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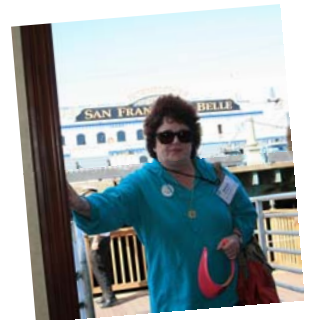
WEBMASTER
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The last few weeks have been a very busy time for us, as it seems it always is for one of the most active chapters in The Ninety-Nines. The San Fernando Valley Chapter had seven members attend the International Conference in Boulder, Colorado, and two weeks later, had fifteen members attend the Fall Southwest Section Meeting in San Francisco. Attending Section were Carin Counihan, Leslie



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Marie Radel, Paula Sandling and Susan Theurkauf. It was really nice to see Felicia, a member we don't see often enough.



Fall Section has always been called the fun meeting, because there is not as much business as the Spring Meeting. Some

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Photos: The Blue Angels zoom over the 99s' afternoon boat cruise. It must be Fleet Week - Jennifer Miller grabs a photo opt with the sailors. All aboard - Melinda Lyon is ready to sail.

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.

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highlights were a photo report from the 99s who climbed AE Peak and a discussion of plans for the International Conference in Hawaii, which will be hosted by the Southwest Section.

(Section is looking for a theme for Hawaii. If you have ideas, pass them on to a Board member). A significant highlight of the entire Section weekend was Fleet Week in San Francisco.



Fleet Week is an annual event in the Bay Area, with many ships arriving in the harbor and hundreds of small boats on San Francisco Bay. The main attraction of the weekend for us was a



boat cruise on the bay to watch the Blue Angels fly. The boat parked in a prime spot between the air show and the Golden Gate Bridge; we felt that we had front row



seats. The Blue Angels are such a joy to watch on the water. Ask around for photos; they will be spectacular.



We have a lot of activities happening in the next few weeks. There is The Girl Scout Camporee on October 20, the Alaska Meeting on October 21, and a Girl Scout Science Fair on October 28.

November 3 is the Challenge Air Event. You need to go to the Challenge Air website to sign up at www.challengeair.org. December 1 is Cookies to the Tower and December 8 will be our Holiday Party. This year the Sandlings will be our hosts for the

Holiday Party. Don't forget your White Elephant Gift. (The Doo-Dah Parade has been postponed until January 20.) We need your help at all of these events and we hope to see you there. For more information about these dates, look elsewhere in the *Aux Tank*, and pay attention to your email for notices from your Chapter Chairman.

There is always something to do! See you at the Airport.

--Jeanne Fenimore

Member of the Month

Marcia Fuller was recognized as Member of the Month at the September Meeting for Salute to Youth. Each year Marcia attends the planning meetings for this event, and she organizes our Chapter's participation. Thanks for your hard work, Marcia!

Guests

Guests at the September Meeting were Caroline MacLeod, Michelle Maryan, and Lisa Perry. Thank you for joining us. We hope you will come again!

Photos Top to Bottom: Mary Glassman and Paula Sandling aboard the bay cruise boat; Coy Gutierrez snaps shots of the San Francisco Bay and the F Line; Bertie Duffy, Jeanne Fenimore, Susan Theurkauf, Felicia Hoppe and Anne Marie Radel get ready for business; Celebrity Sighting – Blue Angel Narrator, Major Nathan Miller, poses with Bertie Duffy, Pat Forbes, Mary Glassman, Lilian Holt, Anne Marie Radel and Paula Sandling.

Breast Cancer Cure

Lisa Perry, daughter of SFV99 Mary Glassman, gave a moving presentation at the September Meeting about her personal fight against breast cancer. SFV99 Lisa Hineman asked Lisa to share her experience with the Chapter as part of the annual kick-off for The Ninety-Nines Fly for Breast Cancer Cure. Lisa Hineman, who is nurse practitioner in adult oncology, presented the latest findings in breast cancer statistics and treatments. She reminded members that the research is dependent on the funds raised by events like Fly for Breast Cancer Cure.

