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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.



## VC99s Share the Fun at AOPA Fly-In



### The View from The 99s Booth

Pat McCollum

It's always a delight to "work" an aviation event, especially when it's at your base airport. Yeah, it's really not work. C'mon, how tough is it to talk about your favorite topic and your favorite organization? With thousands of other people with the same interest? I spent both days in the 99s booth and can only remember a few moments (during lunch) that there weren't people visiting/swarming our booth—other 99s from local chapters, potential 99s (we signed up 5 new members!), the pilots wanting to win one of our phenomenal raffle prizes and potential 49½s that really want their wife or significant other to learn to fly (and took 99s info home). I chuckle remembering the proud-as-punch guy carrying his 'Friends of The Ninety-Nines' membership card and couldn't wait to show me it.

The AOPA Fly-In was a well-organized event. Seminars, meals for hundreds, a town hall meeting with ice cream social and an airshow all moved along like clockwork. Our own Peggy Watson-Meinke was the only balloonist experienced enough to confidently manage the winds and did a full balloon inflation and

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**NEXT  
MEETING  
MAY 16**

# VC99s at AOPA

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The event brought in approximately 400 attendee aircraft, plus another 60 or so static display aircraft, and around 5,000 visitors over the two day event. Frustratingly, the windy and turbulent conditions reduced the number of attendees, but the success of the event is a tribute to the importance of these events to AOPA members, including our local pilots. Todd McNamee, Director of Airports VC stated, "I extend a sincere THANK YOU to the dedicated and talented team made up of AOPA staff, airport staff, volunteers made up of local pilots, aviation associations and businesses, as well as our County and community partners. We could not have done it without you and we are forever grateful! All attendees were raving about the airport, the kind and welcoming people, and the wonderful things Camarillo and Ventura County had to offer. I'm confident many will return to visit us again."

Much more info can be found at <https://aopa.org/news-and-media/aopa-live>



## Another Mostly Successful Series of Pilot Proficiency Classes Comes to an End

Carolyn Brown

This year we had 21 classes and 2 movie showings with 17 presenters. All were well received and attended. I closed it out with a bang by allowing the presenter to rearrange his morning and afternoon presentations thus confusing me and the attendees - some of whom had come for a specific class. Oops!

Our very own Naia Waters won the iPad mini that Dr. Jon Williams so generously donated.

A very special THANK YOU to Frank Gamble for coming to every class and doing most of the set-up and tear-down. We could not have done it without his assistance.

And, last but not least, thanks to Aileen, Sheila, Alison, Robin, Terry, Martha, Lindsay, Judy M, any others whose name I did not write down, and our tech-in-training Peggy for taking money and keeping us orderly.





# Skywriting

Peggy Watson-Meinke  
Chapter Chairman



I would just like to give a quick shout-out to the Board and Committee members that met and worked so hard on the Budget for the next fiscal year. It is a big task to undertake and Alison has done a great job in managing our Chapter finances. It is a GOOD problem to have, that is having the money to manage for the next fiscal year and deciding how much we can give away in scholarships! But it does take time and a lot of effort to do this well. Big thanks to Alison, Linda, and Lisa who were the main number crunchers. Also thank you to the members who participated and responded with budget and expenditures for their committees.

We will be voting on the proposed new budget at the May 16th General Membership Meeting. The proposed budget can be found on the Member's page of the VC99s website. If you have any questions or concerns please call Alison before the meeting. Or, come to the May 4th



Board meeting and we will be more than happy to discuss the budget proposals at that time. The May 16th meeting will be at the Search Dog Foundation; therefore, we will not have time for discussions about the budget, but only to vote on the approval.

Please bear in mind that the events we work so hard at in order to make money for scholarships depend on the membership's participation. The VC99s are a super active and awesome Chapter but it seems to be the same hand full of members that donate their time to make these events happen. There are actually a few functions that just may not happen this next fiscal year due to

non-participation and burn-out of those that have done them year after year. If these functions do not happen, and money is not made, the scholarship dollars WILL BE much less the following fiscal year. We certainly don't want that to happen so the Board is going to make an effort to reach out to more

membership for help. We will try to be very specific in the jobs that need done and by getting more help the hours of participation can be held to a minimum. Please, please consider putting in a few more hours to the upcoming events so we can continue to be awesome and give out more than \$10,000 in scholarships each year!



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

Congratulations to our 2016 Winter Student Pilot scholarship winner **Mindy Nye** for passing her Private Rotorcraft Checkride on Sunday, April 23.



# Art Won!

Carol Vautin

The Ventura County Chapter of The Ninety-Nines is pleased to announce that Art Phillips has won the George Palmer Putnam Award for 2017. We all know just how much he deserves the award due to his long-standing commitment to The 99s in all levels of the organization.

Art grew up in Pittsburg and joined the Air National Guard while in high school. He transferred to the Air Force where he received training and specialization in avionics and weapons repair. Upon leaving the Air Force, he worked for early computer companies which sent him to work all over the world. He learned to fly in the 1960's and co-owned a Citabria for several years.

