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Clearly from Lilian's photo, The Ninety-Nines International Conference in Anchorage was filled with regional fun and many adventures. Ten chapter members attended: Michele Albiez, Carin Counihan, Bertie Duffy, Jeanne Fenimore, Lilian Holt, Felicia Hoppe, Maureen Kenney, Jennifer Miller, Paula Sandling, and Susan Theurkauf. It was great reuniting with 99s from around the world. I enjoyed catching up with Asti Livingston from the First Canadian Chapter, who I met three years ago at International in New Zealand. Asti and I kept running in to each other on the South Island after the conference in Christchurch. It was also nice seeing Carin and Felicia again, and a little funny that we go all the way to Anchorage to see some of our own chapter members.



Our members enjoyed many aviation adventures in *The Great Land*, including air tours, glacier landings, float plane lessons and aviation museums. There were also plenty of wildlife sightings and visits to historic towns and places. The conference provided a plethora of educational seminars and great guest speakers.

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Photo: Alaska Fashion and Transportation. Back Row L to R – Susan Theurkauf, Bertie Duffy, Paula Sandling, Felicia Hoppe, & Jeanne Fenimore; Front Row L to R – Lilian Holt, Maureen Kenney, Jennifer Miller & Carin Counihan.

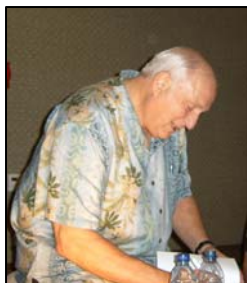
The San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines was founded on February 1, 1952. The mission of The Ninety-Nines is:

- 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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We were treated to stories about flying at the poles and racing the Iditarod.

At the business meeting we learned that the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum will be receiving a new roof. New granite bricks are available for \$250. The 99s Endowment Fund has reached \$400,000, working towards the \$1 million goal. The 99s Museum of Women Pilots has created another wall of wings, the last one, and plaques are \$1000. There were 20 AE Scholarship award winners this year, and members are encouraged to apply. The membership voted to accept the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments that were presented before the meeting.



Back in the lower 48, we have been busy with our Pilot Proficiency Seminars. Barry Schiff kicked off the first one on September 4 covering mountain flying techniques. Eighty-nine people attend and we had a great SFV99s crew helping with registration, door prize tickets and book selling. Seminars will continue through October 11, so please continue spreading the seminar informational e-mails and fliers to your pilot friends.

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Join us at the October meeting where Lisa Hineman will kick off the 2008 Fly for Breast Cancer Cure campaign and provide an update in breast cancer research.

--Jennifer Miller

THE ALASKA FUN FLYING TRIP

by Jeanne Fenimore

Flying to Alaska for the 99s International Conference was a great adventure for Paula and Michael Sandling in their Cessna 182 and Bill and I with Lilian Holt in our 182. We took 3 weeks for the trip. Our plans were to see everything, but of course that impossible goal didn't quite work out. But now we have a reason to go back.

We were able to see lots of creatures and sights. We saw bears, moose, eagles, ravens, whales, and puffin (the northern hemisphere likeness of penguins). We fell in love with them all and wanted to take them all home. We took tours of ghost towns, river boat trips, glacier tours, and best of all, we made our own tours.



Flying was, at times, adventurous, but not scary. Our longest leg was about 4 hours. We intentionally made short hops so we could stop and see the sights. There were good airfields everywhere we wanted to go...almost. Whitehorse was paved, as was the tiny town of Smithers. Dawson City was a hard packed dirt strip, and Northway was a really hard packed dirt strip even though it was the "winter use only" ski strip. Tok was the only bad field we landed at. Construction had us in some propeller-killing loose gravel.

The Canadian Flight Service was not very sharp on accurate weather forecasting, but they were very accommodating of our flight of

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Photo Above: Jeanne's bear sighting on the road to Skagway. Top Photo: Jennifer Miller does double duty as float plane anchor while she takes a quick shot of Lilian Holt, the Photographer, who documents Maureen Kenney's float plane lesson at Lake Hood. Middle Photo: Barry Schiff autographs books for seminar attendees. Bottom Photo: Golda Neuman, Kathy Smither, Maureen Kenney and Jennifer Miller take a break at the seminar registration table.

two. They would let us file one flight plan for both planes; they would let us take off together, and would have let us land together if we had wanted to.

Border crossings were much easier than we thought they would be. The only problem we had was worrying about them. The Canadian



Customs never inspected us – just gave us a number over the phone. The U.S. Customs (Homeland Security) were stiff, officious, gun-toting, but efficient in the use of their handheld, metal detecting, explosive sniffing, Geiger counters.



Weather was generally good for our trip. We did fly in rain a couple of days, and we stayed on the ground a few times to let the weather pass over. We did get stuck in Dawson City for 4 days, but could not have picked a better place. Our intention was to fly to Fairbanks, but weather there was impossible. We finally decided to scrap that part of the trip and go directly to Anchorage.

It's really hard to get over the daylight all day long. You think it's about 4pm and then find out it's 10pm.

The Conference was a lot of fun, and it's always nice to see old friends and meet new ones. We also met quite a few new friends along the route. The fun days were when there

where 6 to 7 of us flying along becoming our own Flight Following and looking out for each other.

Bill and I flew to Anchorage for the 99s Conference 1984. We used mostly ADF and "finger on the chart" at that time. The use of GPS made the trip a lot easier, but you still have to have a finger on the chart. Navigation was pretty simple most of the time as we were just following a highway. A couple of times we had to head out

cross-country, but even that was simple.

We are ready to go back anytime.

As soon as we pay off those credit cards. Come join us.



