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Young Aviators under a Robin's Wing

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The SFV99s enjoyed a delightful visit from three young aviators, Courtney Bailey, Dia'Sha'Nei O'Quinn, and Jonathan Strickland, and their mentor, Robin Petgrave, at the Chapter's April Meeting. The foursome arrived at Van Nuys Airport via a helicopter flight from Woodley Compton Airport. Robin, an entrepreneur and the Chief Pilot at Celebrity Helicopters, founded Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum (TAM) to encourage youth involvement in aviation as an alternative to drugs, gang violence and other self-destructive activities. The museum offers elementary, middle, and high school students the opportunity to work one-on-one with qualified tutors, mentors and aviation staff five days per week after school.



Students at TAM have the choice to complete volunteer work (such as washing planes), which dedication and hard work earns them the opportunity to learn to fly as Aviation Explorers. All three of the student guests are taking advantage of this great program. Jonathan, who has learned to fly both a helicopter and an airplane, set four World Records in Canada in June 2006.

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(Photos: Top – Jonathan Strickland and Robin Petgrave talk about Jonathan's World Records; Bottom – Dia'Sha'Nei O'Quinn and Courtney Bailey share their experiences at TAM)

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.

Short Final...April

His goal is to become a professional pilot. Courtney and Dia'Sha'Nei both want to



become attorneys and TAM offers students the mentorship and teaches goal orientation skills needed to succeed in all career paths, not just those in aviation.

Robin's current mission is to spread the word about Aviation Angels, a new organization designed to help expand TAM's youth aviation programs in different locations across the country. More information can be found at www.tamuseum.org and www.aviationangels.org. The SFV99s enjoyed the presentations and will plan a future fly-in to Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum!

(Photo: SFV99 Marcia Fuller arranged to have Robin Petgrave speak at the April Meeting.)

Chapter Chairman's Report

Congratulations to Brian Cunneen of Studio City. Brian is the *lucky* winner of our raffle for the B-17 ride. Brian is the owner of a Mooney that he keeps at Whiteman Airport; he also serves on the Board for the Whiteman Airport Association. Brian was very excited when I called him. I think he knew right away that I was bringing him good news. He plans on joining us for the Pancake Breakfast on April 21 and is very much looking forward to his ride.

Thank You to Jennifer Miller for all her work with the Apple Valley Airmarking project. Although the event has been canceled (for reasons beyond our control), Jennifer has done a great job trying to organize rides and paint, not to mention figure out how we were going to paint a compass rose. Maybe Later!!

Hope you are all planning on attending the Southwest Section Meeting in Santa Maria, May 18-20. Information on the Section Meeting is on the Southwest Section Web Site www.sws99s.org. If you are planning to attend, please let the Board know so we can place your name in the minutes of the May Chapter Meeting.

The 99s International Conference is September 12-16 in Boulder, Co. Information on the Conference is posted on the 99s International Web Site www.ninetynines.org. Several of our members are planning on flying our planes to Boulder, so if you are planning on attending and have a seat or need a ride, please let me know as soon as possible jeanefenimore@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendar on June 9 for our Awards/Installation Luncheon. It will be at the Smoke House in Burbank. Please start filling out those Pilot/Rookie and Schubert Award Forms. Should be a fun afternoon!!!

See you at the Airport.

--Jeanne Fenimore

April Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

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| 1975 | Dolores Mathews |
| 1978 | Sylvia Sanderson |
| 1982 | Paula Sandling |
| 1983 | Jaye Howes |
| 1986 | Patricia Yendes |
| 1988 | Mary Glassman |
| 1996 | Helene Krongold |
| 1996 | Lisa Hineman |
| 2000 | Carin Counihan |
| 2004 | Jennifer Mindock |
| 2005 | Janice Martin |
| 2006 | Erin Thorpe |

Happy Birthday!

