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Flight Path to the Future

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On February 29, Ceci Stratford, Kathy Crawley, and Mary Glassman represented the San Fernando Valley 99s and Explorer Post 747 at "The Flight Path to the Future" event sponsored by the Van Nuys Airport. This annual event which began last year is presented to middle school and high school career counselors to help them become more informed of myriad opportunities available to children in the aviation fields. Breakfast was provided while Selena Birk, Van Nuys Airport Manager, welcomed the attendees. Julie Korenstein, Los Angeles City Board of Education Member for District 6, outlined the events for the day. The breakfast keynote speaker Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 6, spoke to the issues of what importance counselors had played in his own career of public service.



During breaks between the Professional Panel and the Career Technical Panel, the counselors were free to browse and speak to organizations like The Ninety-Nines for contacts and information.

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Photo: Kathy Smither, Mary Glassman, Ceci Stratford, Kathy Crawley and Jeanne Fenimore at Flight Path to the Future.

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...March

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During lunch we were joined by a group of high school students who had spent the morning shadowing different professionals at the Van Nuys airport office.

The day concluded with the VNY Airport Guides conducting Airport tours for those students and counselors.

--Mary Glassman

March Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV99s!

1956	Jan Wood
1974	Michele Albiez
2001	Linda Hernandez
2003	Marilyn Perna
2004	Linda Worden
2006	Jessica Brook
2006	Dana Schwarzwalter
2007	Anouchka Van Riel

Members of the Month

Lisa Hineman, Kathryn Presson, Ruth Logan, Ceci Stratford and Mary Glassman were recognized as Members of the Month at the March meeting. Lisa chaired the Chapter's fundraising efforts for The Ninety-Nines Fly for Breast Cancer Cure. Lisa has collected over \$2100! Kathryn arranged for last month's great guest speaker, Alan Dias from Angel Flight West. Ruth, Ceci and Mary spearheaded the Chapter's participation in Flight Path to the Future on February 29. Great work, ladies!

Chairman's Report

Spring is almost here; the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing. Hopefully, the weather is improving. The days are getting longer and times are changing.

We will all have big changes soon: a new Chapter Chairman, a new Southwest Section Governor, a new 99s President, and a new U.S. President.

Please consider running for the Chapter Board. It is not much work, we have a lot of fun at board meetings, and you get to be the first one to hear all the latest news. You can be as active as you want to be. This Chapter seems to run itself. You can just stand back and admire what we do, or roll up your sleeves and get into it. But most of all, it's a lot of fun!

You will soon receive ballots for International Officers and Section Officers. Maureen Kenney is on the ballot for Section Secretary and Julieann Sikora for Nominating Committee. Please consider voting for our chapter members. On the International level, please read the candidates' position statements and bios that are included in the current *Ninety-Nines News* before you vote. If you need advice on any of the candidates, please feel free to ask any chapter member who regularly attends Section and International Meetings.

A new U.S. President? (*Let's not go there.*)

Don't forget the launch of the Navy Ship USNS Amelia Earhart on April 6 in San Diego. Several of us will be attending. The Southwest Section Meeting is May 2 - 4 in Palm Springs. You can register online but you need to call for your room at the Spa Resort.

See you at the Airport.

--Jeanne Fenimore

Happy Birthday!

March 2	Ceci Stratford	March 21	Linda Worden
March 6	Erin Thorpe	March 23	Dana Schwarzwalter
March 11	Kathy Smither	March 24	Sylvia Sanderson
March 12	Joanne Davis	March 24	Anouchka Van Riel
March 14	Natasha Pavlova	March 27	Jennifer Mindock
March 21	Jan Archibald	March 30	Maureen Kenney

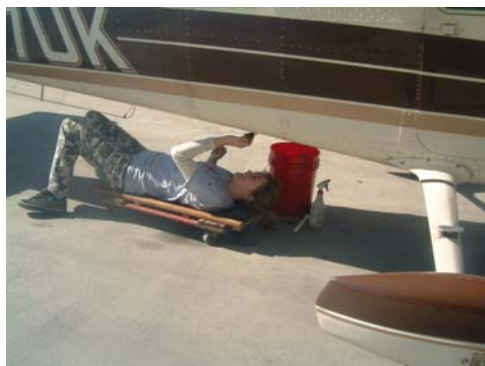
Aerospace Education

Send your activities list for January and February to Maureen Kenney (mdkenney@yahoo.com), committee chair. Be sure to include where, when, what, if it was participation or presentation, and mention any other members of the Chapter who also participated. I will repeat this request monthly!

