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Rose of Achievement



Kathryn Presson receives a rose of achievement from Jennifer Miller

Congratulations to
Kathryn Presson for passing
the instrument written test!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We had a great meeting - many thanks to Lilian Holt for arranging for our speaker, Maria Grycan from the Fire Department. We all learned a lot about how to prepare for emergencies, especially fire and earthquake. Well, maybe not all. There were a few who found it a lot more interesting to talk to friends

and disturb the rest of us. Please ladies, it's bad enough when I'm up there in front. When we have a guest speaker, please show a little more courtesy.



Maria Grycan, Guest Speaker

We had the drawing for the B-17 ride and it was won by Cliff Busick. Ceci Stratford sold that winning ticket as well as another \$400. What a saleswoman she is. Ceci is doing so much for our fundraising this year. If we all made only one tenth of the effort she does, we could give multiple scholarships!!

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The San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was founded on February 1, 1952. The mission of the Ninety-Nines is:

- To promote world fellowship through flight.
- To provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community.
- To preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

Member of the Month

Stacie Crowther, Kathryn Presson, and Susan Theurkauf received Members of the Month recognition at the April Meeting! Stacie and Kathryn flew their first Young Eagles, and Susan co-chaired The Ninety-Nines' Booth at the Women In Aviation International Conference in Nashville.

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Leslie Dinius is hard at work arranging for the awards luncheon on Saturday, June 17. Hold that date open and head for Marie Calendar's in Northridge to meet with all your chapter friends. This year the luncheon will only cost \$20 so we hope to have more attending.

Several of our members will be attending Spring Section in Minden, NV May 12 – 14. It sounds like great fun and you will have a chance to try some soaring. Learn to keep that yaw string straight and you will find you have much better control of your powered plane too.

Our best wishes go out to Laura Ricks and Doris Minter after their recent surgeries. We miss you and look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

Blue skies and tailwinds always,

--Bertie Duffy

Election Reminder

Ballots for the 2006 SFV99s Slate of Officers must be received by Susan Theurkauf by April 15.

Career Scholarship

Career scholarship applications are available on the Chapter's website for 2006. If you know of someone who may be interested please pass on this information.

Three thousand dollars are available to any male or female US Citizen, 21 years or older and living in the Greater Los Angeles Area, for the advancement of their aviation career (such as, but not limited to, CFI, A&P, Airport Management). Ninety-Nines and family members are not eligible for this award.

Applications must be post marked no later than **April 23, 2006.**

--Jeanne Fenimore & Melinda Lyon
Co-Chairmen

April Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV members!

1975	Dolores Mathews
1978	Sylvia Sanderson
1982	Paula Sandling
1983	Jaye Howes
1986	Patricia Yendes
1988	Mary Glassman
1996	Helene Krongold
1996	Lisa Hineman
2004	Jennifer Mindock
2005	Janice Martin

B-17 Event

The EAA's WWII B-17G Flying Fortress will be at Van Nuys Airport April 13-17. On **Saturday, April 15**, Chapter members will be involved with the various activities taking place at Syncro in connection with the B-17 event. The Saturday event is open to the public from 10:00 - 4:00. Volunteers are needed to help set up and work at the Chapter's display booth and sales table. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the April Meeting. Please contact Anne Marie Radel if you did not sign up but would still like to help. Parking at Syncro may be difficult, so please carpool.

Southwest Section Meeting

The Southwest Section meeting in Minden, Nevada will be May 12-14. Minden Airport (MEV) is located in the Carson Valley approximately 30 NM miles south of the city of Reno.

The airfare from LAX to Reno is \$210.00 round trip on Southwest Airlines.

If you are planning on attending the Section meeting and would like a ride or have a seat for someone else, please contact Jeanne Fenimore 818-893-5806 or Ruth Logan 818-364-1224. We would like to assure that everyone has a ride.

We also understand that the Carson Valley Inn is full, so be sure you have a room.

If you are flying your aircraft to Minden please also remember that the elevation of the airport is 4700 ft. with high mountains surrounding the Carson Valley. So PLEASE plan your flight carefully.