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

Aviation Career Day - VNY

On Friday, **April 20**, there will be an Aviation Career Day at Syncro Aviation located at Van Nuys Airport. The event will be from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM. The SFV99s have been invited to have a booth at this event. Syncro is also looking for about 20 volunteers to staff the event. If you have a few hours on Friday to help, please contact Jeanne Fenimore ASAP.
jeannefenimore@earthlink.net

Pancake Breakfast – April 21

The SFV99s and Aviation Explorers will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 21 at the Syncro Hangar (VNY), 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Syncro is located at 7701 Woodley Avenue across from the Fly-Away. For a \$5.00 donation patrons will receive three delicious pancakes with sausage, orange juice and/or coffee. The breakfast will coincide with the EAA B-17 and Young Eagles Events that same day. If you can volunteer to help or provide food supplies for the breakfast, please contact Ruth Logan. Also, contact Ruth for solicitation letters to present to grocery stores for donations (Bertie and Linda H. please contain your laughter). So invite your neighbors, friends and strangers to join us for Breakfast with the B-17 and beautiful women pilots. Please post the attached flyer wherever you can.

--Ruth Logan

Member of the Month

Lisa Hineman received Member of the Month recognition at the April Meeting for running yet another successful “Fly for Breast Cancer Cure” fundraiser, which concluded in February. With Lisa’s organization and monthly reminders, the SFV99s raised \$2000 for this worthy cause.

\$3000 Career Scholarship

Applications for the SFV99s Career Scholarship are available at www.sfv99s.org in the Community Outreach section or by calling (818) 989-0081. The SFV99s Career Scholarship is open to U.S. Citizens who are 20 years of age or older, reside in the greater Los Angeles area, and are pursuing a career in aviation. Applications must be postmarked by **April 27, 2007**. Please note that members of The Ninety-Nines are not eligible.

Guests

Guests at the April Meeting were Sallye Stotsberg, Patti Clark, Hank Marlowe, Elysee Alexander, Courtney Bailey, Dia’Sha’Nei O’Quinn, Jonathan Strickland, and Robin Petgrave. Thank you for joining us at our meeting. We hope to see you again!

Airmarking

I am sorry to report that the airmarking project at Apple Valley Airport has been canceled. For all those who signed up to help, I appreciate your offers. Until next time.

--Jennifer Miller

Turning Base...May

SFV99s Awards

Woman Pilot of the Year ~ Rookie Pilot of the Year

It's that time of year when we are getting ready to honor our members who have done outstanding things as Women Pilots.

Applications are available on our website:
<http://www.sfv99s.org/forms.html>

To apply for Woman Pilot of the Year, you must have been a member for 2 years (i.e., prior to May 1, 2005). To apply for Rookie Pilot of the Year, you must have been a member for 1 year (i.e., prior to May 1, 2006). Also, to be eligible for either award, you must have attended 10 events or meetings.

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2007. If you have any questions about either award, please call Ceci Stratford.

~ Schubert Service Award ~

The Chapter will also honor a member who has been very active in the Chapter. Don't be shy! Many of you deserve this award so please consider applying. To be eligible you must be a member of the International 99s and the San Fernando Valley Chapter since May 1, 2005. Activities counted for the 2007 award are those occurring from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. Applications are available on our website:<http://www.sfv99s.org/forms.html>. Completed forms must be postmarked or handed in to Jennifer Miller, Maureen Kenney, or Julieann Sikora by May 15, 2007. Please contact Jennifer Miller if you have any questions.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 7

Chapter Fundraiser

Macy's Community Shopping Day is a Fantastic Fundraising Opportunity for the SFV99s!

Friday, May 11, 2007

Just in time for Mothers' Day! Macy's Community Shopping Day is an in-store shopping event and fundraiser for charities in the Sherman Oaks community and will be held on May 11 at Macy's Sherman Oaks. ***The bottom line is*** – we keep 100% of the proceeds from each \$10 ticket sale (details below.) ***PLUS*** – the big payoff comes if we can qualify for the distribution of cashier ticket sale proceeds. We have to sell 100 tickets and rank high in ticket stubs turned in on the day of the event. Last year \$20,000 was distributed among the top three non-profits. The #1 organization last year sold 149 tickets. This year Macy's cashiers are aiming to sell \$30,000 or more which will be distributed among the top 10 qualifying non-profits. There are only seventeen participating non-profits. We can do this! We've already sold 45 tickets.

