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

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Chairman's Message

As you read this newsletter, remember this is the last one with Bertie Duffy as editor. After three years, Bertie deserves a hiatus. She'll go on to other tasks. Our next issue will be under the stewardship of Laurel Carpenter. To both capable ladies we shout, "Thank you."

Our April meeting was lively and productive with the following items discussed and/or acted upon:

Ballots were handed out at the meeting for the upcoming election of officers.

The Flying Companion Seminar went off without a hitch and **Bertie Duffy** has scheduled another one for next year on the last Saturday in March, 2004.

The 99s expanded booth at Women In Aviation in Cincinnati was a tremendous success as reported by **Susan Theurkauf**.

Marcia Fuller reported on her triumphant trip to Buena Park to represent the 99s at Women with Wings.

Members of the month were the three ladies just mentioned.

The Awards/Installation Luncheon will take place on June 14th under the leadership of **Dolly Hicklin**. Information will be posted on our website and announced first through our Yahoo group.

The Summer Potluck will be held July 19th at **Ceci Stratford's** lovely new home. **Linda Hernandez** will be the hostess.

The Beer Booth at Van Nuys Expo will be managed by **Lisa Hineman, Laurel Carpenter and Ruth Logan**.

Welcome our newest member, **Marilyn Perna**, who currently flies out of Hawthorne Airport. And . . . she's eager to get involved!

Be on the lookout for the March/April and May/June issues of the 99 News – we're prominently featured in both issues.

Our airplane group picture will be hanging in Burbank Airport between terminals A & B.

A BIG thanks to all who came to the meeting and a REALLY BIG thanks to all who volunteer their valuable time to make us the most dynamic chapter of the 99s. We're a team.

See you in May . . .

Jaye

AVIATION EXPLORERS –

Aviation Explorer Post 747 wants to say a big THANK YOU to the SFV 99s for their generous contribution. We hope to do great things with the money. Jose Chong and Jesse Galeas are taking flight lessons and the word from their instructor at SunQuest Aviation, Jon Cook, is that they are both doing exceptionally well.

The EAA will be conducting their monthly Young Eagles program starting at 10:30 a.m. for kids between the ages of 8 and 17 on the same day. There's no need to sign up ahead of time, just show up and the kids get a free airplane ride, airplane walk-around lesson, and a very cool certificate signed by Chuck Yeager. If you bring someone else's kid, there is a permission slip the parent has to sign, but the parent does not have to be present. If you need a permission slip ahead of time for the parent to sign, please call Ruth Logan.

Several 99s are meeting for lunch around 12:00 noon - please come and join the fun! Thanks for your support.

HANGAR FLYING –

Bill & I flew to Laughlin, Nevada spent the night, Saturday, March 1, and then on to Mesa, AZ the following day to babysit grandkids, returning Monday night. We actually won some money in Laughlin's - and I'm sure its because we brought our dog, Lucky. Great flights both coming and going. This was our first flight after coming out of a two-month annual from hell, ironically we discovered on our return flight Monday night that none of our panel lights were working. I knew we carried that flashlight for a reason! – **Ruth Logan**

Pilot Proficiency

There will be a "Town Meeting" at the Airtel May 14th the usual 7:30.P.M. This qualifies for the Pilot Proficiency Program so plan to attend and let's make the SFV 99s a real presence. Thanks, **Jeanne K.**

TREASURER'S REPORT. Copies of monthly financial reports are available at Chapter meetings. I have not been running off enough copies of the report for everyone, because no one seems to want them. If you DO want a copy of the financial report for last month or any other month, please let me know, and I will mail it to you.

EXPLORER POST 747 –

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser on March 22. We raised approximately \$600!

I was paid a great compliment by **Marcia Fuller** at the last Chapter meeting. She said she was so proud of me for starting this group. At that time, I neglected to say that the Explorers would not have happened, if it were not for **Lois Peck**. She has been the quiet partner throughout the formation. She never asks for recognition. But she certainly deserves it, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our group. She has arranged for field trips, helps with every meeting and negotiated the great deal we have with SunQuest Aviation. Thanks Lois.

