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Members of the San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines recently enjoyed inspiring and teaching children about aviation and space at three events: the Traveling Space Museum's visits to Winnetka Elementary School on October 13 and Las Cruces, New Mexico on October 21 & 22, and at the Girl Scouts Aviation Day at Whiteman Airport on November 4, 2006.



"Commander" Anne Marie Radel



Moon-walking Winnetka students

Chairman's Report

With Fall comes the wind. And "Wind" it did at our Girl Scout Aviation Day. But that did not stop the Girl Scouts, the Explorers or The Ninety-Nines. We hosted 143 Brownies, and introduced them to the world of aviation. The girls learned about parts of an aircraft, the language of aviation, what the inside of an airplane looks like, and they tried to make a glider fly through Hula Hoops. Unfortunately, the wind did its best to stop that event.

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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.

So we made edible aircraft instead (the fuselage was Smarties, the wings were gum, and the wheels were Life Savers). I think we may have inspired a few little girls so that they might want to become pilots.



The month of November will be busy. Many of us will have traveled to Palm Springs to attend AOPA. We have the Doo Dah Parade and a Fly-in to Camarillo. If we cannot fly to CMA we will still travel out there for lunch and shopping. Did I mention Shopping?

December will be full with Cookies to the Tower on December 2nd and the Holiday Party on December 9th at Lilian Holt's beautiful home. Santa will be there and help with our gift exchange. Please bring a tacky White Elephant present. Please try to not spend money doing this.

We have some really exciting events coming up in the next year. Stay tuned for more information. See you at the airport.
--Jeanne Fenimore

Member of the Month

Lilian Holt and Ceci Stratford received Member of the Month recognition at the November Meeting. Lilian's beautiful photos from the International Meeting in Washington DC made the cover of the 99 News. Ceci, together with Jeanne Fenimore, did a fantastic job organizing the SFV99s' part in the Girl Scouts Aviation Day at Whiteman Airport. Great job Lilian and Ceci!



Roses of Achievement

Pam Distaso earned a Rose of Achievement at November's meeting for completing her MBA. The Chapter congratulates Pam for her accomplishment and is thrilled to have her back at 99s events. We missed you Pam! Joanne Davis received her Rose of Achievement from last month. Joanne is now a full-fledged pilot!

CAF's C-131 at the Santa Barbara Airport Adventure



Pilot Terry Cedar, Ceci Stratford, & Crew Chief Dick Troy in front of the C-131

Lucky Ceci Stratford got to work with the CAF at the SBA "Airport Adventure" day on September 30. It was family day and several airplanes were on display, as well as community booths (Smokey the Bear, NASA, Firemen, Policemen, Kiwanis, etc.). Ceci helped at the CAF's "PX" gift shop--toy airplanes were a hit. Then they all flew back in the C-131, a military Convair 340 (twin engine) used as a General's personal aircraft.



Ceci Stratford flying right seat in the C-131

Short Final...November

Doo Dah Parade

The SFV99s are marching in the Doo Dah Parade on Sunday, November 19 in Pasadena. It is not too late to join in the fun! If you would like to march with the Chapter, the entrance fee is \$20 and you will need a home-built aircraft made from

cardboard boxes or other airworthy materials. Raise money for the

Chapter by asking friends to sponsor your flight in the parade. For more information or to sign up, please contact Anne Marie Radel at 818-429-8663. For general information about the Doo Dah Parade go to <http://www.pasadenadoodahparade.info/>.



Photo: Felicia Hoppe flies the Stealth in the 2001 Doo Dah Parade.

Happy Birthday!

November 3	Christina Merrick
November 4	Janice Martin
November 4	Genesis Rivas
November 6	Jan Wood
November 8	Maggie McCurry
November 12	Julieann Sikora
November 30	Kathryn Presson

Fly for Breast Cancer Cure

Lisa Hineman spoke at the November Meeting about the recent breakthroughs in breast cancer treatment made possible by breast cancer research fundraising, and demonstrated the proper way to do a self

breast exam. Through the end of the year, SFV99s are to request pledges for their flying time, or a flat donation, to raise money for "Breast Cancer Cure" through the American Cancer Society.

Download the flight logs, donation receipts and other important information at www.ninety-nines.org/breastcancercure. If you have questions, contact Lisa Hineman.

November Fly-In

Our November Fly-in will be to Camarillo on November 26. This is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. ETA will be 11:30 for lunch at the Waypoint Restaurant and then we will walk over to Heidi's Pilot Shop for some Shopping.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will still drive to CMA. We will talk later about carpooling, if necessary. If you have a seat or need a ride, contact Jeanne Fenimore jeannefenimore@earthlink.net or Ruth Logan rlogan02@yahoo.com.