--Maureen Kenney

Aviation Explorer Post 747

We had two Explorers earn their instrument ratings in February! Ian Doolittle and Sean Rozenberg plan to start working on their commercial ratings shortly. They are both high school seniors. Ian was accepted to Embry-Riddle and Cal State Northridge. We are all very proud of their accomplishments.



Explorer Rosie Sheffey washes a SunQuest plane

Karina Pedraza began taking flight lessons in February and Robert Mota is close to taking his check ride. I'll keep you posted.

--Ruth Logan

Guests

Marissa Freeman, Terry Piper and Dana Burkhart were guests at the March meeting. We also met new member Marietta Keays, who recently transferred to our Chapter. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you again.



Guests Dana Burkhart and Terry Piper flank new SFV99 Marietta Keays at the March meeting.

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to Lorrie Blech who has broken her toe and to Jack Ricks, 49½ of Laura, who is recovering from minor surgery.

An update on Doris Minter: she is continuing to improve and is looking forward to joining us at our meetings soon.

Turning Base...April

B-17 SETS COURSE FOR VNY

Get ready for some hunky, sexy, aviation hardware coming to Van Nuys Airport!! Yes, EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" is coming to VNY April 18 – 20. It will be flying out of the Syncro Hangar Ramp at 7701 Woodley (across from the Van Nuys FlyAway). Flights are scheduled everyday 10:15am to 1:15pm, and then the war bird will be on static display for tours from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. (All dates and times are tentative and subject to change due to weather or other causes.)

These flights are great gifts for loved ones and aviation aficionados! There are only 10 B-17s currently flying in the world. See, touch and be a part of history!



Visit the B-17 website at www.b17.org for more information or call 1-800-359-6217 for reservations and inquiries. Feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer for ground operations or in merchandising.

Thanks, and I'll see ya at Syncro.

--Anne Marie Radel

Volunteer at Traveling Space Museum

Ivor Dawson of the Traveling Space Museum is looking for volunteers to work the following space day events:

- March 14 - El Rincon Elementary, Culver City, CA
- March 26 - Mayall St. Elementary, North Hills, CA
- April 18 - Kirnan Elementary, Sarasota, FL
- May 8 - Longfellow Elementary, Riverside, CA
- May 30 - Kennedy Middle School, San Jose, CA

The Traveling Space Museum will donate \$100 to the SFV99s for each SFV99 or guest of a SFV99 who volunteers at an event. Travel is reimbursed for events out of town. Please contact Ivor Dawson at (310) 279-2624 to sign up.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 7

B-17 Fundraiser

The Chapter's annual B-17 Fundraiser is underway. We have purchased a ride on the B-17 for Saturday, April 19 at 10:15am. Tickets for this opportunity drawing are located on the Chapter's website - www.sfv99s.org in the Events Section and on page 8 of this newsletter. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please bring all ticket stubs to the Chapter meeting on April 7, where we will draw the lucky winner.

To make this a success, we kindly ask that each SFV99 sell at least a few tickets each. Thank you!

Aviation Career Day

Friday, April 25, 2008

9:00am to 2:00pm

Van Nuys Airport's Syncro
Hangar

SFV99s needed to work 99s
booth and talk to students about
aviation careers.

Down Wind...

Woman Pilot of the Year Award

The SFV99s are looking for a FEW GOOD WOMEN!

If you have flown at all during the time period and have been involved with the 99s, you should apply for the SFV99s Woman Pilot/Rookie Pilot of the Year Awards!

Here are the eligibility requirements:

- Woman Pilot of the Year applicant - must have been a member of SFV99s prior to May 1, 2006
- Rookie Pilot of the Year applicant - must have been a member or Future Woman Pilot (FWP) of the SFV99s prior to May 1, 2007
- Applicant must have attended at least 10 meetings/functions
- Entry must be postmarked or handed in by May 15, 2008

The application has been simplified and is much easier to use!! It will be on the website soon. (Ceci will send an email when it's posted). Please call one of us if you have any questions.

--Ceci Stratford, Stacie Crowther & Anne Marie Radel

Awards Luncheon

Mark your calendar on June 14 for the Installation and Awards Luncheon at the Smoke House Restaurant in Burbank. Michele Albiez is coordinating. Look for details in upcoming Aux Tanks.

