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Greetings from Boulder, Colorado

Chairman's Report

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As I am writing this Chapter Chairman's Report, Michele Albiez, Paula Sandling, Anne Marie Radel and I are sitting at the bar. We are enjoying cocktails and planning for the next International Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. The dates for next year are August 6-10, 2008. All of the SFV members are really excited about next year in Alaska. One of the seminars at this International Conference in Boulder was by a photographer who flew a photo trip to Alaska; it was standing room only. The photos were spectacular!



If you have never been to an International Conference, you have missed a great opportunity to meet new friends from across the world. We all flew our own aircraft to Colorado and it has been a great adventure (Bertie Duffy and Lilian Holt had their own adventure by land!). We have taken tours of the NOAA Center, taken train rides, visited mines, and visited the Coors Brewery. Susan Theurkauf, Anne Marie, Bertie, Lilian and I took the Cog Train to the top of Pikes Peak. Michele visited the Air Force Academy, and Paula, Bertie, and Lilian went to Estes Park

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Photo: Susan Theurkauf, Jeanne Fenimore, Lilian Holt, Anne Marie Radel and Bertie Duffy in Colorado.

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...September

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where they saw elk. There are lots of things to do in Colorado. When we return home we will get you all excited about Anchorage.

The Business meeting was well run, and we finished in reasonable time. The down side is that the FWP amendment did not pass, and our amendment to allow the President and Vice President to run for a second term did not pass; we lost by one vote. At our next meeting we will discuss our future plans with this amendment. All of the Standing Rules passed.

We have lots of other exciting stories to tell you at our next meeting on October 1. I am never writing a report in a bar again.

See you at the Airport

--Jeanne Fenimore

Members of the Month

Pam Distaso and Elysee Alexander received Member of the Month recognition at the August 27 Business Meeting. Every month Pam proofs the Aux Tank for the Editors and every month she catches a thing or two (or three or four). Mary and Jennifer are very grateful for Pam's contribution to the Chapter's newsletter. Elysee successfully published The Southwesterly for the first time. She and her committee put in a lot of work on this new endeavor. Great job ladies!

Happy Birthday!

September 4	Susan Sloan
September 10	Ely Rickabaugh
September 23	Connie Schurr
September 27	Coralee Tucker

Post 747 Recognition



Displaying their awards, SFV99 Ruth Logan (far left) and Explorer Daniel Jones (far right) are joined by Daniel's proud parents.

Over 250 people attended the Learning for Life Explorer Awards Luncheon on September 8 at the Odyssey Restaurant in North Hills. Our own San Fernando Valley Chapter member Ruth Logan was singled out for the "Aviation Explorer Leader of the Year", for all the time and hard work that she puts into Aviation Explorer Post 747. John and Karen Jones were there to support their son Daniel who was recognized as "Aviation Explorer of the Year". Sheriff Lee Baca was in attendance to congratulate the winners of these awards. He commended the dedication of the many adult men and women who volunteer their time and effort to see that the Explorer Programs create positive influences in young people's lives in the areas of Aviation, Firefighting, Law Enforcement and much more. As it always seems to be the case, many of those same adult leaders were in Explorer Programs when they were young and have proven how it has changed their lives and led them to "pay it forward".

It was truly an inspiring afternoon.

--Mary Glassman

Salute To Youth

On Friday, September 21, the SFV99s will participate in Career Day at Palmdale Plant 42 for high school and middle school children of the Antelope Valley. The event hours are 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SFV99s will give the students information about aviation careers. Marcia Fuller is the SFV99s contact for this event: 818-765-6796.

September Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1967	Ruth Mayle
1983	Melinda Lyon
1986	Connie Schurr
1991	Golda Neuman
1992	Jan Archibald
1995	Beverly Butcher
1997	Maureen Kenney
1998	Kathy Crawley

Money, Money, Money

Chapter Dues

It is that time of year again! The Chapter just approved the SFV99s 2007-2008 Budget at the August 27 Business Meeting and membership dues are an important source of income for the Chapter to accomplish its activities, donations and scholarships. September is the month when members pay dues.

A BIG thank you to the following SFV99s who have paid their Chapter dues:

Lorrie Blech, Stacie Crowther, Jeanne Fenimore, Mary Glassman, Jeanne Kirhofer, Dolores Mathews, Doris Minter, Jennifer Miller, Golda Neuman, Kathryn Presson, Anne Marie Radel, Paula Sandling, Kathy Smither, Ceci Stratford, Linda Worden, & yes, Susan Theurkauf!

If your name is not mentioned above, please send a check for \$25 to Anne Marie Radel, Chapter Treasurer, payable to SFV99s. FWP's do not pay dues.

Canceled Pancake Breakfast

Unfortunately, one of our first fundraisers of the year is canceled. Please note that the SFV99s & Explorers Pancake Breakfast in Hidden Hills will not happen. Hidden Hills has already made breakfast arrangements for its event on September 30. Fortunately, we have another fundraiser right around the corner! See below.

Next Fundraiser

Save the date! The SFV99s will be flying in the **Doo Dah Parade** on Sunday, November 18. Find out more information at the next meeting and in the next Aux Tank.

Turning Base...

Southwest Section Meeting

October 4- 7, 2007
San Francisco

Girl Scout Camporee

On October 20, the SFV99s will attend the Girl Scout Camporee in Woodley Park to talk to the girls about aviation. The event will be from 9:00 to 4:00 and the Chapter will display its booth. Please sign up to volunteer at the next Chapter Meeting on October 1, or contact Jeanne Fenimore.

Challenge Air Fly Day

The Challenge Air Fly Day is Saturday, November 3 at Whiteman Airport. It will be a full day at the airport where volunteer pilots fly disabled children and give them the great experience of freedom in the sky. It will be a big event with lots of people, press and aviation things going on.

Many SFV99s signed up to help at this event when Lonna Gibson spoke at our meeting a few months ago. Even if you signed up on her list, Lonna has asked that you please register online if you are going to volunteer either as a pilot or ground crew. If you cannot commit just yet, please wait until later to sign up so that Lonna has an accurate head count of volunteers.

You may sign up at www.challengeair.org. If you have additional questions after visiting the website, you may contact Lonna directly at lonnagibson@yahoo.com.

Cookies to the Tower

This annual event will take place on Saturday, December 1 at Rocky's Restaurant, Whiteman Airport. You know the drill. Bake at least 3 dozen cookies or treats, and then the Chapter will box them up on December 1 and fly them to our local towers and aviation businesses. Attendees will also enjoy a nice no-host luncheon at Rocky's and have a little gift "exchange" – some call it stealing! Find out more details at our upcoming meetings.

Calling All Hosts

Do you have a grand palace? Do you like entertaining? Do you need to host an event to force you to deep clean your house? If so, perhaps you would like to host this year's SFV99s Holiday Party! Remember, a small committee will take care of organizing the event; you just have to lend us your four walls. If you are interested, please contact a board member prior to the October 1 Meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 1



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
September 21	Salute to Youth - Palmdale	Marcia Fuller
September 27	Chapter Board Meeting	Rocky's at WHP -- 6:30 pm
October 1	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
October 4-7	Fall Southwest Section – San Francisco	www.sws99s.org
October 20	Girl Scout Camporee	Jeanne Fenimore
October 21	Storage Clean-up Day	Jeanne Fenimore
November 3	Challenge Air Event – WHP	www.challengeair.org
November 18	Doo Dah Parade Fundraiser	Anne Marie Radel
December 1	Cookies to the Tower Rocky's at WHP	Anne Marie Radel

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