If you don't find anything you want to buy, there is no purchase necessary, you can deposit the ticket in receptacles located throughout the store. With your purchased ticket, you are entitled to shop up to two weeks prior to the event and still receive the discount on top of any sale prices, your purchase will not be rung up until the May 11. The discount applies to your total purchase – not just a single item. Macy's will coordinate, produce and finance the entire event. The SFV Ninety-Nines will have an information table set up – maybe we can inspire women to shoot for the sky instead of the sales rack (don't tell Macy's!).

The purpose of **Community Shopping Day** is to raise money for local non-profit organizations through the sale of \$10 tickets

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that entitles the bearer to an exclusive 10-20% discount off almost everything at Macy's on top of any sale prices. In addition, customers will enjoy an exciting day filled with food and beverage samples, entertainment, promotional gifts, and the opportunity to win a \$500 shopping spree.

There will also be a singing contest. The winner will be awarded two round-trip tickets to NYC to attend the Tonys. This brings me to one final requirement for the event. Macy's would like all the participating organizations to provide something for entertainment. Macy's will provide a piano, microphone, screen, dance floor or whatever one might need to perform or display. Does anyone out there know someone (neighbor, niece, friend) who would like to share their talent with an audience? Here's their big chance! The store will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Questions or ticket purchases, please contact Ruth Logan (818) 364-1224.

Traveling Space Museum

Ivor Dawson from the Traveling Space Museum needs volunteers for the following space days:

- June 4 - Millikan Middle School, Sherman Oaks
- June 7 - Wilson Elementary School, San Bernardino
- June 12 - Manhattan Beach Middle School, Manhattan Beach

If you can help, let Ivor Dawson know directly at (310) 279-2624.

2007 Awards & Installation Luncheon

Please join us at the SFV99s' 2007 Awards & Installation Luncheon on June 9, 2007 (11:30 AM) at the Smoke House Restaurant, 4420 West Lakeside Drive, Burbank (across Barham Blvd. from Warner Bros. Studios). We have a great place for this event: a private room, big enough to seat us comfortably, and the food is good. There is some parking on the street, but the restaurant has valet parking (\$3.50) as well.

This is a sit-down luncheon with a choice of two entrees, and a veggie plate for those with dietary restrictions:

1. Sirloin of Beef
2. Caesar Salad with Blackened Salmon
3. Veggie plate

Each lunch includes salad, ice tea or coffee, and dessert. The price is \$23.00 per person.

I will need help putting together the centerpieces and also "set up" on the day of the luncheon. Please be thinking about volunteering. If you did not RSVP at the April meeting, please send me the following:

NAME, PHONE NUMBER; NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY; MEAL CHOICES (#1, #2, OR #3) FOR EACH PERSON; AND A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT DUE, PAYABLE TO THE SFV 99s.

Send it to: Michele Albiez, 2233 Manning Street, Burbank, CA 91505. If you have any questions, please call me at 818-846-4664. See you there!

--Michele Albiez

Special VFR – O Say, Can You See?



It's been quite some time since I wrote about Special Visual Flight Rules (SVFR), and this is a time of year when we might have occasion to use this rather convenient feature in the FARs. So, I thought I'd review a few things about it.

Bottom line, in plain English: Special VFR lowers the flight visibility and cloud-clearance requirements of controlled airspace for the purpose of letting an airplane in or out, in effect temporarily making that area like Class G uncontrolled airspace.

Special VFR is outlined in FAR 91.157 (on-line, see <http://www.risingup.com/fars/info/part91-157-FAR.shtml> for a cross-linked listing, and the FAA website for the "official" reg: http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgFar.nsf/0/1fd2bed8df369eb0852566cf00618687?OpenDocument). It lays out some basic conditions for flying Special VFR. These conditions are as follows:

- You must have an ATC Clearance to fly SVFR
- The flight must be at or below 10,000 ft. MSL
- The weather minimums are that you must have 1 statute mile visibility (except helicopters) and be able to stay clear of clouds.
- If you fly SVFR at night, you must be instrument rated, as outlined in FAR 61 and your aircraft must be equipped for IFR flight, as stated in FAR 91.205.
- You must be operating under FAR Part 91 (no charter or airline SVFR)



One important aspect of SVFR is left out of this regulation completely, and that is that if you want to fly SVFR, you have to **ASK** for it. ATC will not ever offer or suggest it to you. It isn't allowed. If there is no tower at your airport, you'll have to call the nearest ATC facility for your clearance into controlled airspace. Keep in mind that from 0-1200' AGL, the airspace at a non-tower airport is "Class G", which (as stated above) means the flight visibility or cloud clearance requirements in the day (night is more restricted) are the same as for SVFR: 1 sm, clear of clouds.

