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February's Guest Speaker

At the San Fernando Valley 99s February 4 meeting (our birthday meeting), we are privileged to have as our guest speaker Alan Dias of Angel Flight West, who will be talking about Angel Flight, its humanitarian mission and how we, as pilots (and even non-pilots), can be involved.

Angel Flight West (which is affiliated with the national Angel Flight organization) was established in 1983. Its mission is to provide non-emergency medical transportation, as well as air transportation for other humanitarian and



compassionate causes. Using the volunteer services of private pilots and their airplanes, Angel Flight has flown over 25,000 missions. But the real story of Angel Flight is not in the numbers – it is in the thousands of lives who have been changed, helped and made better because there was a pilot willing to donate his or her time (and at his or her own expense) to help someone in need.

Alan Dias is the Southern California Wing Leader of Angel Flight West (AFW), having been a member of AFW for more than 12 years. He has served on its Board of Directors and is a Mission Orientation Pilot as well. An instrument-rated pilot, Mr.

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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.

Short Final...January

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Dias has flown numerous Angel Flight missions in his Piper Archer which is based at Whiteman Airport.

This will be an outstanding presentation you will not want to miss. Friends and 49-1/2s are welcome to join us!

SWS Winter Business Meeting

The Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26 in Tucson, Arizona at the Clarion Hotel, near the Tucson International Airport. The meeting is from 9:00 – 3:00. To register for the meeting, contact Kaye Craig in the Tucson Chapter by January 18.

Doo Dah Parade Fundraiser

Come fly down Colorado Blvd. in the Doo Dah Parade! Once again, the SFV99s are raising funds by “flying” in the Doo Dah Parade with their home-made airplanes. Members ask for sponsorships for their brave flights.

On Sunday, January 20, participants will meet at 9:00am at Memorial Park in Old Pasadena. The exact meeting spot will be at the marble marker sign in front of the Senior Center on Raymond Street and Holly Street (just like last year, for the die-hards!). The group can trade off watching the parade airplanes and eating the scrumptious breakfast at the senior center for \$6.00. Breakfast includes sausage, pancakes, eggs, bacon, toast, juice & coffee! All the proceeds go to the Pasadena Senior Center!

Anne Marie Radel will collect your fundraising donations the morning of the parade. So, don't forget to hustle for sponsors in this last week push!

The actual parade starts at 11:30am. As per usual, the lineup is first come, first serve! After the parade, participants can stow their planes and then go to lunch together at a place close by.

Please look at the website www.pasadenadoodahparade.info. Click on *Information* if you need further guidance. This website will show you the parade route, pictures from last year, and all the particulars.
--Anne Marie Radel

Members of the Month

Paula Sandling, Golda Neuman, Mary Glassman, and Anne Marie Radel were recognized as Members of the Month at the January meeting. Paula hosted the SFV99s Holiday Party at her home in December, and Golda and Mary organized the festive event. Anne Marie ran another successful and fun Cookies to the Tower. Golda, Mary and Anne Marie also represented the SFV99s at the Gault Street School Christmas event. Thank you for your time and contribution during the busy month of December.

Happy Birthday!

January 1	Michele Albiez
January 7	Helene Krongold
January 17	Leslie Rink
January 24	Jeanne Fenimore
January 31	Lorrie Blech

Here are the Lady Pilots!



January 12 was the fourth year that the SFV99s displayed our booth at the Mt. Wilson-Vista annual Girl Scout Cookie Kickoff. Many of these young Girl Scouts are aware of our organization. The question we answered four years ago was “what are the 99s?” however, this year we heard “when can I start flying lessons?”

Ceci Stratford, Lilian Holt and Jeanne Fenimore talked to the girls about flying, Young Eagles, and the Explorers. We met one of our newest members, Jacqueline Harris. Jacqueline brought her troop of five young ladies (pictured above). You will meet Jacqueline at our February meeting. We also met another young lady, Kelley, who works at JPL and is a pilot. She is very interested in joining The Ninety-Nines. She walked away with an application, so maybe you will meet Kelley soon.

