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The Ventura County Ninety-Nines have a monthly business meeting and speaker on the evening of the third Tuesday of the month. Check this publication for the next meeting, or at our website for locations.

We also meet socially for breakfast at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month at Flight 126 at Santa Paula Airport.

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, it is printed from an electronic file and can be found--in color--at our website. You can register to get an email reminder of The Flyer via email at this site.

## Focus on Awards

Sheila Collier and Leni Malherbe

The Ventura County 99s' Annual Awards Picnic was held June 10th at Conejo Creek North Park in Thousand Oaks. The day was beautiful with just the right amount of warmth and breeze. A combination of 99s, 49½s and VIPs enjoyed fantastic food, and nicely set tables with imaginative center-pieces designed by Mignon. Superbly grilled tri-tip by our barbecuing 49½s and Art's famous toasted, blow torched garlic bread was devoured along with an assortment of salads, appetizers and desserts. This year Art added to his

culinary tricks by bringing an actual deli meat slicer to slice up the tri-tip in a jiffy. Where else can you enjoy a fabulous meal with a chance to socialize with both new and longtime friends which include VIPs such as a Designated Pilot Examiner, Air Traffic Controller, Aircraft Mechanic, Master CFIs, and Pilot Proficiency Class instructors, just to name a few.

We recruited one new member and congratulated our newly elected board. Alison Barker was chosen as the Woman Pilot of the Year. Luz Schaible was the recipient of the summer Student Pilot award to help fund her Private Fixed Wing Rating. Two well-deserved 49½ awards were given to Jeff Gery and Luis Beltran was inducted as an honorary 49½. Last but not least we witnessed a truly surprised and speechless, Yolanda Langely receive the summer Advancement Award to help

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MEETING  
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# Awards Picnic

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further her flight training.

The Membership Team would also like to thank all of the volunteers who were phone callers, the setup, and cleanup crew. The picnic wouldn't be possible without their help. It was nice to see so many 99s and friends in one place to catch up. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.



2017/18 Board (left to Right)  
Judy McCarthy, Chairman; Alison Barker, Vice Chairman; Janeen Gaul, Secretary;  
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# Skywriting

Judy McCarthy  
Chairman

## *Fly With Attitude!*

"Fly with Attitude." That is my mantra, being straight and level, inverted, or anything in-between. Do it with attitude, confidence, passion.

We as Pilots, all have the passion, but sometime things get in our way to make that happen. I totally understand those who can't fly or don't fly for whatever reason. It has been 4 months since I have flown my airplane somewhere outside the pattern and I feel the need for confidence.

Daisy as she is affectionately known, is a Citabria, (tail wheel) sweet little 2 tandem seat airplane, that I have flown solo to Oshkosh and much more! So

what's my problem? I wish I knew ... but I think the problem is confidence that I can still do it safely.

I personally have decided to book an instructor and have some fun ... let's fly to Catalina, let's go to Big Bear, let's practice in the pattern short field and soft field take offs and landings. Let's always practice engine failure on takeoffs and stalls on landings ... Stalls are a must!! I don't want to come across as preachy ... but I just know that this is what I need to get flying confidently again.

Ideas to help you gain confidence: If you need a boost, may I suggest you try to learn something new, tail wheel, EMT (a great confidence builder) Mountain flying, float flying, contests, formation flying, any new ratings or anything above ...

Attitude: That will come with the confidence. When you know you can do it, you will fly with ATTITUDE! If it be glider, hot air balloon, helicopter, airplane or ...

I would like to thank you for your confidence, voting me as your Chapter Chair. I pledge to do the very best I can for our Chapter to be the best I can be.



## There's Always Someone to Congratulate in the VC99s



**Lisa Keinholz** got her Seaplane Rating!



On June 2nd **Molly Culver** SOLOED!



# Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Luz Schaible



Ten VC99s were on another adventure! Planes, Trains and Automobiles were part of this year's Paso Pinot & Paella Festival in Templeton, CA. Our first destination on Sunday 6/4, was San Luis Obispo Airport with Lori, Judy and Sheila flying Lori's T210 from Camarillo. I took the train from Simi Valley to Santa Barbara, then hopped in a 172 with Mary Lou and flew up to KSBP. Yolanda, Terry, Angelee and Nalena enjoyed a leisurely drive up. As Murphy's Law would have it

with the weather, it was IMC in Camarillo departing and returning, however San Luis Obispo was clear and sunny. Mary Lou and I wished the overcast away and had enough blue sky to fly VFR both ways.

Once we were all together we were off to the festival to share an afternoon of creative and delicious paella dishes, nicely paired Pinot and dance-inducing live Latin guitar. We visited with wonderful Pinot producers and talented local chefs as the aromas of the paellas simmering in the pans invited us in to taste. Now what is paella you ask? It's a Spanish dish of rice, saffron, with chicken or seafood, etc., cooked in a large shallow pan and always best enjoyed in the company of friends. In the evening we gathered at fellow member Susan Steeb's place where a few of us stayed for pajama night, a few others stayed at hotel and private homes. On Monday, the morning brought us Sheila's famous french press coffee and an opportunity to share stories over breakfast in San Luis Obispo. This whole event could only be describe in one word ...Fun!



