outcome of the Bylaws votes. It will be in the August Dispatch, but thought a lot of you might like to see the results now.

Proposed Amendment #1 Article V - Membership Extended time for FWP's to get their Private Pilot License.

APPROVED

Proposed Amendment #2 Article V Membership (Housecleaning to reflect current practice) Exempts Charter members and Emeritus (Past Presidents) from annual membership dues. Cleans up language regarding Charter, Emeritus and Life members.

APPROVED

Proposed Amendment #3 Article VI - Fiscal and Dues (Housecleaning) Merely changes verbiage to reflect that the members determine any changes in dues. APPROVED

Proposed Amendment #4

Article X - Eligibility to Hold Office - Change Board of Directors requirement from being a current pilot to holding a valid pilot certificate. DEFEATED

Standing Rules Fiscal and Dues - A dues increase of \$10 for all members, of which \$2 was to go toward Headquarters Building Maintenance Fund. This question was decided in sections, after much discussion. First, the proposal to direct \$2 of the increase to the Headquarters Building Maintenance Fund was withdrawn from consideration, due to legal reconsideration. This was approved by the delegation. Second, a dues increase for overseas members was separated from the general question. The members defeated a dues increase for the overseas members. And, finally, the delegation approved a \$10 dues increase for the US, Caribbean and Canadian members.

***And for the fun part .....***

Three members from the "Humble" chapter attended the convention. **Susan Theurkauf, Lilian Holt, and Bertie Duffy.** We did manage to have some fun there too. If you have never attended an International Convention, it is an opportunity to meet old friend and make new ones from chapters all over the world.

There were two members there from India, Chandra Budhabhatti and Mohini Schroff. I had met Mohini when I was in India a few years ago. She is the one who took me flying over Bombay in a Super Cub, certainly one of my best memories of India.

Thursday night we went into the Plaza area of KC for dinner and shopping. Lilian and I took bunches of photos (you can see them for the asking) and topped the evening off with some great BBQ.

Friday afternoon Lilian and I rented a car and drove to Independence for a visit to the Truman Library. It is an extraordinary museum of the presidency and the times. We spent several hours there and were even a little late for the banquet Friday night.

Saturday was the highlight tour of the convention and the main reason I went. We went to Atchison and spent the day there. Our first stop was at the Forest of Friendship. I had heard of the project for years but was not prepared for the loveliness and tranquility of the park. There are trees planted in the park from all over the world. Along the walks there are blocks set in the pavement donated by people from everywhere – mostly individual 99s and chapters but also from friends of the 99s.

We then went to a luncheon hosted by the local Chamber of Commerce where a charter member, Fay Gillis Wells was honored as an outstanding citizen of Atchison. Unfortunately Fay was in the hospital recovering from an illness and wasn't able to attend but they had an interesting slide show about her life and achievements.

This was the first International with no charter members present. If you have a chance to meet one of these pioneers, take advantage of the opportunity. They won't be with us much longer.

It was the weekend of Amelia's birthday so Atchison was celebrating "Amelia Days" with a street fair. We had the chance in the afternoon to visit the fair and even spend a little money.

After a dinner back at the meeting hall we all went to visit the Amelia birthplace house. This is actually the home of her grandparents and is now owned by the 99s. It has been beautifully restored as a museum to Amelia and is definitely worth a visit if you are in the area. One of the fundraisers for this house was the

sale of bricks for the sidewalk. Our chapter has purchased two and we found them and took photos. You can still purchase bricks and have them inscribed as you wish.

The house overlooks the Missouri River and we were high overlooking the river. Our next treat was an airshow. There were thousands of people on the bank of the river below us and with our viewpoint the airshow was happening at our eye level. What a treat.

THEN when it was totally dark – FIREWORKS. One of the most wonderful displays I've ever seen – the sky was filled constantly for about a half hour. It was FABULOUS.

Next year the International will be in Huntsville, Ala. And hopefully more will attend. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter about the opportunity to attend Space Camp in conjunction with the convention. What a combination!



We received a thank you note from Brandon Esten, one of our scholarship winners this year. He writes:

Thank you all so much for the support! I am gearing up to move out to Farmington late this month and I will move out permanently after Aug. 15. I am going for the CFI checkride with the FAA on the 15<sup>th</sup> so wish me luck. I will keep y'all posted on my progress. Best wishes, Love, Brandon Esten

## Potluck

As usual the annual summer potluck was a great success and everyone who attended had a lot of fun and ate tons of scrumptious food. **Bill Howes** fulfilled his duty as host by BBQing tri-tips to perfection.

We got to see a preview of the SFV Valley history CD and received a brief lesson from Paula on how to find our pictures. They have indexed every picture with the names of all the people in the picture and also by event. What a labor-intensive project this turned into but WOW, is it great.



## SFV Chapter WINS 'APT' TROPHY FOR 2001

At Southwest Section, the San Fernando Valley Chapter was awarded the APT trophy for the year 2001! The committee coordinators, **Jeanne Kirhofer** and **Dolores Mathews** thank all of you who helped the chapter win. This trophy has been in the Orange County Chapter for about 10 years and now we have it back!