It was a fun day, and perhaps we have created a spark with some of the young ladies.
--Jeanne Fenimore

Guests

Allison Anderson was a guest at the January meeting. Rhonda McNeil, our newest member, attended her first meeting. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you again.

January Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1971	Lorrie Blech
1984	Lilian Holt
1989	Felicia Hoppe
1992	Lois Rifkin
2007	Andrea Mullen
2007	Ashley Steven

New Members

Our Chapter is happy to announce that we have added two new members to our flock.

Rhonda McNeil holds commercial and ATP certificates and has a Lear jet rating. Rhonda hopes to continue upgrading her certificates. We were happy to see her at Cookies to the Tower and the Holiday Party.

Jacqueline Harris is a recent transfer to our Chapter. She signed up at the AOPA conference in Hartford, Connecticut last fall and was put into the San Gabriel Chapter. After meeting our Chairman, Jeanne Fenimore, at a Girl Scout function and because she flies out of Whiteman Airport, she felt that The San Fernando Valley Chapter was a better match.

Welcome to you both!

Traveling Space Museum

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 26 when the Traveling Space Museum helps the San Fernando Valley Council Girl Scouts achieve their science badges. The event will take place at Birmingham High School from 9:00 – 4:00. Please contact Ceci Stratford if you would like to help. There will be additional opportunities to work with the Traveling Space Museum this year.

Turning Base...February

Nominating Committee

The Chapter will be electing the Nominating Committee at the February meeting. This committee will nominate SFV99s for next year's Board. Please consider possible nominees for this committee and attend next month's meeting.

The Big Reveal

Kathryn Presson's airplane has some new paint! And it looks great!!



Good Luck!

We are disappointed to learn that Carin Counihan will be moving to the Napa Valley at the end of the month. We are sorry to see her go but trust this will be a good move, as she will be closer to her family. Carin has promised to stay in touch.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Carin!

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 4

SFV99s 56th Anniversary

Join us for cake & coffee!

Guest Speaker: Alan Dias of Angel Flight West

Fly for Breast Cancer Cure

Lisa Hineman announced at the January meeting that the Chapter has raised \$2,500 for The Ninety-Nines Fly for Breast Cancer Cure! This has been a terrific fundraising effort, over \$500 from last year, and Lisa thanks members who have donated or collected donations. Lisa will continue to take donations through the month of February, and the Chapter will try to reach a goal of \$3,000.

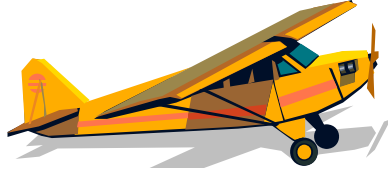
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Crosswind Landings

Well, in the last 20 years since I began writing these articles for the Aux Tank, I have done a lot of talking to all sorts of pilots about safety, to try to get their ideas and experiences. Once in a while, you run into a savvy individual who has some good practical advice with “clues you can use”. I asked one such instructor about crosswind landings, and this is what he said:



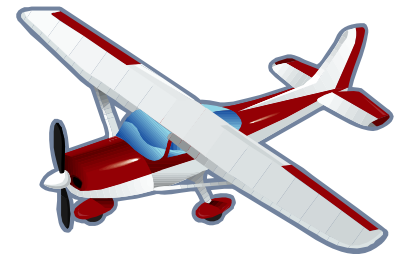
“Fledgling, and sometimes not so fledgling pilots, have trouble with crosswind landings.

“Most fledglings will try to imitate their instructor’s effortless method of flying the airplane in a crab until it’s just a few feet above the runway, then simultaneously aligning the nose of the airplane with the runway centerline with the rudder while correcting for any drift with just the right amount of aileron, then deftly touching down on one wheel, á la Bob Hoover. Until you can fly like Bob Hoover, however, this is probably just making your life harder.