The Chapter will be collecting donations for The Ninety-Nines Fly for Breast Cancer Cure from October through the end of the year. Donations may be either a pledge based on the number of hours you fly or a flat donation. Please visit The Ninety-Nines International website for more details. <http://www.ninety-nines.org/breastcancercure/index.html>

Girl Scout Camporee

More SFV99s needed! 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. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the October Meeting. Please help volunteer at this event; contact Jeanne Fenimore.

Storage Clean-out

The storage clean-out scheduled for October 21 has been postponed. The Chapter is exploring an alternative storage site. Stay tuned for more details.

Happy Birthday!

October 6	Mary Lou Neale
October 14	Irma "Babe" Story
October 15	Kathy Crawley
October 20	Paula Sandling
October 28	Dolores Mathews
October 29	Stacie Crowther



Rose of Achievement

Anne Marie Radel and Ruth Logan earned Roses of Achievement in September. Anne Marie obtained her instrument rating and Ruth was named Explorer Leader of the Year. Congratulations to Anne Marie and Ruth for these fantastic accomplishments!

Flying to Alaska Social

All SFV99s who are planning to fly to Alaska next summer for the International Conference are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, October 21 at Mary Glassman's house at 2:00pm. The meeting is open to all members, so even if you plan to attend International but are going commercially, stop on by and enjoy the fun.

If you have gathered information about flying to Alaska (charts, "how to" information, articles, advice), bring it with you to this meeting. Feel free to bring a snack or treat; munchies are always welcome!

Speaking of Alaska...

Make your hotel reservations now for the International Conference in Anchorage next August. The Conference will be at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. The Marriott Downtown Hotel, about four blocks from the Hilton, is an overflow hotel for the Conference. There are additional hotels in the vicinity, including the Howard Johnson Hotel. Some conference details may be found at: <http://www.ak99aviationfun.org/index.php>

October Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1968	Coralee Tucker
1973	Jeanne Fenimore
1978	Barbara Black
1981	Betty Irwin
1989	Marion McNiff
1992	Susan Sloan
1996	Nina Yates
1999	Jackie Forsting
2006	Jessica Ambats

Thank you for your Dues

Another BIG thank you to the following SFV99s who recently paid their Chapter dues:

Carin Counihan, Bertie Duffy, Jackie Forsting, Lisa Hineman, Felicia Hoppe, Maureen Kenney, Ruth Logan, Dolores Mathews, Ruth Mayle, Doris Minter, Marilyn Perna, Ely Rickabaugh, Lois Rifkin, Julieann Sikora, Irma Story, Coralee Tucker, and Nina Yates!

And these members were previously mentioned in the last Aux Tank: 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, Susan Theurkauf & Linda Worden.

Thirty-three members have paid their dues (that is 40% of the Chapter). If your name is not mentioned above, please send a check for \$25 to Anne Marie Radel, Chapter Treasurer, payable to SFV99s. FWPs do not pay dues.

NOTAMS

Chapter Telephone

The Chapter voted to discontinue the Chapter Telephone. The number of calls received on it were few, and mostly sales calls. The Board felt that the \$300 yearly cost of the phone line could be money better spent. Please remove 818-989-0081 from all correspondence.

Address Changes

As a reminder, be sure to notify International Headquarters (this can be done on-line), as well as SFV99 Pam Distaso, of any changes to your information (address, phones numbers, e-mail, etc.) in order to update the International and Chapter Rosters. If your e-mail address changes, also contact SFV99 Bertie Duffy so she can make sure you will continue to get information from the SFV99s list serve.

I've Moved...

SFV99 Founding Member, Irma "Babe" Story has moved. Her new information can be found in the Membership Roster on the SFV99s website in the "Members Only" section.

Turning Base...