**Next Meeting:
Monday, May 1**

April Fly-In

The April Fly-in will be Syncro Aviation's "Sky's The Limit" interactive celebration of careers in aviation for youth on Saturday, April 15. V.I.P. breakfast starts at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to attend the breakfast, please e-mail Gar Smith at rpvgar@cox.net. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will be in attendance, along with City Councilmen Cardenas and Padilla. Event starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The Syncro Hangar is on the east side of Van Nuys Airport at 7701 Woodley Avenue. The SFV99s will have a booth; we'll be passing out information. EAA Chapter 40 will be conducting Young Eagles Flights and will need a lot of planes and pilots. In order to fly Young Eagles you need to be an EAA member. Go online and sign-up – flying Young Eagles is a lot of fun. So dust off the plane and come on out!

--Ruth Logan & Jeanne Fenimore

Happy Birthday!

April 5	Wanda Schramm-Ogne
April 15	Susan Theurkauf
April 18	Doris Minter
April 19	Laura Ricks
April 22	Marion McNiff
April 26	Golda Neuman
April 27	Nina Yates
April 30	Bertie Duffy

Turning Base...May

Chapter Fundraiser: Macy's Community Shopping Day

Community Shopping Day is a chance for the SFV Ninety-Nines to make a lot of money, with little or no work. Community Shopping Day is implemented in select Macy's stores. The closest Macy's to us hosting Community Shopping Day is Sherman Oaks on **Friday, May 12th**. All of our participation and benefits will be associated with the Sherman Oaks Macy's.

The Ninety-Nines sell \$10 tickets for the event and retain 100% of sales proceeds. The tickets allow the holder a 20% discount on regular, sale or clearance items. There are some items excluded from the discount; cosmetics and fragrances, kate spade, Coach and Dooney & Bourke handbags. Discount tickets can be used up to two weeks in advance – but you will not be able to pick up the item until the day of the event, or up to two weeks after.

To purchase a ticket, drop a \$10 check in the mail payable to the SFV99s, mail to Ruth Logan and a ticket will be mailed back to you. If you think you can sell tickets to co-workers, neighbors or relatives, tickets can be mailed to you on a consignment basis.

Added Benefits!!

- Starting three weeks prior to the event – there will be in-store ticket sales. The proceeds from *in-store ticket sales will be divided among the top three participating non-profits.*
- Macy's will send media releases to local print, radio, and TV. All media correspondence will include a list of participating non-profits.

One small problem

May 12th is the first day of Spring Section. Macy's would like any participating non-profit to supply a few volunteers to man/woman the doors the day of the event. Many of us will be attending Section in Minden. *EXPLORERS TO THE RESCUE!* As a payback to the SFV Ninety-Nines for their support, three volunteer Explorers and the Exploring Executive from Learning for Life will take our places at the door. But, if someone not going to Section wouldn't mind helping out – that would be great! The sky's the limit; all money collected goes directly to the SFV99s. Any questions – please call Ruth Logan.

Chapter Awards

The deadline to turn in applications for the Woman Pilot of the Year, Rookie Pilot of the Year, and Trixie Ann Schubert Memorial Service Awards is **May 15**. Applications are available on the Chapter's website. For more information, contact Jeanne Kirhofer or Ceci Stratford (Woman & Rookie Pilot) and Jennifer Miller or Maureen Kenney (Trixie Ann).

Standing Rules Changes

At the May 2006 Meeting we will be voting on the new Chapter Standing Rules. We are proposing quite a few changes. The Proposed Standing Rules are posted in the Members Only Section of the Chapter Web Site www.SFV99s.org. Please look at them and feel free to make any comments to jeanfenimore@earthlink.net. If you have trouble getting into the Members Only Section please contact Pam Distaso or Jeanne Fenimore.

--Jeanne Fenimore
Standing Rules Chairman

VNY Air Fest 2006

The Van Nuys Airport is going to be celebrating aviation history on Sunday, June 11, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The show will honor the Southern California Chapter of the Commemorative Air Force. It will feature displays of rare historic aircraft, plus live band performances, skydiving demonstrations, exhibits and ground attractions. Our Chapter has been asked to co-host the event with the airport, which we have agreed to do. We have also decided that we will have an exhibit at the event, and Ruth Logan has agreed to chair it. She is going to need some volunteers to help her so please let Ruth know what hours you can be there. This will be a fundraiser for the chapter so we would like all of you to help.