Photos: Top Left – Summit Lake. Bottom Left – Rendezvous at Cooper Landing, L to R: Jeanne Fenimore, Paula Sandling, Vicky Anderson (Orange Co.) Susan Theurkauf, Bertie Duffy, Lilian Holt. Above – Paula Sandling tries her luck for gold.

Women with Wings

The Antelope Valley Press newspaper has a publication they bring periodically along with their paper called Antelope Valley Lifestyle. It is 12 x 14 and this issue is over 130 pages. This issue features "Women With Wings" and has 3 wonderful flying ladies on the cover, one of which is our own Irma "Babe" Story. The others are Ty Killen and Flora Belle Reece, WASPs. It's just a great picture of all 3 of them. Just inside is a nice photo of 7 of the Antelope Valley Chapter members around an airplane, with Mercedes Eulitt sitting in it, taken here at Skypark. Most of what is in this issue is about women - past and present - who have been prominent in aviation.

I am going to try to find another issue to bring in next time I come for our history and/or scrapbook. Congratulations to these wonderful and talented flying ladies!

--Dolores Mathews

Short Final...



Rose of Achievement

Julieann Sikora earned a Rose of Achievement for obtaining her high performance endorsement. Kathy Crawley received a Rose of Achievement for becoming a Certified Ground Instructor. Congratulations!

Happy Birthday!

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

Chapter Fly-In: Fall Section

The Chapter's September fly-in is to Ogden, Utah for the Southwest Section Fall Meeting, September 25 - 28. There are approximately 12 chapter members going to Ogden. Kathryn Presson is coordinating the GA flights.

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
2007	Erin Thorpe

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 6

Speaker: Lisa Hineman

Member of the Month

Jan Wood is Member of the Month for making a generous donation of a new laptop computer to the Chapter. The computer will get its first use at the Pilot Proficiency Seminars running PowerPoint presentations. Thank you, Jan!

Reminder

Chapter Meetings are held at the **Van Nuys FlyAway** in the community room on the second floor. **Enter the FlyAway main terminal building, take the elevator to the second floor, and turn right.** You may park in the front 30 minute parking lot (we will not be ticketed during our meetings), or in the parking structure for a small fee (\$1.00 for two hours or \$2.00 for four hours). Members and guests will still meet for dinner at the Airtel before the meeting.

FlyAway: 7610 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys
(cross street is Saticoy)

New Meeting Location

Condolences

I am sorry to report that Mary Glassman's brother passed away on August 23. The Chapter sends its sincere sympathy to Mary and her family.

--Jennifer Miller

Turning Base...

Coyote Country 99s Poker Run

The 17th Annual Coyote Country Cross-Country Caper and Poker Run will be held on Saturday, October 4 from 10:30 to 2:30 (rain date is October 5). Start at any of the following airports: Ramona, Gillespie Field, Hemet, Oceanside, and check in no later than 2:30 at French Valley.

Challenge Air's 2nd Annual LA Event

Children between the ages of 7-17 with special needs will enjoy a free flight at Whiteman Airport on Saturday, October 18 through the Challenge Air Event. Volunteers for the event (pilots and ground crew) need to sign up as soon as possible online at www.challengeair.org. Last year the day proved very rewarding for volunteers both in the air and on the ground. The children and their family members were very grateful for the uplifting and exhilarating experience. Lonna Gibson is looking for private and corporate donations, as well as volunteers, for the event. Lonna can be reached at (818) 741-6906.



Wanted

Aux Tank Editor(s)

The current editors are retiring. A new Editor(s) is needed ASAP to continue the Aux Tank's publication. Please contact the Chapter Chairman.

Letters

Dear Chapter,

Thank you for your kind thoughts of condolence for the death of my brother. It is greatly appreciated.

--Mary Glassman

I would like to *thank* all the members who participated in the 'Caring Counts' program. Your support was greatly appreciated by those hundreds of recipients who benefited by your contributions. This program will hopefully continue next year. See you then.

--Lisa Perry

99s at AOPA EXPO

99s are invited to attend breakfast on Saturday, November 8 from 7:30 – 9:00 am, during AOPA's Expo in San Jose. Registration for the breakfast will be accepted on the Santa Clara Valley Chapter's website: www.santaclaravalley99s.org.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
September 17	SFV99s Pilot Proficiency Seminar "Understanding Airspace" with Judy Phelps	www.sfv99s.org/seminars
September 20	SFV99s Pilot Proficiency Seminar "Annual Pilot Refresher Seminar" with Gene Hudson	www.sfv99s.org/seminars
September 20	Memorial to Pat Rowe Santa Maria Museum of Flight	RSVP w/ Sunni Gibbons
September 24	SFV99s Pilot Proficiency Seminar "VFR Charts – What Can They Tell You?" with Jim Griffiths	www.sfv99s.org/seminars
September 25 – 28	Fall Southwest Section Meeting Ogden, UT	www.sws99s.org
September 29	Chapter Board Meeting	Stacie Vournas' -- 6:30 pm house
October 2	SFV99s Pilot Proficiency Seminar "Aviating thru Weather" with Mike Wittman	www.sfv99s.org/seminars
October 6	Chapter Meeting	VNY FlyAway -- 7:00 pm Conf Rm, 2 nd Floor
October 11	SFV99s Pilot Proficiency Seminar "Basic Aerobatics, Fun with a Purpose!" with Rich Stowell	www.sfv99s.org/seminars
October 18	Challenge Air – WHP	www.challengeair.org
November 3	Chapter Meeting	VNY FlyAway -- 7:00 pm Community Rm, 2 nd Floor
December 1	Chapter Meeting Claudia Ferguson's Safety Seminar	VNY FlyAway -- 7:00 pm Community Rm, 2 nd Floor
December 6	Cookies to the Tower – WHP Rocky's 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Anne Marie Radel

www.sfv99s.org (San Fernando Valley 99s)
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