Challenge Air Fly Day

Challenge Air still needs volunteers and donations! 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. Thirty volunteers are registered and they need a total of seventy-five. Sixteen pilots have signed-up and five more are needed.

If you can volunteer, please sign up at www.challengeair.org. If you have additional questions after visiting the website, you may contact Lonna directly at lonnagibson@yahoo.com. The next planning meeting is at Whiteman Airport on Thursday, October 18, 6:00pm.

Hello Fellow Doo Dahers!

This year the Doo Dah has moved! The Pasadena Doo Dah Parade has changed the date from November 18, 2007 to January 20, 2008!

I will be emailing all of our crazy and bold participants in November about the dates to the airplane building parties at my hangar. As we get closer to the January date, there will be more information sent about the Parade logistics! This just gives us more time to get sponsors and donations for our fun flights down Colorado Blvd! We may even be able to supply "Smart Water" for all!!!!

Enjoy yourselves and see ya'll at the next meeting!

--Anne Marie Radel

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 5

**Guest Speaker: Claudia Ferguson
Safety Presentation on Survival**

Cookies to the Tower

Cookies to the Tower will be held on Saturday, December 1 at Rocky's Restaurant, Whiteman Airport. Members should bake at least 3 dozen cookies or treats. Beginning at 9:30, the Chapter will box up the cookies and then enjoy a no-host luncheon. After lunch, members will fly the boxes to our local towers and aviation businesses. Don't forget to bring a nice \$10 gift for the "friendly" gift exchange!

Save the Date

The SFV99s Holiday Party will be held at Paula Sandling's home on Saturday, December 8. Check next month's Aux Tank for details.



Fly-in Camp Out

If you are looking for a fun flying event this month, check out the Coachella Valley Chapter's fly-in on October 19 & 20 at Desert Center Airport (L64), east of Palm Springs. Cocktails begin on Friday at 4:00pm, followed by a spaghetti dinner at 6:30pm. Camp out under the stars and wake-up to breakfast. The flour drop competition begins on Saturday at 10:00am, followed by a spot landing competition at 11:00am. Lunch will be served after these events. To RSVP, contact Rose Hollstrom from the Coachella Valley 99s.

99s at NBAA



(L to R) Linda Mae Draper, Anne Marie Radel and Kris Irvin-Herron promote The Ninety-Nines at NBAA in Atlanta, GA.

SFV99 and International Membership Co-Chair Anne Marie Radel, together with Susan Larson, Kristine Irvin-Herron, and Linda Mae Draper, represented The Ninety-Nines at the National Business Aircraft Association's annual meeting and convention in Atlanta, Georgia on September 25-27. The four 99s worked on building relationships between The Ninety-Nines and other aviation companies and organizations. Anne Marie would like to thank Dan Burkhart, NBAA Director of Regional Programs, and John Balsiger, NBAA Mid-West Regional Director, for arranging NBAA's sponsorship of The Ninety-Nines' booth at the convention.

49 ½ of the Year

With great pleasure, Chairman Jeanne Fenimore presented the 2007 49 ½ of the Year Award to Rex Minter, husband of Doris Minter, at the October Meeting. Doris and Rex were out of state visiting family at the time of our Awards and Installation Banquet in June. Rex has been an ever-present supporter of Doris and the SFV99s. An A&P, Rex has for



years helped with our Flying Companion Seminars and Greasy Thumbs. Recently, Rex helped with our Flying to Alaska question and answer panel. We also enjoy seeing him at our Section Meetings and International Conferences. Congratulations, Rex!

Room Wanted...

2007 SFV99s Scholarship winner Jim Griffiths is looking for a room to rent. If you have a room or know anyone who rents rooms, please contact Jim at 818-723-0576.