--Jeanne Fenimore

November Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1972	Elynore Rickabaug
1977	Jeanne Kirhofer
1986	Maggie McCurry
1989	Kathryn Smither
1990	Virginia Harmon
2001	Wanda Schramm-Ogne
2003	Anne Marie Radel
2003	Leslie Rink

Turning Base...December

Cookies to the Tower

The SFV99s will be baking, boxing, and flying at the annual Cookies to the Tower on Saturday, December 2. Join your fellow 99s at Rocky's Restaurant at Whiteman Airport from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Bring 3-5 dozen homemade cookies or holiday treats. While enjoying complimentary coffee and tea, we will stuff the holiday boxes with our cookies and then enjoy lunch at the restaurant (Dutch treat).

If you want to join in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift (no white elephant gifts – save them for the Holiday Party). We will play the feared but fun "Dirty Santa" gift exchange game. After our bellies are full and our gifts stolen, we will head for the airplanes (or cars) to deliver our treats to our favorite & helpful friends in aviation. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Radel.

CAF So Cal Wing Featured Aircraft Day

Military trainers, the "Pilot Makers" will be featured Saturday, December 9, at the CAF ramp, Camarillo Airport from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The trainers to be displayed and flown are the T-6/SNJ, T-28 and T-34.

Come see these aircraft, have your picture taken in the cockpit, hear the pilots and mechanics speak, buy souvenirs, and have fun. Also see the CAF World War II Aviation Museum and other aircraft at the CAF. Regular Museum donation entry fees apply (\$5 adults, \$2 children). It is a great activity for the family.

For questions and more information call (805) 482-0064. The CAF is located at 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo.

Holiday Party 2006

Join us on Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 pm for the SFV99s' Annual Holiday Party at Lilian Holt's beautiful home. Please bring a potluck dish and a white elephant gift, and enjoy the fabulous feast, singing, Santa's arrival and lots of good cheer! Lilian's neighborhood is gated, so please notify Lilian, Stacie Crowther or Linda Worden if you plan on attending so they can put your name on the list.

"One Six Right" Tour Finale

On Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 pm, Syncro Hangar at Van Nuys Airport will be converted into an aviation museum and movie theater for the "One Six Right" tour finale. See all the stars of the movie up close: the P-51, DC-3, Piper Cub, Fleet Biplane, Staggerwing, Pitts, F-5, T-38, T-6, A-26, B-25, Cirrus VK-30, Cessna 172, Citation X, and a Gulfstream IV. Additionally, audience members will have the opportunity to meet many of the people interviewed in the film and the production crew who made the movie. Barry Schiff will introduce producer/director Brian J. Terwilliger, who will then introduce the film and host a Q&A after the showing. See the high definition camera that was used in the movie, the helicopter and gyroscopic camera system that shot all the aerial photography, and enjoy the experience on the biggest screen and in the biggest venue on the entire tour!

To buy tickets, visit <http://www.onesixright.com> and click on "Theatrical Tour".

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 4

Guest Speaker & Sales Table

Down Wind...January

SWS Winter Business Meeting

Don't miss the Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting on January 27, 2007 in Ontario, California. Rooms at the Hilton Ontario Airport Hotel will be \$89.00. Fly yourself into Cable Airport; the landing fee will be waived for 99s. Go to www.sws99s.org for registration information.

Please make a note...

The SFV99s January Meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month due to the New Year Holiday.

Monday, January 8, 2007

Get Well Soon

The SFV99s send warm get well wishes to "Friend of the 99s" Maria Schwartz who was recently diagnosed with cancer. We look forward to your recovery and joining us at our future events.

Guests of the Chapter

Guests at the October 2 Meeting included guest speaker Michael Hoffner, Whiteman Airport Assoc. President Don Hagopian, Shellie Hagopian, Patti Clark of the Ventura County Department of Airports, Bill Fenimore, Kristina Sunness, Maureen Clemmons, Robert Duggins, Explorer Advisors John Jones and Daniel Jones, and Explorers Jocelin Silva, Matthew Heinzmann, Mohammad Baksh, Elizabeth Clemmons, Sean Clemmons, Ian Doolittle,

Bennett Breulelander, Brandon Crain, Efrain Estrada, and Nick Day.

Emmanuelle Richard, Robin Kaswick, and Marie Janbahan were guests at the November Meeting.

Thank you for joining us, we hope to see you again.

Dues

Thank you to those members who have paid their dues.

Members in Good Standing:

Jan Archibald
Stacie Crowther
Joanne Davis
Pam Distaso
Bertie Duffy
Jeanne Fenimore
Jackie Forsting
Mary Glassman
Linda Hernandez
Lisa Hineman
Lilian Holt

Jaye Howes
Maureen Kenney
Merlee Levick
Ruth Logan
Melinda Lyon
Dolores Mathews
Marion McNiff
Jennifer Miller
Doris Minter
Golda Neuman
Marilyn Perna
Kathryn Presson
Anne Marie Radel
Ely Rickabaugh
Laura Ricks
Lois Rifkin
Paula Sandling
Julieann Sikora
Kathy Smither
Coralee Tucker
Linda Worden

For those who have yet to pay, **PLEASE SEND your dues** to Treasurer: Anne Marie Radel "see Roster for her address" or send to: P.O. Box 7142 Van Nuys, CA 91409.