Schubert Service Award

SFV99s recognize the service to the chapter that its members provide by awarding the Service Award. But we can only do that if you document your activities for the past year, and submit that documentation - just a list! - to the committee. Check our website (sfv99s.org) for the current application, take a moment, submit it, and be recognized for your assistance in fulfilling the mission of the chapter.

--Maureen Kenney

Nifty to be Fifty

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter is turning 50 this year and is planning a big celebration on May 17. Please visit the San Gabriel Valley 99s website for details.

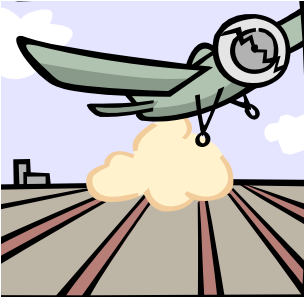
www.sgv.sws99s.org

Summer Pot Luck

The SFV99s Potluck Party will be held at Ceci Stratford's home in Simi Valley on **Saturday evening, July 19**. Stacie Crowther will coordinate the food. More details will be provided closer to the date. Thank you, Ceci and Stacie, for volunteering again.



Non-Tower Airport Ops or... “Anybody There?”



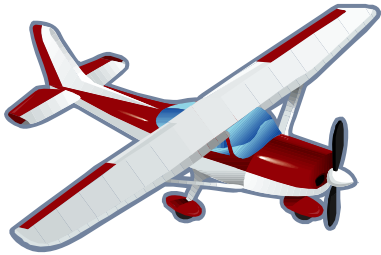
Those of us who have been flying for quite some time have often been to “uncontrolled” or “non-tower” airports. There are a number of them outside the LA Basin area including Santa Paula, Fla-Bob, Redlands, Big Bear, Fallbrook and Corona. As it happens, I’ve been based at Corona for over a dozen years. It has no tower, and was unfortunately in the news recently for a very nasty mid-air that killed not only the occupants of the 2 aircraft but also someone on the ground. For those who have learned to fly at Van Nuys, Burbank, Santa Monica,

Whiteman or Camarillo, it’s easy to get used to having the tower controllers there to help point out traffic and direct your taxiing, take-offs, and landings. Below are some things you might want to think about before you head into a non-tower airport – especially if you’ve never been there before!

1. **Watch for traffic!** This is ultimately the very most important rule in any traffic pattern, but especially when there is no tower to coordinate traffic. All eyes in the airplane should be looking out.
2. Be aware that radio broadcasts are not required at non-tower airports. An aircraft in the pattern and not talking on the radio is perfectly legal. Keep your eyes open! Obviously, radio broadcasts help, but not everyone will make them, nor are they required. A good case in point is Santa Paula airport, where there are all sorts of antique airplanes that have no electrical system installed. Of course, there’s the other extreme, too, where some guy in the pattern is using the radio so much, you can’t get a word in edgewise to let him or anyone else know where you are.
3. Circle overhead on arrival, especially if you are unfamiliar or unsure where the other traffic is. Maintain at least 1500’ AGL while circling.
4. Check for segmented circle and windsock / wind tee / tetrahedron for pattern and runway in use. Be aware that they may be hard to find, or may be inaccurate. A wind tee is sometimes tied down at the tail and used to indicate runway landing direction. If the wind has shifted, it may be pointing the wrong way. (I actually saw this at Agua Dulce once a long time ago.)
5. Look for other wind indicators such as flags, trees, blowing dust.
6. Cross over the runway at 90° and watch to see what happens to your ground track. This will help you determine the wind direction.
7. Do not blindly trust the person who may be monitoring the Unicom frequency. That person may not have looked outside lately, may not be a pilot, etc. Double check for yourself! If the airport has an AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station) listed, tune in and get the information.
8. Check for other traffic in the pattern to see which way they are flying. They may not be doing it the way you expect. Traffic patterns are not required by regulation, but are recommended in the AIM, and also by common sense and general expectations.



9. Do fly the “Standard Pattern” for the airport. Other traffic is not going to be expecting you to do a straight-in landing - even if you are in a fast twin, you do not have the right-of-way (in fact, it's just the opposite – slower traffic has right-of-way over faster).
10. Enter downwind on a 45° and fly the pattern as published. If no TPA (Traffic Pattern Altitude) is given, assume 1000' AGL. This will help with noise abatement and also in spotting potential traffic conflicts.



