

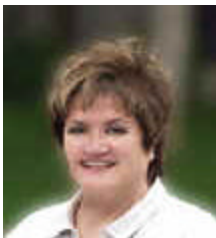
The SFV 99s AuxTank - June 2003

News From the Increasingly Difficult to Be "Humble" Chapter!

June 18, 2003

Welcome to another action packed, fun filled edition of AuxTank. In this month's issue we follow the wacky, zany adventures of our heroines - - - Us!

Chairman's Message



Well, after all our fussing and worrying, we had 46 members and guests turn out for the awards/installation luncheon on June 14th. We owe DOLLY HINKLIN an enormous Thank You for organizing such a sterling event. And, Dolly, the programs were especially noteworthy - everybody was commenting on them. Here are the chapter winners from that luncheon: Rookie Pilot

of the Year went to VICKIE ROSE, who, by the way, is finishing up the requirements for her B.A., so we won't be seeing her for a little while; JEANNE KIRHOFER won Woman Pilot of the Year; and Trixie Ann Schubert award for service to the chapter, went to LOIS PECK. This year, we also presented an award for 491/2 of the year to MICHAEL SANDLING for his loving devotion to the chapter. AND . . . guess who came strolling in a tiny bit late with an ear-to-ear grin on her face - JULIEANN SIKORA who had just that morning passed her private check ride!!! AND . . . MELINDA LYON and JEANNE FENIMORE presented \$9000 in scholarships to three deserving winners. BERTIE DUFFY did a great job holding the day together and installing the newly elected board of directors (who are actually the same people, only two jobs have been changed). All in all it was an incredible day.

We had a very lively meeting on June 2nd. By the end of the evening, everyone's arms were sore from patting each other and themselves on the back. It was a night of celebration and toasting our accomplishments as a chapter. Darn, we're good!

Coming Attractions: As of this writing, the Van Nuys Expo is next Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22. By now everyone should be signed up to work a few hours in the beer booth. If you haven't contact LAUREL CARPENTER, LISA HEINEMAN, or RUTH LOGAN, the co-chairs.

Also, heed PAULA SANDLING's messages over our Yahoo group

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regarding the two events at her hangar. You have to let her know if you're coming so she can add your name to the list for security reasons. Call her with any questions. * * * * * Remember, July 19th is our potluck at CECI STRATFORD's home. No official meeting in July. * * * * * We have a guest speaker at our August 4th meeting. He will speak about flight operations at LAX and how September 11, 2001 has affected day to day operations. * * * * * I have more information about parking at the Airtel. I'll pass that on later. * * * * * Until we meet again, your very proud chapter chairman, JAYE HOWES

Hangar Flying - Fun First!



MARILYN PERNA and her flying buddy, OLGA took a ride in a yellow Stearman at a gathering of the Latin American Pilots Assn. in Oceano. Check out those goggles!

FROM CECI STRATFORD - After I retired May 16, Chuck & I took a little vacation to Kernville, Phoenix and Placerville. We had to drive to

Kernville, but it was still a great weekend. Just relaxing and enjoying my first days of retirement! Then flights to Phoenix for a few days (105+ temperatures!) and to Placerville (to see Misti & Harold Flaspohler and go wine tasting). All flights were perfect--great weather and no turbulence! Then, we flew to Bakersfield Airpark to an EAA flyin and Delano for lunch. They have a good Mexican restaurant right next to the airport. I got to fly in the Camarillo Connie (Lockheed Constellation) from CMA to the Shafter Warbirds in Action airshow. Then, I flew back in the B-25 Executive Sweet. What a treat to fly in two classic airplanes!

Dis 'n Dat

BERTIE DUFFY is our new membership chairman, so if your chapter membership has lapsed, give her a hoot and come on home!

RUTH LOGAN and MARCIA FULLER will be representing the chapter at International in Huntsville AL, July 19 - - - MARCIA FULLER turned 72 on May 29! - - - Lorrie Blech as been jetting all over the country for L-39 flight and ground school. - - -

TREASURER'S REPORT - I'm very happy to report that our checking account is healthy. We ended the month of May with a balance of \$15,331.23. This balance reflects a payment of \$1,000 to our Career Scholarship winner, Joe Bradley. RUTH LOGAN