“My old instructor’s method for teaching crosswind landings was as follows: simply remember that landing in a crosswind is merely landing the airplane in a controlled slip. He showed me how to line up the airplane with the runway and, while still maybe a quarter of a mile out, rudder the nose around to make it point in the same direction as the runway centerline. Then, when the airplane starts to drift, simply correct for this drift with whatever amount of aileron is appropriate. This way, you’ve plenty of time to figure things out. When you’ve got the drift corrected, just hold what you’ve got until it’s on the runway. And remember not to quit when it’s on the ground: keep the airplane’s nose pointing down the runway with the rudder and hold that aileron in there until the speed dissipates.

Some additional points:

- Remember to carry a little extra speed (about one-half the maximum gust velocity) when it’s windy.
- You might try a notch less of the flaps than you use in calm conditions, as it will give you better control (less wind influence)
- Don’t be afraid to go around if you’re uncomfortable.
- Use good taxi techniques on the ground and go slowly!”



Well, that sounded like pretty good advice to me, so I thought I’d pass it on to you along with a couple of Rules of Thumb to help you when the winds start blowing.

Rule of Thumb for figuring out how much extra approach speed to add in gusty conditions:

$$\frac{\text{Max. Wind Gust Speed}}{\text{with } 2} + \text{Normal Approach Speed} = \text{Approach Speed with Gusting Winds}$$

Rule of Thumb for figuring out just how much crosswind you have:

Degrees off runway heading	Multiply by
15	1/4
30	1/2
45	3/4
60 up to 90	you've got it all!

E.g. if the wind is 20 kts and coming in 30 degrees off the runway.



Your POH will tell you how much crosswind your aircraft is certified to take, but go by your own experience and comfort level, which may lower that number a bit. It's always a good idea to practice with your CFI and stay proficient!

Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson
Safety Chairman
San Fernando Valley 99s
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Another Proud Moment For The 99s

By Giacinta Bradley Koontz, Aviation Historian/ Author

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For her record-setting 1932 flight across the Atlantic, Amelia Earhart was awarded the National Geographic Society Special Gold Medal. It was a proud moment for the 99s as their President became the first woman to receive the honor. At ceremonies in Washington, D.C. President Herbert Hoover eloquently described Earhart as a pioneering woman admired by Americans for her will, character and spirit.

Earhart's spirit and courage, which expanded the hearts and minds of the world, will again be honored by the U.S. Navy at the launching of the *USNS Amelia Earhart* on April 6, 2008 in San Diego, California. The vessel will join the Navy's dry cargo line (type T-AKE) delivering supplies to ships at sea and participating in emergency humanitarian aid. Although there are few military ships on the high seas named for women, this is the second for our most famous 99. During WWII, hundreds of "Liberty Ships" were built, among

them the *USS Amelia Earhart*, long since scrapped.

The *USNS Amelia Earhart's* (T-AKE 6) keel was laid in May '07 at the NASSCO shipyard, a division of General Dynamics. It will be identical to 13 sister ships the Navy has designated to be named for American explorers. Already launched are the *Lewis & Clark*, *Sacagawea*, *Alan Shepard*, *Richard E. Byrd* and *Robert E. Peary*. The remaining ships have not yet been named.

My feature article about the ship's construction and how Earhart's name was chosen by the Navy appeared in Logbook magazine (Dec. 07) and can be downloaded on the *USNS Amelia Earhart* page at: www.harrietquimby.org (click on the icon below the photographs on the HOME PAGE).

For further information on T-AKE ships see the NASSCO web site: www.nassco.com.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
January 20	Doo Dah Parade	Anne Marie Radel
January 26	SWS Winter Business Meeting – Tucson, AZ	Kaye Craig, Tucson Chapter
January 26	Girl Scout Science Day	Ceci Stratford
January 26	San Gabriel Valley 99s Poker Run	Loreen Wynja, San Gabriel Valley Chapter
January 28	Chapter Board Meeting	Rocky's at WHP -- 6:30 pm
February 4	Chapter Meeting – Chapter Birthday Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
February 9	Governor's Tea – Camarillo Airport	1:00 pm
March 9	Antelope Valley 99s St. Patrick's Poker Run and BBQ	Elle Coussens, Antelope Valley Chapter
April 18-20	EAA B-17 Visit at VNY	

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