11. Look for traffic in the opposite direction on final. An aircraft with no radio may not have heard your broadcasts and if the wind is calm, might just have decided to land the other way.
12. Broadcast intentions and airport name. Start and end your broadcasts with the name of the airport so there will be no confusion on the Unicom frequency as to which airport you are landing at. Frequencies aren't as doubled up as they used to be, but at Corona, you can hear the traffic at Catalina because they're both using 122.7. Keep your communication short and to the point, too. If there are a lot of airplanes in the area, everyone will appreciate it if you use the KISS (Keep It Short and Simple) principle. ☺
13. State your position accurately. Don't report over someplace you passed or haven't reached yet. Check your VFR chart to see what the usual reporting points might be for that airport - they'll be marked with little flags and the name of the point.
14. Check the pattern before takeoff - If you cannot see 360°, turn the aircraft all the way around in the run-up area so you can see the upwind, downwind, base and final legs of the pattern. Watch for traffic landing in the opposite direction while climbing out.
15. Do Your Homework First - Look up the frequency(ies) for the airport BEFORE you go. These are on charts, in the Airport Facilities Directory, and also in some of the commercially available flight guides. Make a note of anything unusual. Have the Unicom frequency, TPA, Lighting info, runway length, etc. in a place where you can find them. Don't wait to be surprised.



Have a SAFE flight! ☺

Claudia Ferguson
 Safety Chairman
 San Fernando Valley 99s
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NOTAMS

99s E-mail Networking Forums

(Taken from March Headquarters Dispatch)

As a reminder: The Ninety-Nines host three forums:

- 99s E-MAIL NETWORK to discuss topics pertinent to being women pilots and 99s members
- 99s FLIGHT TRAINING FORUM for discussions on flight training, flight safety, and aviation education
- PRO 99S NETWORK for sharing information about pilot careers and being women professional pilots

All members are welcome (non-member guests are also invited - some restrictions apply). For more information and easy online signup go to www.ninety-nines.org/networks.

English Proficient Endorsement

Recently the FAA was advised by ICAO that all certificated airmen in the United States had to have an endorsement indicating that the airman was "English proficient" added to their license to fly internationally (including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean).

You can order a replacement certificate on-line at www.faa.gov. You will be asked to register with Online Services if you do not already have an on-line account. Note that there is a \$2.00 fee for replacement airmen certificates. If you have questions, you may contact the Airmen Certification Branch toll-free at 1-866-878-2498.

The compliance date is March 5, 2009.

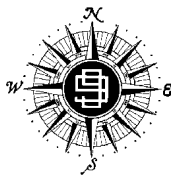
The San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

invites you to participate in an opportunity drawing for an airplane ride in the

B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" Saturday, April 19, 2008 (10:15 a.m.)

The ride will take place from the Syncro ramp at 7701 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys Airport.

The drawing of the lucky ticket will take place at the San Fernando Valley 99s meeting on Monday, April 7, 2008. www.sfv99s.org



\$5.00 donation per ticket

Complete the lower portion with your name, address and phone number. Give the completed ticket stub and your donation of \$5.00 to your 99s representative (or mail to P.O. Box 7142, Van Nuys, CA 91409). You will be contacted if you are the winner.

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April 7, 2008 is the B-17 Drawing

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

\$3,000 Aviation Career Scholarships



For men and women of the greater
Los Angeles area pursuing careers as

- ★ professional pilots
- ★ flight instructors
- ★ mechanics
- ★ other aviation career specialists

Applications for 2008 scholarships available on the web at www.sfv99s.org, or by sending SASE to: SFV 99s Career Scholarships, P.O. Box 8160, Van Nuys, California 91409.

Applications must be postmarked by April 23, 2008.

Scholarships will be awarded in June 2008.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and U.S. citizens. 99s and their families not eligible.

Up To Three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines
(The International Organization of Women Pilots)
and the Van Nuys Airport Air Expo

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
March 14	Traveling Space Museum El Rincon Elementary, Culver City, CA	Ivor Dawson
March 26	Traveling Space Museum Mayall St. Elementary, North Hills, CA	Ivor Dawson
March 31	Chapter Board Meeting	Rocky's at WHP -- 6:30 pm
April 6	USNS Amelia Earhart launch in San Diego	Jeanne Fenimore
April 7	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
April 18	Traveling Space Museum Kirnan Elementary, Sarasota, FL	Ivor Dawson
April 18-20	EAA B-17 Visit at VNY	Anne Marie Radel
April 25	Aviation Career Day at Syncro Hangar	Jeanne Fenimore
May 2-4	SWS Meeting – Palm Springs	www.sws99s.org
May 5	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm

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