



# AUX TANK

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

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## **Chairman's Message**

51 and counting ...

Happy Birthday to us. You CAN have your cake and eat it too at Lilian Holt's home on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM. Not only will we have cake, but also pizza, popcorn, and cherry pie. I'm not sure we'll see any of the other food groups, but we'll have all this comfort food, anyway. Oh, we'll also have aviation videos to watch.

Our meeting on February 3 was a rousing success. So many things went on. Where should I begin?

There will be a special party to mark the passing of aviation and 99 legend Bobbi Trout. The event will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Burbank Airport. Contact Susan Theurkauf if you plan to attend and for more information.

We had some surprise visitors – among them, Connie Schurr. A member we hardly see anymore, so her appearance deserves a special mention. Also, member Susan Sloan came to the meeting. Yes, she does exist. She came with her instructor, Wally Funk who also brought along two other guests: Randa Milliron, CEO of Inter Orbital Systems, a company that is going to propel Wally into SPACE; and Laurence Rabé, another student of Wally's.

Connie suggested a great idea for a fundraiser – a preview screening of a new movie about the WASPS. Fundraising Chairman, Kathy Crawley is working with Connie on that one. Details to follow.

We talked about peopling the beer booth at Van Nuys Expo. We have lots of volunteers. Now we need a chairman. The dates are June 21 and 22.

Ruth Logan and Lois Peck made an impassioned plea for some money to help the Aviation Explorer Troop 747 get in the air. We said okay.

Lois Peck stressed the importance of noting your time spent on Aviation Education activities and Jeanne Kirhofer and Dolores Mathews showed off our trophy for PPT, reminding us that we can't slack off.

Contact Marion McNiff if you want to share a box at the Reno Air Races. Sounds like a fantastic deal. Don't delay.

All the airplane group pictures were distributed except for two that I'll bring to the next meeting.

Congratulations to FWP Stacie Crowther who was pinned by her mentor, Ceci Strafford.

## **Editor's Note**

The Auxtank is a bit sparse this month. If you want to get something into the news, you must send it to me. I'm not getting to the meeting until late since I work until 8pm so I don't know what happens that first hour. Please type it and e-mail it to me – I don't have time to re-type stuff.

Bertie

The following message came to me from SWS Gov Pat Gregory:

On March 8, we will have a celebration in honor of Fay Gillis Wells at the San Diego Air and Space Museum from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We invite all her friends in the West (and anyone else who'd like to come) to join us to swap stories, remember all the good times, and generally celebrate her life. A continental breakfast will be available. The cost will be \$15. Please provide names of attendees and payment to Bill Chana (858 488-7183/fax 858 488-1513) by March 3.

Looking forward to seeing lots of her friends there.  
Thanks  
Lin Wells  
703 569-8262

### **eScrip**

Just a reminder for some of you and new information for others:

The SFV 99s are registered with eScrip, an organization that works with merchants who donate a percentage of their sales to a non-profit organization. If you register your credit cards & supermarket cards with eScrip, the SFV 99s will receive a direct deposit to our checking account from the merchants you shop with.

How to register with eScrip

Log on to [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) and click on the signup button. Use our group ID of 51293 or group name "San Fernando Valley 99s (Women Pilots)".

Some of the participating merchants are: Von's, OSH, Baja Fresh, Big 5, Chevron, Office Max.

Let me know if you're newly signed up. Get your family and friends to sign up, too. The more we have registered in our name, the more money we'll receive.

Ceci

### **Poker Flight**

Antelope Valley 99s is having their annual St. Patrick's Day poker run in March. Check out [www.exportcentral.com/av99s/](http://www.exportcentral.com/av99s/) for a flyer! Hope to see you there!  
Diana Tanner Antelope Valley 99s

### **China Trip**

Lilian and I are booked for a two week trip to China departing May 10. Another 99, Dorothy Robinson, is booking also. She is looking for a roommate so if you have thought about going to China but don't want to travel alone, here is your golden opportunity. Contact me at [bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bduffy@lausd.k12.ca.us).

### **Guests**

We had several guests at our meeting, notably Wally Funk. She is finally going to get her wish to go into space!!! With her was Randa Milliron who is working on a rocket capable of propelling a person into orbit. Her company is competing for the X-Prize that will be awarded to the first privately held company to accomplish a 62 mile high flight. You can follow their progress at [interorbital.com](http://interorbital.com)

### **Stress Management:**

Picture yourself near a stream. Birds are singing in the crisp, cool mountain air. Nothing can bother you here. No one knows this secret place. You are in total seclusion from that place called the world. The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity. The water is clear. You can easily make out the face of the person whose head you are holding under the water. There now.....  
Are you feeling better?

## You Got An Attitude??

Let me start off by saying that this isn't about the attitude of your aircraft in the air. Rather, this article contains a few thoughts I've had about our own mental attitudes and how they influence a successful flight. Ever hear that "attitude is everything"? Sure! Ever think about that with respect to how you approach flying? Your attitudes about your flying can make major differences in how things turn out. There are probably hundreds of different things that could be said, but let me just go over a few. Hopefully, it'll give you a little to think about (and not put you to sleep).