--Mary Glassman and Golda Neuman
Co-Chairman

Awards & Installation Luncheon

The SFV99s Awards and Installation Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Marie Callender's in Northridge. Look for more details in next month's Aux Tank.

First Young Eagles Flight



Stacie Crowther and Kathryn Presson received Member of the Month recognition for flying their first Young Eagles.

Flying Young Eagles on March 15th was a very special event for me. It was the Young Eagles event of August 17, 2002 that began my new "aviation life." I brought my 9 year-old son (now 13, ugh) as a cub scout. I was slightly nervous as I never even *stood* close to a single engine aircraft, let alone was about to let Stephan fly in one. When Stephan returned in one piece I wanted badly to fly. BINGO!! I was lucky enough to have Ruth Logan take me up and let me manipulate the controls of her 172 as we circled around the Rose Bowl. And

that's when it happened... the bug bit! The bug grabbed onto me like a ravenous parasite that would not release my nourishing flesh. I decided that day that I was going to become a pilot and would not compromise. I showed up at subsequent Eagles events and was nurtured by great new friends such as Ceci, Ruth and Linda Hernandez. I became known as "That Mother Who Wants To Fly."

Anyway, I have come full circle as I took up two groups of kids and a couple of adults. I was the pilot now. The kids I flew ranged from grades 5-9 and were so enthralled by the ground whizzing by and the bird's eye view of Magic Mountain. We discussed the *coolest* roller coasters as we gently turned around the park. None of the kids wanted to touch the controls. They just wanted to observe. However, an uncle with some experience flew, and quite well. He went into Sun Quest right after the flight for information on pursuing lessons. Now there's a familiar story. I had so much fun and I cannot wait until the next "Day of the Eagle." What an experience. There is nothing like the curiosity, smiles and laughter of children.

--Stacie Crowther

Welcome to our newest member - Erin Thorpe.

Erin started flying with our Explorers during her senior year in high school. After a lot of careful thinking and debate, she chose Purdue University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Aviation Flight Technology. She was offered a full scholarship with the Navy ROTC program at Purdue. After just getting her license in January 2006, she already looks to making a career as a naval aviator and then perhaps flying for the airlines. We look forward to see her at our meetings and/or events when she is back home during her school breaks.

March Fly-In Reports

Attending last month's fly-in to Antelope Valley's Poker flight were Linda Hernandez, Dolores Mathews, Chris Merrick, Marilyn Perna, Ruth Logan, Susan Thuerkauf, FWPs Leslie Dinius and Lynette Williams, and Explorers Ian Doolittle and Will Macua. Susan won \$200 in fuel from Rosamond!

--Ruth Logan

March 19th, the day of the Antelope Valley Poker flight, dawned cloudy and cold and windy, so a few of us decided to detour to Camarillo Airport. We had three 99s, one FWP, and two 49-1/2s meet for a delightful lunch and a little shopping at Heidi's Pilot Shop. Those attending were Jeanne Fenimore, Paula Sandling, Mary Glassman, Janice Martin, Michael Sandling, and Bill Fenimore. We understand that the Poker Flight was a great success!

--Jeanne Fenimore

Summer Potluck

Come and join your fellow 99s, 49 1/2s and Friends of the 99s for food & fun on Saturday, July 15th at the Sikora's in Sylmar! Bring a swim suit and towel -- don't forget the sunblock! Festivities to begin at 4pm and

dining at 5pm. Sign up sheet available at May meeting. Check June Aux Tank for directions to event.

--Julieann Sikora

Women In Aviation

(Photos by Diane Myers)

The Ninety-Nines were well represented at the 17th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference on March 23-25 in Nashville, TN. The Ninety-Nines Booth was bustling with volunteers in uniform (many from the Pro99s) who signed up 30 new members, collected over 60 inquiry cards, networked, and provided lots of aviation career advice.