A Brief Look At Clouds

Note: this is a very brief look at clouds and observations as to whether or not it might be safe to fly near them. A more complete discussion could involve whole books. Please do your own research! A good place to start is this NOAA website:
<http://seas.amverseas.noaa.gov/seashelp/htmlclcmch.htm>

July, August and September brought some interesting weather to Southern California. Mostly, it was just hot and dry, but there were some very huge heaps of towering cumulus near the mountains on numerous occasions. If you are planning a flight over the mountains, it is good to know what to expect from any clouds that might be in your way. While they look huge and ominous, they may not actually affect your flight any more than providing a little shade from the sun. It is important to know how to tell, however, because you do NOT want to find yourself anywhere near a thunderstorm. You no doubt have heard that this past summer, famed test pilot Scott Crossfield died because he ventured too near an embedded thunderstorm. His Cessna 210 broke up in the turbulence. Very nasty!



In southern California during the summer and frequently into the fall, there is a lot of heated, unstable air – especially in the middle of the day, - and that means lots of cumulus clouds. These clouds usually look like huge piles of cotton balls and frequently top out above 20,000' MSL. While they have well-defined edges and clear air (not hazy) all around, you can just about guarantee that there are winds and turbulence nearby. I would recommend giving them a wide berth. If you cannot and you are on the ground, postpone your departure. If you are in the air, use caution and be prepared to turn around. Later on in the day, once they stop building, the air currents subside, their edges get fuzzy, and there is often haze below. Just last month on the way home from the wine country, I flew under just such a cloud pileup with no more than just a gentle bump or two. The visibility underneath was somewhat hazy and the edges of the clouds were not well defined.



As we head into late fall and winter, the air is more often cold, calm, and the cloud formations tend to be stratus. (Fog is just stratus clouds on the deck.) These generally do not have much capacity for turbulence, but they can contain lots of supercooled water which will quite happily stick to your airframe. One thing that is very important to know before you take off IFR into any cloud is where the freezing level is. Most of our little Pipers and Cessnas are not approved for flight into known icing conditions. Your ride may not be bumpy, but your landing will be, and sooner than planned if you pick up a load of ice. For those going VFR, the ride near stratus clouds is generally lacking in turbulence. If it is raining, you need to be aware that visibility always decreases. Make sure you can still comply with the visibility minimums appropriate to the airspace you are in. If it is REALLY cold there may be snow falling under the clouds. As long as the air temperature is below freezing, you need not worry about ice; it is already frozen and will not stick to your airframe. Unless the snow is thick, which could severely restrict visibility, flying through snow can be a fascinating experience. I have done it a couple of times in my Cardinal and what I have noticed is that it seems much quieter and it is lots of fun to watch the snow fly by horizontally. A beautiful sight!



The best advice I can think of if you are going to fly near or in (IFR please!) any clouds is to ask ATC or Flight Service if there any reports of turbulence in your area and whether there are any PIREPs (be sure to give them yourself!). Then be prepared to do a smooth and immediate 180 degree turn if you begin to hit any serious turbulence. Weather radar can tell us just so much, so prepare for a change of plans if needed. Also, watch the freezing level. Carb heat may be needed, and you may find ice growing on your leading edges.

Here are some further web resources for WX before you fly:

<http://aviationweather.gov/>
<http://www.landings.com/landings/pages/weather.html>
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/pilot.htm>

Here's an article on t-storms:

<http://www.faa.gov/ats/afss/newyork/tstorms.htm>

Be sure to also discuss clouds with your flight instructor.

Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman
San Fernando Valley 99s
Aviation Safety Counselor
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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
October 20	Girl Scout Camporee Woodley Park	Jeanne Fenimore 9:00 – 4:00
October 21	Alaska Flying Social	Mary Glassman's house -- 2:00 pm
October 28	Girl Scouts Science Fair (more details coming)	Jeanne Fenimore
October 29	Chapter Board Meeting	Rocky's at WHP -- 6:30 pm
November 3	Challenge Air Event – WHP	www.challengeair.org
November 5	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
December 1	Cookies to the Tower Rocky's at WHP	Anne Marie Radel
December 8	Chapter Holiday Party Paula Sandling's home	Mary Glassman & Golda Neuman

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