A Limo with Wings

It is known that my son's Cub Scout trip to Young Eagles, followed by my flight in Ruth Logan's 172, was when my flying bug commenced. Now I am a Young Eagle pilot. A couple of months ago I had a very delightful 14 year-old Mexican-American girl and her cousins ride with me. They all were so excited to see the earth beneath them get smaller and smaller as we ascended into the warm and somewhat turbulent atmosphere. They squealed with delight but the girl in the front still did not want to touch the controls. We flew and talked about the flight, circled Magic Mountain and turned back to WHP. I landed, and then sent them over to get their certificates. It was a nice ride for us all.

One month passed since our flight and the girl's mother showed up at the next Young Eagles event. She approached me and told me that her daughter loved

flying with me so much that she wanted me to fly her into her Quinceanera "Sweet 15" party. The party was going to take place at Rocky's on September 9th. Imagine that - two hundred people watching her as she would be flown in! I was honored and accepted the offer.

The night arrived. I boarded her and her escort into the gorgeous 737UK - you know the one from Sun Quest, the brown one. Her dress was bigger than the airplane itself, so stuffing it in was quite a task. She looked like a bride in her dress; head to toe white and a sparkly crown cradled against her perfect hair. Her escort looked like he was attending a Hollywood cocktail party with top celebrities.

I decided to make it a rerun of our previous Young Eagles day, so we flew toward Magic Mountain. The Day Fire was in its infancy so

we headed into an eerie orange haze as night began to fall. Upon landing, the MC of the party announced her arrival in Spanish. As I pulled up to Rocky's, a red carpet was rolled out for her to step onto as she exited the airplane. Large cameras and video cameras encircled the airplane like the paparazzi circling around Britney Spears. Everyone cheered. They treated me like a queen and invited me to stay.

Being a pilot in their eyes was such a huge deal. I felt so appreciated and so special. Even though I did not know anyone there except Jim, I had a fun time. The food, music and dancing were such a treat and such a great taste of culture. There were even real margaritas, not the no-liquor-license-Rocky's wine margaritas - yuck. It was a night I will never forget.

--Stacie Crowther

Thank you

I would like to thank those members who have been remembering my daughter Lisa in their thoughts and prayers this past month. She has come through her surgeries quite well and is ½ way through her journey to complete recovery and remission.

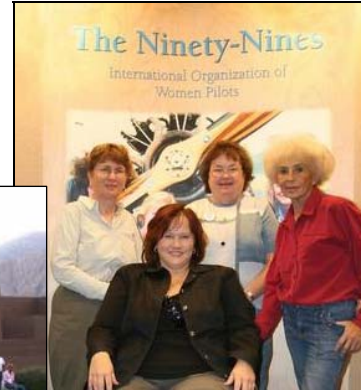
Love
Mary Glassman



SFV99s at AOPA in Palm Springs



Jeanne Fenimore (center) having a fantastic time working in The Ninety-Nines Booth.



Paula Sandling, Kathryn Presson, Jeanne Fenimore, & Lilian Holt

SFV99s attended the AOPA Conference in Palm Springs on November 8-11, 2006. Members enjoyed watching the Parade of Planes taxi down the streets of Palm Springs, attending numerous seminars, and purchasing gifts for their airplanes. Members also spent time volunteering in The Ninety-Nines Booth, talking to conference attendees and recruiting Future Women Pilots and new 99s.



SFV99s Linda Worden, Pam Distaso, Stacie Crowther, Kathryn Presson, Jeanne Fenimore & Lilian Holt meet Cholene Espinoza (third from left), guest speaker at The Ninety-Nines Breakfast.

WHP Girl Scouts Aviation Day



Kathy Smither talks to Brownies about a plane's cockpit.



Brownies do a walk-around with Stacie Crowther.

Marcia Fuller assists Brownies with learning parts of a plane.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
November 12	Hangar Party for Doo Dah Prep 12:00 – 5:00 WHP, Anne Marie's hangar (T-5)	Anne Marie Radel
November 19	Doo Dah Parade, Pasadena	Anne Marie Radel
November 26	Fly-in to Camarillo – ETA 11:30 Lunch & Shopping at Heidi's	Jeanne Fenimore & Ruth Logan
November 27	Board Meeting - 6:30	WHP - Rocky's
December 2	Cookies to the Tower, Rocky's – WHP (9:30 – 1:30)	Anne Marie Radel
December 2	"One Six Right" Tour Finale (8:00pm) Syncro Hangar – Van Nuys Airport	www.onesixright.com
December 4	Chapter Meeting (Guest Speaker: Tim Diggins, FAA) Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
December 9	Holiday Party, Lilian Holt's home (6:30)	Stacie Crowther & Linda Worden
January 8	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
January 27	Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting Ontario Hilton	www.sws99s.org

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