(Left) Susie and Rick McWilliams in their new helicopter  
(Above) Aileen Johnson taking Bill for a ride



# Summer Scholarship Award Winners Luz and Yolanda

Lori Parker

Once again, we had several excellent applicants for this summer's award. The judges had their hands full! For those who didn't win, we encourage you to apply again in the fall.



The recipient of this summer's award Luz Schaible, is a gal that doesn't quit. She sets her eye on a goal and makes it happen. Although finding the right plane for her short stature was initially a challenge, she found the right plane and the right instructors to help her get on the path to success. She is also a lot of fun. She joined the 99s for the camaraderie of fellow female pilots and to fly to fun destinations. She didn't have to wait too long. Last weekend, several of us flew into San Luis Obispo to attend the Pinot and Paella festival in Templeton. She joined Mary Lou flying out of Santa Barbara and soaked up all she could learn. She even closed the flight plan! As a project

manager by profession, she is eager to start volunteering, and she officially volunteered to help manage the airshow auction!



Yolanda Langley is the winner of the Advancement Award (formally known as the Endorsement Challenge). She believes that a good pilot is always learning and plans to use this \$1000 award towards an Emergency Maneuver Training module. Yolanda believes that it is time for her to up her game so that she can serve as a good role model for her daughters who are eager to follow in her footsteps and start studying to become pilots. She is also looking into the possibility of plane ownership to increase her flight time. This may be just the momentum she needs!

Congratulations to both Luz and Yolanda. We wish them the very best in their flight training and beyond!



## Photo of the Month

A heavy equipment Sikorsky helicopter based at SZP for a week. Now THAT is one big helicopter!



Peggy Watson-Meinke



# Exciting Scholarship Award Changes

Lori Parker



The scholarship committee received many excellent scholarship suggestions during the discussion at the January General

Meeting. We have incorporated as many of the ideas as possible in our current year planning. The title of the student pilot award has been renamed to "Female Student Pilot Milestone Scholarship" since the award is based on accomplishing goals along the way. Another change is the addition of an extra payout between the kick start and solo. The essay is now a 1 page essay w/11 point font, instead of the word count restriction. For student pilots, the 90 day minimum flight hours preceding the application date is now 6 hours rather than 10. For the advanced award, the requirement simply requiring a current biannual. A female non-pilot judge was also added. The payout for the student pilot award is as follows:

- The \$500 kick start payout is paid immediately to the flight school
- After 10 additional hours of training - \$500
- Passing the written - \$500
- First Solo - \$500
- Solo Long Cross Country - \$500
- Passing check ride - \$500 to keep the momentum going
- The winner is paid for the most recent goal accomplished. For example, if the winner has passed the written but has not yet soloed, she will receive the \$500 as her most recent goal accomplished.

Due to chapter budget restraints, the scholarship budget has been reduced this year, in comparison to the past few years. Over the next 12 months we will be offering 2 Student Pilot Milestone Scholarship Awards, 1 Advanced Scholarship Award and 1 Advancement Award, previously known as Endorsement Challenge. We hope that you will all help with the silent auction in an effort to bring in more funds for the chapter and offer more scholarships.



## Look for It . . .

Pat McCollum

In the near future--like next month--the VC99s Flyer will be accepting advertisements in our newsletter. We will accept ads in eighth, quarter and half page sizes (per specs on our rate sheet). Rates to place ads will be in 1, 3 or 6 month increments, payable in advance.

Though this is an on-line newsletter, the income will offset printing for the issues placed (and always running out!) at the Waypoint (KCMA), Flight 126 (KSZP) and other key aviation locations in Ventura County.

Alison Barker will be the "go to" Advertising Exec for our publication. she can be contacted for

rates and information at the numbers below.

Material deadlines and payments will be due by the 25th for the following month's publication and ads are not restricted to aviation related businesses.

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# Calendar of Events

## JULY

July 6 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports,  
Camarillo  
NO GENERAL MEETING

## AUGUST

Aug 3 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports,  
Camarillo

Aug 15 General Meeting – Viewport CMA

## SEPTEMBER

Sept.7 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports,  
Camarillo

Sept 19 5:30pm General Meeting – Progressive  
Dinner, Santa Paula

## SPECIAL EVENTS

First Sunday of each month

Santa Paula Airport Open House (10am-2pm) and  
99s Social Breakfast at Flight 126 Café (8:30am)

July 11-16, 2017 Int'l Conference – San Antonio, TX

July 23-30, 2017 AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

Aug 19-20, 2017 Wings Over Camarillo Airshow

Sept 28, 2017 99s SWS Conference, Mount Shasta/  
Redding, CA

Oct 20, 2017 Aviation Career Day, CAF Camarillo

Dec 3, 2017 Holiday Awards Dinner

## OTHER AVIATION THINGS:

EVERY First Saturday of the Month at 9am

EAA Young Eagles Flights at EAA Hangar, CMA

EVERY First Monday at 7PM, Camarillo City Hall


Aviation Advisory Commission meets

EVERY Second Thursday at 7PM, Camarillo City Hall

The Aviation Authority meets

EVERY Second Saturday (except December)

The Camarillo Chapter of the Experimental  
Aircraft Association (EAA) meets at the EAA  
Hangar, CMA



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