CAF HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN - Last year's Hollywood Canteen was a tremendous party and a number of 99s enjoyed the event. (Ask Bertie, Mary, Lillian, Jennifer & Coy, and Ceci how much fun they had!) This year it will be August 16 at Camarillo Airport. Put the date on your calendar and let Ceci know if you want to attend. We should try to have at least 2 SFV 99s tables! Cost: \$55 per couple, \$30 per individual; with 10 at a table, the cost lowers \$5 to \$25 per person. ***** The Harry James Orchestra will play music of the 40s and the vocal group Trilogy will sing the songs of the Andrew Sisters. Several dance floors will be set up for those of you who can't sit still listening to that music. Food will be available for purchase. ***** Remember, this is a fund raiser for the Commemorative Air Force and not only will you have a great time, but you'll be helping keep their wonderful airplanes fly and help their World War II museum get even better. ***** Call Ceci at (805) 527-3696 if you're interested! *****

Safety Advisor



UNICOM CONGESTION - YACKETY YAK! Around the LAX central area, there are not all that many airports that are magenta on the VFR charts. Compton is a notable exception. As you get farther out, then you find Cable, Catalina, Corona, Santa Paula, Big Bear, French Valley, Rosamond, San Bernardino, Fla-Bob, Oceanside, Rialto, etc. When you venture off to fly in other regions, most of the airports are uncontrolled so it's always a good idea to think about Unicom procedures. (By the way, when the tower closes at a controlled airport, you'll find yourself using the CTAf, which works the same as Unicom.)

The FARs DO NOT REQUIRE that you use the Unicom frequency at an uncontrolled field. You can go in NORDO if you want (and a lot of folks at SZP with those antique airplanes do just that!). However, for SAFETY'S sake, it's always a good idea to use everything you've got, including your radio, to help you make a safe transition to or from an uncontrolled airport. With a little common sense and a little attention

to what's going on, you should have no problems, even if the pattern is busy.

One of the problems with Unicom frequencies is that they are usually shared with other airports in the area, despite the efforts of the FAA to keep them far apart. Catalina, Corona and Redlands share 122.7. Over near the east part of the LA area, Rialto, Banning, Fla-Bob, Elsinore and French Valley ALL use 122.8, which can lead to certain amounts of clutter and confusion if pilots aren't using the name of the airport in their transmissions - especially on good-weather weekends. If you hear somebody announce that they're "entering downwind" with no mention of the airport name, there's no knowing whether they're at the same airport you are or not. - - - To help others know where you are, include the airport name at the start AND end of your radio transmission. E.g. "Corona traffic, Cardinal 147 downwind midfield, landing 25, Corona." Including the name of the airport at each end will help other pilots who may miss part of your broadcast.

Another downside of Unicoms being shared between airports (though this can occur at an airport with its own frequency on a busy day), is that if everybody in the pattern(s) tries to announce every leg of the pattern, it becomes almost impossible to get a word in edgewise. In a highly cluttered frequency situation, if it isn't necessary, don't say it. Keeping your messages brief and accurate will cut down on confusion and clutter. By the way, I understand the FAA is working on some new "digital" radios that will eliminate the "one person transmits at a time" problem, but that's still years away, no doubt! Let's hope they figure out how to give each airport its own frequency by then. - - - After you dutifully announce your position, pay attention to what is being said by others on the frequency. I've written about situational awareness before and it's always worth reminding yourself to keep track of what's going on with the others on the same frequency. It is easy sometimes to shut out the clutter, especially when pilots are "stepping on" each other with all of their broadcasts. At an airport with an operating tower, the controller can give you a lot of help, but at an uncontrolled field, you are on your own to keep track of what's going on. If you keep your eyes and ears open and use a little common sense, you'll be OK. Fly Safely! - - - Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman San Fernando Valley 99s © CK Ferguson 2003



Aviation Explorers



AVIATION EXPLORER POST 747 - A fourth Explorer will be starting flight lessons on Saturday, June 7. We also have 4 new members (2 girls!)

We are starting a program called "Help an Explorer Fly." For as little as \$20 a month, you can sponsor an Explorer's flight lessons. We'll assign a specific Explorer to you, and you will receive progress reports. These kids are all enthusiastic, smart and deserving. The only thing that stands between them and flying is money. If interested, please call RUTH LOGAN or LOIS PECK.

We would like to remind all 99s that the Explorers are hosting a tour of the Dryden Research Center at Edwards AFB on Thursday, 7/17. Transportation will be provided in an air-conditioned coach bus. We will be asking for a \$10 donation per person, \$15 for a couple or family. It will be a fun day. Friends, grandkids, nieces, nephews are also welcome to come along. There is limited space and the AF has to do background checks. If you're interested, please call RUTH LOGAN or LOIS PECK

And don't forget, buy Aviation Explorer Post 747 fundraiser chocolate bars at only \$1 each!!

Will Fly for Food!