Susan Thuerkauf, Kate Macario, & Vicky Anderson

Vicky Anderson (Orange County Chapter), Susan Thuerkauf, and Jennifer Miller worked at the booth for the entire conference.

On Saturday evening, five women were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame: Fran Bera, Major General Jeanne Holm, USAF (retired), Galina Gavrilovna Korchuganova (deceased), Major General Betty Mullis, USAFR (retired), and Lieutenant Colonel Betty Jane Williams, USAF (retired).



WASPs signing photos in Exhibit Hall

Fly Girls in the Soup

After our exciting and successful first-time flights with the Young Eagles, Kathryn Presson and I decided to top the day off with a trip to French Valley for food and flying the Great N73113-172/G. Granted I felt a cold coming on, but I wanted to have a nice time with Kathryn, so off we went.

Kathryn flew the first leg and she was quite the pilot. She had the beautiful GPS set up to compliment her skills. We were enjoying the views of the beautiful, billowy white clouds cuddling the rigid terrain of the San Gabriel and Riverside Valleys. We watched parachutists cascading the horizon and then landed for a nice lunch. I still felt the cold festering in my nose but decided to ignore it.

I had the flight home. I took off into the satiny atmosphere and headed toward Brackett with the aid of the GPS. I have never been too experienced with the GPS as my instrument training consisted of VOR/DME. As we neared Brackett, we noticed the ceiling drop so I descended from 4,500MSL to 2,500MSL and headed in. Before I could get my thought out, my brilliant copilot stated, "Stacie, we better get a pop-up VOR Alpha back to WHP." I was nervous because I always practiced IFR elements with my CFII, not ever without one. I then flipped a 180, called ATC and amended my plan from VFR to IFR. Kathryn the Great jotted the clearance down and set it in the GPS. I climbed to my assigned altitude of 6,000MSL while bucking some strong down drafts. In the soup we went and what a confidence builder it was for both of us. Kathryn is training for instruments and got to set up the approach, write the clearance and keep vigilant without her instructor's input while I aviated the grey sky. Since I am not used to the vast advantages of GPS, I was a bit overwhelmed and felt like a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest. I resorted back to the needles. As I was asked to lose 3,000 feet

rather quickly my cold reared its ugly head and forced my ears to completely clog and hurt like 1,000 daggers piercing them. I fought the urge to cry in pain and linked up with the VOR Alpha and put her down. What a day!!!! Kathryn Presson and Stacie Crowther - Aviation Team.

Next time I will make sure I am safe to fly. I will use the "I'm Safe" Checklist.

- I – Illness
- M – Medication
- S – Stress
- A – Alcohol
- F – Fatigue
- E – Eating

--Stacie Crowther

Explorer News

Genesis Rivas and Ian Doolittle were flying a lot this last month. Genesis is working on her solo time and long-cross country. Ian is cooling his heels; he won't be seventeen until November.

Aviation Explorer Post 747 has a few movie stars! Learning For Life produced an Exploring promotional video and our Post was included. I'm not sure if the clip will be used for commercials or what – but if you do see an Exploring Commercial on TV – look for Genesis Rivas (flying and interview), Ian Doolittle, Daniel Jones, Jesse Galeas (flying and interview), Ceci Stratford, Chris Anderson and Ruth Logan. Unfortunately, no credits were included. We were hoping to give the SFV99s a plug and have our names in lights. But for now - the autograph line forms on the right!

-- Ruth Logan

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
April 15	B-17 Flying Fortress Event and Young Eagles	VNY Syncro EAA-hotline- 818-725-4247
May 1	General Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	VNY Airtel Plaza -- 7:00 pm As early as 5:30 pm
May 6	VNY Prop & VNY Airport Associations General Meeting & Luncheon Featuring Rod Machado	www.vnyprop.org (818) 781-2435
May 12-14	Spring Southwest Section Meeting	Minden NV
June 5	General Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	VNY Airtel Plaza -- 7:00 pm As early as 5:30 pm
June 11	Van Nuys Airport Open House	
June 17	Awards & Installation Luncheon	Marie Callender's - Northridge
July 5-9	International Conference	Washington DC

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