Jose and Jesse are continuing with their flight lessons. I spoke to their flight instructor, Jon Cook, yesterday and he said they are both doing great. Zach Schroeder's 1st lesson is this Saturday. The Explorers went on a flying field trip to Santa Paula Airport, Sunday, April 6. Special thanks to pilots Bill Logan and John Jones While there, the Explorers performed community service by guarding displays in designated hangars for the Santa Paula Museum. They all had enough free time to visit hangars and admire beautifully restored aircraft, from Yaks to a Gypsy Moth. If you know of any youngster between the ages of 14 and 21 interested in aviation, give me or Lois Peck a call. Ruth Logan

Passing the Baton

I've been your editor for 3 years now and it has been an educational experience and a wonderful one and a frustrating one. I pass the job to Laurel Carpenter and I know she will do a wonderful job.

Bertie

Oh Taxi!

Have you ever gotten on the ground at an unfamiliar airport – or even one you thought you knew - and found that you had no clue as to where to go next? Aha! I knew it! Been there, done that – even recently. It’s SO easy to get confused, and with all the emphasis on runway incursions lately, I certainly don’t want to get myself onto a runway by mistake. Not only that, sometimes the airport you’ve just landed at is so complicated that even if you had the map in front of you (not a bad idea, that), you’d still be lost! Long Beach is a great example of this. They’ve got so many runways and taxiways going in so many different directions that it’s just plane scary (pun intended!). ☺

Well, that said, don’t feel bad or dumb or that you must be the only one who ever got confused by taxiways and how to get around an airport. Even the old pros will tell you that after years and years of aviating, this is a universal problem. Cheer up! There are some easy ways around this.

One thing you can do is to anticipate the confusion and take a few minutes to study the airport diagram of your destination while you are doing your flight planning and/or sometime before you land. You can find such diagrams in heaps of places, such as the “10-9” pages of Jeppesen charts, in the AOPA Airport Directory, the little brown “Flight Guide”, Airport Facilities Directory, California Pilots Guide, etc. Then if you can, before you land (if the freq isn’t too congested, of course), ask the tower controller which way to turn off the runway to get you to your destination. E.g. “Tower, left or right turnoff for Acme FBO?”

Again, when planning to depart this unfamiliar airport, locate the place where you are and orient yourself relative to the runway you think you’ll be using for takeoff. When the ground controller gives you directions (via taxiway delta to taxiway bravo, etc.) you’ll be way ahead of the game. Keep the airport diagram handy so you can check it as you taxi along.

And, in both circumstances, never be afraid to tell the controller you are “unfamiliar” and ask for “progressive” (that’s the magic word) taxi

instructions. The airlines and the corporate guys do this all the time (believe it or not!). Just ask! Ground controllers are willing to help you find your way around and it’s so much better than blundering around and running the risk of accidental runway incursion. Don’t let the controller intimidate you with instructions that are “fire hosed” at you. If you don’t understand them, ask for clarification or a slow repeat.

The last thing I want to encourage you to do at any time you’re taxiing, is to GO SLOW! Our little tricycle gear airplanes are pretty awkward and ungainly on the ground. It’s really very sensible to just taxi at the pace of a fast walk – or less - while keeping your head on a swivel. You never know what might be around a corner. This is especially important in the hangar areas or parts of the airport where there might be cars or people. To note a personal example, just last Saturday, I was taxiing away from my hangar at Corona, and a truck zoomed out from behind the hangar right in front of us. The driver wasn’t looking at all and he couldn’t hear me around the corner with his windows up. Fortunately, I was looking around and I wasn’t going fast, so I was able to stop. I shudder to think what might have happened to my beautiful Cardinal if I’d been going as fast as that truck!

Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman
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**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. – 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) contributions to Bertie Duffy**

Calendar of Events and Coming Attractions

May 5	Chapter meeting
May 9 – 11	SW Section meeting - Columbia
June 14	Awards Banquet
June 21-22	VNY Expo
July 19	Summer Potluck at Ceci Stratford's house
Oct 2 - 5	Fall SW Section Lancaster

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