You also may have to rely on your own judgment for ground visibility. The pilot has always been the authority for flight visibility, but if you're on the ground the situation is different. If there is no "official" (ATIS, AWOS, ASOS) visibility available at a "satellite" airport where you are, you now have the ability to determine it for yourself, if you are flying under Part 91 (this excludes charter and commercial ops). This change was made to the FARs about a year ago. It used to be that the SVFR visibility was determined by the reported visibility at the "main" airport, which can be different at a satellite airport even just a few miles away. For example, if you wanted to take off from Fla-Bob, and Riverside (RAL), which is the closest tower airport, was reporting less than 1 mile, if you determined that visibility at Fla-Bob was at least 1 mile (assuming there is no "official" visibility reported on the field), you could request the SVFR and get it.



This keeps things pretty restricted, but I'm sure you'll agree it's a wise thing to do. These restrictions are designed to make sure that you'll be able to keep yourself oriented and away from things like mountains power lines and other

aircraft. It's pretty easy to lose track of where things are if you can only see a mile. If you're going along at 120 kts., that gives you 30 seconds to see something, react to it and adjust your flight path if necessary. For that reason, SVFR is not something I can recommend without some reservation. Keeping yourself safe is the primary responsibility, and unless you are absolutely certain you can do this, better to leave SVFR for another time. Work with your instructor if you want to build your confidence in this area.

That said, however, SVFR is legal, and can be very useful. I made good use of it one day when the weather at Chino was reported 1 mile, but the visibility at Corona (my home base) was reported 3 miles (AWOS). Corona is just 6 miles south of Chino. I received a SVFR clearance from the Chino Tower, and was able to get home in a safe and expeditious manner.

Claudia Ferguson
SFV 99's Safety Chairman
FAA Aviation Safety Counselor
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Antelope Valley 99s Poker Flight

SFV99s Anne Marie Radel and Lorrie Blech, pictured with Fred Blechman and 49 ½ Mike Radel, enjoyed the St. Patrick's festivities after flying the Antelope Valley 99s' Poker Flight on March 18, 2007. Also in attendance were SFV99s Bertie Duffy and Susan Theurkauf.



who flies professionally, will be a great asset to chapter members who are planning to fly to Alaska for the International Conference in 2008.

The Chapter has reached 84 members! Thank you to members who have been spreading the word about The Ninety-Nines and bring guests to our meetings!

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Welcome New Members!

The Chapter welcomes Carin Counihan as our newest member! Carin officially transferred from the Alaska Chapter. Carin,

Pancake Breakfast

**San Fernando Valley 99s
AVIATION EXPLORER POST 747
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Saturday - April 21, 2007

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Syncro Hangar
7701 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys
Across from the Fly-Away**

**\$5 Donation - Breakfast Includes; pancakes,
sausage, orange juice and coffee**

**Any Questions call
Ruth Logan at
818-257-3993**

**Free Airplane Rides!
Kids 8 - 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Calendar of Events

| Date | Event | Reference |
|-----------------|---|--|
| April 14 | Whiteman Airport Association Air Rally | www.whpsafety.org |
| April 21 | Pancake Breakfast / B-17 Ride / Young Eagles Syncro Hangar - VNY | Ruth Logan (pancake breakfast) |
| May 11 | Macy's Community Shopping Day Fundraiser | Ruth Logan |
| May 18-20 | Southwest Section Meeting – Santa Maria | www.sws99s.org |
| June 9 | Installation & Awards Luncheon | Michele Albiez |
| July 20-26 | AE Hike – Yosemite | Lynn Meadows, Reno High Sierra Chapter |
| September 12-16 | International Conference – Boulder, CO | www.ninety-nines.org |

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