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WHAT A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

February is our Chapter's 55th Birthday, and what a party we had on February 5, 2007. It was the best attended meeting we have had in a long time; it was standing room only in the room. I guess all it takes is a little cake and Champagne.



Our 2008 Alaska International Conference was the primary focus of the chapter meeting. Our panel of former Alaska Flyers did a great job. We talked about routes and a few side trips, and we hope you all left with Alaska dreams. A Big Thank You to Rex and Doris Minter, Paula Sandling, Ceci Stratford, and Carin



Counihan (our guest from the Alaska Chapter, Carin is now our official Alaska Expert) and of course, thanks to our moderator Jennifer Miller. We will be talking about Alaska quite a bit in the next few months.

Alaska Flying Panel: Jeanne Fenimore, Carin Counihan, Rex Minter, Paula Sandling, Doris Minter and Ceci Stratford (not pictured) shared their Alaska flying experiences at the SFV99s' February Meeting.

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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.

It was also great to see Mary Lou Neale. She is a long-time SFV99s member, and one of the very first WASPs. We do not see enough of our treasured members like Mary Lou. We will be honoring her in the Forest of Friendship, in Atchison, KS on June 15-17, 2007.



Mary Lou and Ray Neale

SOUTHWEST SECTION WINTER MEETING

Our Chapter was well represented at the Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting on January 27, 2007 in Ontario, CA. San Fernando Valley 99s attending were: Michele Albiez, Jan Archibald, Jeanne Fenimore, Mary Glassman, Lilian Holt, Jennifer Miller, Kathryn Presson, Anne Marie Radel, Paula Sandling, Susan Theurkauf, and Nina Yates.

Future 99s International Conference dates are:

- Boulder, CO: September 12-16, 2007
- Anchorage, AK: August 7-10, 2008
- Chicago, IL: end of July 2009, one week before "AirVenture" in Oshkosh, WI
- Hawaii, HI: 2010, Southwest Section will host.

Mark your calendars for future Southwest Section Meetings:

- Spring 2007 - Santa Maria: May 18-20
- Fall 2007 - San Francisco: October 4-7
- Spring 2008 - Palm Springs: May 2-4
- Fall 2008 - Ogden, UT: September 26-28
- Spring 2009 - Phoenix
- Fall 2009 - Grass Valley

We talked about the AE Hike which will be July 20-26, 2007. You will be hearing more about this in the next few months.

There was an intense session on fundraising. Quite a few of us spoke about raising money by hosting Section Meetings and having booths at Air Shows. Lilian Holt spoke about the Traveling Space Museum and I talked about eScrip. There was time for questions and I think everyone walked away with a new idea for fundraising.

The meeting group also participated in round table discussions about membership. We broke into three groups and discussed recruiting new members, getting these new members involved, and Anne Marie Radel chaired the table on retaining members.

It was a long and very informative day. These meetings are also a great way to meet 99s from other Chapters in the Southwest Section.

See you at the Airport.

--Jeanne Fenimore

A NOTE OF WISDOM: At the meeting on February 5, one of our members had her laptop computer stolen out of the meeting room. I would like to remind you NOT to leave any valuables in the room while you are at dinner. If you cannot leave your things in your car, please bring valuables into the dining room while you are eating dinner. The hotel does not mind.

Guests of the Chapter

Guests at the January Meeting were Alaska Chapter 99 Carin Counihan and 99 Maxine Macen, who has just recently transferred to the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

Guests at the February Meeting included Southwest Section Governor Martha Philips, Ayla Brown, Anoucha Van Riel, Debbie Debber, Carin Counihan, and 49-1/2s Peter Albiez, Rex Minter, Coy Gutierrez, Ray Neale, and Mike Radel.

Thank you for joining us at our meetings. We hope to see you again!

Chapter Elections

The SFV99s Nominating Committee was elected at the February Meeting. Committee members are Melinda Lyon, Lorrie Blech, and Bertie Duffy, Committee Chairman. If you are interested in running for a SFV99s board member position, please contact the Nominating Committee.

Ooops! We forgot an important birthday - our own Chairman!

Happy Belated Birthday!

January 24 Jeanne Fenimore

Fundraising Success

Lisa Hineman reported that the SFV99s raised \$2000 for the "99s Fly for Breast Cancer Cure." What a terrific job ladies! Thank you for your donations and your efforts in soliciting donations. A very big Thank You to Lisa for coordinating this important fundraiser!

February Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1963	Doris Minter
1987	Madeline Kurrasch
1988	Claudia Ferguson
1988	Susan Theurkauf
1993	Lois Peck
2001	Chris Merrick
2003	Stacie Crowther
2005	Holly Leatherman
2005	Kathryn Presson

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 5

\$3000 Career Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the SFV99s 2007 Career Scholarship Award. Information and applications are available on the SFV99s website: www.sfv99s.org in the Community Outreach section, or you may request a copy by calling (818) 989-0081. Please note that members of The Ninety-Nines are not eligible.

B-17 Coming to VNY

The B-17 is coming to Van Nuys Airport on Thursday, April 19 through Monday, April 23 and will be open to the public for tours and rides. The SFV99s have purchased a ride on the B-17 for Saturday, April 21 at around 10:30. The SFV99s will hold a raffle for this ride as a fundraiser. Raffle tickets will be available soon on the website and at the March Meeting. A notice will be sent via e-mail with more information.



Aviation Explorer Post 747

We've been busy! Our candy sale has ended with the Post raising \$1,100. We're going to need every penny we can get. Four Explorers are eligible to begin lessons: Chris Knight, Elizabeth Clemmons, Muhammed Khan, and Brandon Crain. Ashley Steven and Sean Rozenberg are currently taking lessons. So far, they have been able to pay their own way.



The Post received a lesson in how to wash planes January 28. All members showed up to wash two planes owned by SunQuest Flight School. They did a great job. After four hours of scrubbing the planes looked fantastic. They will be washing one SunQuest plane each month. The Post would like to wash one additional plane each month as a fundraiser. They will wash any four-place plane for a donation of \$40, washing supplies and cleaning the interior included. Owner must be present while their plane is washed. Call Ruth for appointment, 818-364-1224.

Last but not least - Yippee! Explorer/FWP Genesis Rivas earned her Private Pilot Certificate on February 4. Eighteen year-old Genesis triumphed over adversities in her life to achieve her goal to learn to fly. This would not have happened if not for the support of the San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines. SFV99s' contributions made flight lessons affordable. Ninety-Nine and Post Advisor, Ceci Stratford, mentored and helped her in so many ways.



A Full-Fledged 99! Genesis Rivas gets a big hug from Stacie Crowther after Genesis passes her check ride with Examiner Greg Lewis.

Genesis' guardians, sister Caroline and brother-in-law Moe, said that once Genesis decided to learn to fly, her life changed for the better. She found a purpose and direction. Genesis found out about the Aviation Explorers while attending the ACE Academy sponsored by LAWA. That is where she met our buddy,



Caroline and Moe congratulate Genesis (center).

Jesse Galeas. As they say, the rest is history. Genesis is the fifth Explorer to earn a license.

--Ruth Logan

Rose of Achievement

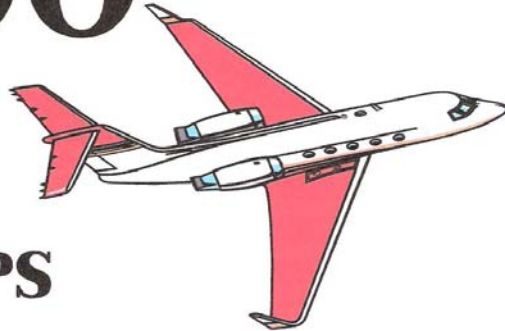
FWP Genesis Rivas earns a Rose of Achievement for obtaining her Private Pilot Certificate on February 4, 2007. Genesis returned to college and was not present at the February Meeting; however, the Chapter looks forward to her next visit when she will receive her rose.



Mentors Ruth Logan and Ceci Stratford with Genesis Rivas

\$3,000

AVIATION CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS



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**SFV 99s CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS
P.O. BOX 8160
VAN NUYS, CA 91409**

or download from sfv99s.org

(Applicants must be at least 20 years of age and U.S. Citizens)

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
February 15-17	Women in Aviation International Conference Orlando, FL	www.wai.org
February 17-18	NIFA Region II – Brackett Airport	www.nifa.us or rrogus@mtsac.edu
February 20	Board Meeting / SOP Meeting – 6:30	Mary Glassman's house
March 2-3	99s International Board Meeting – Oklahoma City	www.ninety-nines.org
March 5	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
March 18	Antelope Valley 99s Poker Run	www.freewebs.com/av99s/index.htm
May 18-20	Southwest Section Meeting – Santa Maria	www.sws99s.org

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