POTLUCK DINNER after the Air Expo, SUNDAY, June 22. Starts at 5:30 and goes until all aircraft are finished launching. Site: Front row seats at the Sandling's Hangar. If you want to attend, please call or email PAULA SANDLING. Your name must be on the list in order to get through the gate. * * * * * Monday June 23 at Sandling Hangar a waffle breakfast to watch remaining aircraft launch out of Van Nuys. Starts at 7 am. If you want to attend, please call or email PAULA SANDLING. Your name must be on the list in order to get through the gate."

SUMMER POTLUCK - SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2003 - 6 P.M. At CECI STRATFORD & Chuck Kamphausen's House 607 Hawks Bill Place Simi Valley, CA 93065 (805) 527-3696 Driving Directions - From the San Fernando Valley - 118 Freeway west to Simi Valley, Madera south offramp. Go south to Wood Ranch Parkway. Go left to 2nd signal, Martha Morrison north. Turn right & go to stop sign, Sycamore Ridge. Turn left & go up 3 blocks to Hawks Bill Place. The house is on the corner on the right. From the 101 Freeway - 101 Freeway to 23 Freeway north. Take Olsen Road offramp, turn right (east). Go about 2

miles to Wood Ranch Parkway. Go south to 2nd signal, Martha Morrison north. Turn right & go to stop sign, Sycamore Ridge. Turn left & go up 3 blocks to Hawks Bill Place. The house is on the corner on the right.

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Pilot Proficiency

FROM DEE MATHEWS AND JEANNE KIRHOFER - Thanks to those who put on the champagne toast. Thanks also goes to all of you who turned in qualifying PPT forms so that our chapter won the trophy again for 2002. And as a result we are all trying to stay involved in general aviation when we attend AOPA So Cal safety seminars, meeting currency requirements, fly-ins, etc. Here in our area of of our USA we are privileged

Qualifying ground based activities include FAA safety seminars, industry conducted recurrency training, psychological training, aviation judge training, aviation judging, flight instructor recurrency, ground instructor training, aircraft maintenance training, attendance at AOPA town meeting seminars, FAA ground school course, mountain flying, floatplane or CAP training courses, parachute ground training, participating/putting on/attending of fly-ins..

Flight based activities include wings certification, biennial flight review and/or a proficiency training ride, instrument competency check, any new rating, check out in new aircraft type, flight instructor recurrency, check rides with organizations such as Angel Flight, Los Medicos, etc., first parachute jump, fly-ins.

Please contact Jeanne Kirhofer for the forms. Or they can be downloaded from the website at www.SFV99s.org

Aerospace Education

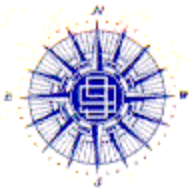


FROM LOIS PECK - I took two months April and May off to catch my breath, but I'm back! Time to get cracking again activity sheets for April through June 2003 were distributed at the June meeting and I'm eager to start receiving activity information from you again. * * * * *
* * * * * If you have any questions about activity qualifying for aerospace education, please let me know rather than decide it won't count.

I'm very pleased at the show will be allowed to use our aviation Explorer activities also with your help, we definitely will bring the trophy home again next year. Lois Peck, Chairman Aerospace Education.

We, the San Fernando Valley chapter are just amazing, winning all three trophies (for large chapter) at Spring Section meeting in Columbia. Congratulations to JEANNE KIRHOFER and DEE MATHEWS for winning the pilot proficiency training award. Thank you to everyone that participated and reported their activities to me so I could record and tally the data. A very special thank you to RUTH LOGAN and JAYE HOWES for all their work in submitting the winning entry for the Aerospace Education Innovation Award; PAM DISTASO for setting up the computer program and being available to me every time I needed assistance; BERTIE DUFFY for all she does working with and instructing young people and reporting her activities to me, she represented a significant portion of total points accumulated; CHRIS MERRICK for all the flight instruction you do and the points that represented; JEANNE KIRHOFER for keeping an eye out reporting anything that might be used in this competition; GOLDA NEUMAN for sharing her and MARY GLASSMAN's experience of chairing Aerospace Education. Thank you to everyone are chapter for helping with the Aerospace Education Award and the Aerospace Education Innovation Award.

Ends and Odds



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.

NOON on the fifteenth of each month is the DEADLINE for the AUXTANK submissions. Send your articles, hangar tales, art, photos, haiku! Don't wait until the last minute! Email (laurel@flyingpirate.com) or fax (310)337-4775 contributions to Laurel Carpenter

COMING UP - - June 21/22 VNY AirExpo/Sandling's Potluck - - July 4 FlyIn Grass Valley - - July 19 Summer Potluck at Ceci Stratford's - - 8/4 August Chapter Meeting - - 8/25 September Chapter Meeting - - Oct 2/5 Fall SW Section Lancaster - - Oct 18 or 19 Aqua Dulce Airmarking

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