As you probably know, the program will continue under a new name – the Proficiency Training Program – and has a lot of new ways to participate, whether you are flying or not. There's no excuse for not having 100% participation in our chapter. Several of our members have already qualified for this year. Some of the qualifying activities are:

FAA Safety seminars and ground school courses, industry-conducted recurrency training, high altitude chamber participation, aviation judging and judge training, aircraft maintenance training, attending AOPA seminars, and participating/putting on/attending a fly-in, Wings certification, BFRs, any new rating or checkout in new aircraft type, flight instructor recurrency, and other proficiency training flights.

If you have any questions regarding what qualifies, contact one of the coordinators. **Please cut off the official PTP Program form below and carry it with you in your wallet or logbook** so you can have it properly completed at the time you qualify, then submit it promptly to one of the co-chairmen. Now that we have the trophy again, please help us keep it! You'll have fun in the process.

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### Southwest Section Ninety-Nines Proficiency Training Program

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Qualifying Activities:

Ground Activity Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Activity Type \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Completed form to Jeanne Kirhofer or Dolores Mathews.

## **Gravity Never Loses – the best you can practice for is a draw!**

Recently, I've written about Crosswind Landings and Go-Arounds. This time, I thought I'd write about Landings in general. Landing isn't trivial, as we all know. In fact, whole books have been written about it and the FAA has several safety pamphlets that are available on the subject. A pilot's primary instruction consists of many hours learning landing techniques. If you're like me, you spent several lessons just zooming around the pattern. It's great fun, but also takes concentration. You have to continue to practice your landing skills periodically to keep them sharp.

Landing techniques change with the type and weight of the aircraft. Seaplane landings on water are different from glider landings are different from heavy jet landings, but the goal is the same: get the airplane on the runway in a controlled manner and with no damage done. ? Ta daaaa! ? This article will cover just the light single-engine land aircraft most of us fly. So, based on my own experience and conversations with other light plane pilots, let me offer up a few things you might want to think about before you land the next time:

1. In the pattern, there is no set speed that you have to maintain. Let's face it, most of our little planes don't get anywhere close to the FAA's max Class D speed. Use what's comfortable for you based on traffic and spacing. If you're making a straight in approach, plan your speed reductions in advance. You probably won't want to find yourself in a gravity-assisted "Warp 6" approach because you forgot to slow down, or get too slow and have to add lots of power just to cross the threshold. This is a great argument for knowing the performance of the aircraft you are flying!
2. Line up with the center of the runway. If you can line up with the left side or the right side, why not line up with the center? There's this great line painted right down the middle that you can aim for. And, it will give you more of a margin of safety should an unexpected gust come from either side. Based on personal experience, I can tell you that other pilots (especially CFIs!) will judge your skills based on whether you land in the runway center or not. So, do it right – land in the center!
3. Plan to land in the first third of the runway. You know the old adage about the most useless things in aviation, and one of them is the runway behind you. Runway in front of you gives you more safety options should something unexpected happen. If you can't make the first third and the runway length is more like Whiteman than Van Nuys, you might consider going around and making another try. (See the June Auxtank for Go Around info.)
4. On short final, try to get to  $V_{ref}$ :  $1.3 V_{so}$ , which is power off stall speed in the landing configuration you are using. You may need to alter this depending on the use of flaps. Hold  $V_{ref}$  with whatever combination of attitude and power is required until you're about 3 feet above the runway.
5. Just above the runway, gradually bring the nose up with power off or coming back to idle, and hold the airplane off the runway as long as possible. As airspeed bleeds off, a higher attitude will be required to do this. If your speeds are good, this won't be long and you can land "on the spot" every time with a little practice.
6. Crosswind correction is automatically made by keeping the nose pointed straight down the runway with rudder while making drift corrections with aileron. Be careful not to get too cross-controlled. (See the May Auxtank for Crosswind Landing info.)
7. After touchdown, keep flying the airplane! Lower the nose wheel gently and keep your hand on the yoke. Don't ever just let go. Keep in the center of the runway with rudder control until you're ready to turn off. If you make this a habit, you'll be ready for the unexpected, which includes the gusts that come with windy weather conditions! The old curmudgeons will tell you something like "fly the airplane until it's in the chocks!"

The law of gravity isn't subject to repeal. We can defy it for a while, but in the end, it's always a good idea to learn how to operate safely within its bounds. ☺ Fly safely! Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman © CK Ferguson 2002

**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. – July dark.  
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**

<b>Sat Aug 17</b>	Hollywood Canteen at Camarillo Show/Dance
<b>Sun Aug 18</b>	Fly-in to Tehachapi
<b>Mon. Aug 26</b>	September meeting
<b>Sept 13 – 15</b>	Fall Section – Tucson AZ
<b>Oct 24-26</b>	AOPA Convention – Palm Springs
<b>April 2003</b>	Aviation World Fair – Kitty Hawk, N.C. (Newport News)

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**Next meeting Aug 26**