Have no fear! An attitude of confidence goes a long way toward insuring that you have a great flight. Confidence comes from knowing you can handle whatever might come up during the course of your trip. In other words, truly being the "pilot in command" of the aircraft and the situation. What gives you that confidence is practice and keeping your skills current. Also keep to your own personal flight limits. If conditions are outside of your limits, such as too much wind, stay on the ground and go another day. Why put yourself in an unpleasant situation? If you find you're losing your confidence in your skills, then it's time to go up and spend some time working on them, perhaps with an instructor. The goal is to always be the master of the machine (not something many of us girls were taught when we were growing up, eh?), not be a back-seat passenger waiting for something to happen. It's tough to think straight when you're scared, and that's most likely a time when you'll really need to be able to think. Trade timidity for capability and confidence by training, then fear will never get the best of you. The fact that you have your license to fly proves you have the capacity to handle your airplane. That fact and the training to keep your skills sharp will keep your confidence level high. You owe it to yourself and your passengers.

Be cool! Have you ever observed somebody losing their temper and thought how really stupid they looked and how useless it was for them? That kind of angry attitude never helped anybody. Maintaining a cool and professional attitude in the cockpit is a good way to help insure that you have "smooth sailing" when you fly. ATC will appreciate it and you'll get more out of your dealings with them. None of us reacts well to having another angry

person in our face. Whining and bitching don't work well, either, no matter how right you may be. If you find yourself in a disagreement with a controller, keep your temper (you don't want to make yourself look bad, for one thing) and make the best of the situation. If further conversation is needed, you can ask for the controller's "initials" (their operating ID – they must give them to you if you ask) and a phone number so you can resolve the problem after you land.

Keep learning! I don't know about you, but one of the things I love about flying and aviation is that I'm always learning something new. Keeping an attitude of curiosity is a great asset. You never know when you'll hear something that will set off the proverbial light bulb in your head. Useful facts are always out there waiting to be discovered. Let me encourage you to talk to your instructor, read at least 1 aviation periodical (see references below), talk to other, more experienced pilots, attend safety meetings, join AOPA, etc. Participate in our Chapter activities. Education is a big part of the mission of the 99s. NEVER be afraid to ask questions, and don't ever stop asking them!!!

Think safety! (You didn't think I'd stop without that one, did you? ☺) I've been writing a lot about safety for a long time now, and I can't encourage you enough to adopt an attitude of safety. The unfortunate thing about common sense is that it isn't all that "common". If you find yourself falling prey to "get-there-itis" or "well, maybe it's not THAT bad", it might be best to think things out again – preferably out loud in a conversation with a disinterested party. We all do a certain amount of "risk management" every day. Even getting up in the morning has its risks! Sheesh! A little common sense and your safety attitude will go a long way toward insuring you have lots of happy flying. Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman  
San Fernando Valley 99s  
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Aviation periodical info can be found here:  
<http://www2.faa.gov/AVR/afs/news/index.cfm>  
<http://www.aopa.org/>  
<http://www.aviationsafetymagazine.com/>  
<http://avweb.com/>

# **Proficiency Training Program**

**2003**

## Ground-based Activities

- a. FAA Safety Seminars
- b. Industry-conducted re-currency training inc. simulator training & research studies
- c. Physiological training ex. High Altitude Chamber
- d. Aviation judge training ex. NIFA or WPFC
- e. Aviation judging - NIFA, WPFC, etc.
- f. Flight Instructor re-currency ground training
- g. Aircraft maintenance training ex. Cessna Powerplant Course
- h. Attendance at AOPA Town Meeting and Seminars
- i. FAA ground school course; mountain , floatplane or CAP training courses
- j. Parachute ground training
- k. participating/putting on/ attending a Fly-in

## Flight Activities

- a. Wings certification - any level
- b. Biennial Flight Review (BFR) and/or Annual Proficiency Training ride (APT)
- c. Instrument Competency Check (ICC)
- d. Any new rating
- e. Check out in new aircraft type ex. high performance, tailwheel, glider, ultralight, floatplane, etc.
- f. Flight Instructor re-currency
- g. Check rides with organizations such as Angel Flight, Los Medicos, Flying Sams, CAP, etc.
- h. First Parachute jump
- i. Fly-ins

Complete portion below and return to Jeanne K. or Dolores M.

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### **Southwest Section Ninety-Nines Proficiency Training Program**

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

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

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Ninety-Nine Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

### **Qualifying Activities**

Ground Type \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Type \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Instructor / FAA \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 Feb 22</b>	Movie night – Chapter party
<b>Mon Mar 3</b>	Chapter Meeting
<b>Mar 29</b>	Flying Companion Seminar
<b>May 9 – 11</b>	SW Section meeting - Columbia
<b>June 21-22</b>	VNY Expo
<b>Oct 2 - 5</b>	Fall SW Section Lancaster

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