Then his life changed forever...he met Martha when they worked together at the same computer company and knew she was "the one" when she happened to mention that she had a "secret ambition to learn to fly." They still have the same 1969 Cessna Skyhawk that they bought even before they married. In addition to Martha, he has introduced many friends and co-workers to aviation through first flights and informal coaching.

Long before he supported Martha during her tenure as President of our organization from 2012-2016, he had been an admirer of The 99s and had encouraged her to join us back in 1996. She quickly became involved in our local Ventura County Chapter and he was behind her all the way. She tells the story that after she became Chapter Chairman,



if Art spotted a female beside a plane while they were driving around Camarillo airport, he would stop the car and reach over and open the passenger car door and tell her to go check out if she was a 99.

Art has been an enormous help to the Chapter now for 20 years. Since he was very involved in putting on the local Wings over Camarillo airshow, he made sure we had prime space and support for our information, raffle, silent auction, and pancake breakfast booths. He has

also helped many years with setting up and tearing down the booths. These activities have earned our Chapter the income to give out multiple scholarships to aspiring women pilots. As President of the local Navy Flying Club at Pt. Mugu, he not only gave Familiarization Flights to the Air Traffic Controllers, he made sure that we were given VIP treatment at the base to tour the facilities there, and also arranged a demonstration of a Precision Radar Approach, which many of our members had never seen before. While these may often be behind-the-scenes activities, he has also displayed his culinary talents to all by being the chief chef at our annual summer Recruitment picnics, serving up tri-tip, chicken and chili for over 15 years now.

When Martha became the Governor of the Southwest Section in 2006, Art also jumped in with total support. He attended all the Section meetings, setting up her

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**Art** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4 PowerPoint presentation equipment and hauling the paperwork and paraphernalia that goes with that office. Several times, he organized activities such as a separate breakfast for the 49-1/2s, and was so good at serving the wine at the Governor's Receptions that he was asked by several subsequent Governors to keep performing that task. When the Southwest Section hosted The Ninety-Nines' International Conference in Hawaii, Art and Jack Vautin (as 49-1/2s of the Co-Chairmen, Carol Vautin and Martha) spent a great deal of the days there organizing and doing the airport pickups and deliveries of VIPs, helping with room setups, and transporting of equipment and items for the events. Some members still remember the good sports they were when then President Susan Larson forced them on stage for an impromptu hula. They've been the "hula dudes" ever since. (He also admits that he never complained about the couple of trips there ahead of the Conference for planning purposes.)

Needless to say, Art was very supportive of Martha when she became first a Treasurer of The

99s, then President. He not only attended all the International Conferences (which he had been doing so since 2005), he always helped out wherever needed.

At home, Art acted as editor for all the writing necessary in the President's position, and his skill in the kitchen enabled Martha to take the time necessary to complete her 99s tasks and still have time to sit down to great meals. He even demonstrated that skill at a recent International Board Meeting in Oklahoma City by preparing a spaghetti lunch for 40+ attendees. Art's efforts also saved The 99s \$16,000 after the video he shot of storm damage to the Headquarters building was sent to the insurance company. They did not want to pay the claim but Art's video was proof the damage and the \$16,000 was paid.

Obviously, all who know Art understand he deserves the George Palmer Putnam award for his long association with The 99s, his support for Martha during her various leadership roles, and his hard work for our chapter and organization at every level.

Congratulations Art!



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## Wings Over Camarillo STEM Pavilion

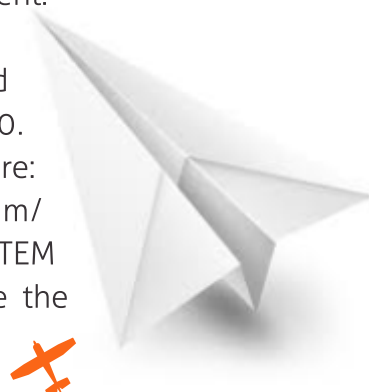
Alison Barker

The Wings Over Camarillo Airshow has historically been about warbirds, aviation history, veterans, cool aircraft, cool cars and an awesome air show – a fun day for SoCal residents, aviation lovers and families. In 2016 we added a new feature –a STEM Pavilion. The STEM Pavilion highlights what is new in aviation and aerospace and other Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. Its a fun place for families and kids of all ages to see Drones and UAVs fly, see robotics in action, learn how airplanes fly and fold and test fly your own paper airplane.

We are looking for area businesses and aviation/aerospace professionals who are interested in sharing their love of aviation and

other STEM fields with local youth by sponsoring the pavilion or hosting a hands on activity or booth to inspire the next generation. Please email us at [sponsors@wingsovercamarillo.com](mailto:sponsors@wingsovercamarillo.com) if you are interested in partnering on this valuable community event.

The 2017 Airshow will be on the weekend of August 19 & 20. Tickets are available here: [wingsovercamarillo.com/online-tickets/](http://wingsovercamarillo.com/online-tickets/). The STEM Pavillion will be inside the CAF's new hangar. Please plan to stop by!



# Pilot Proficiency Class

## Effective Pilot/ATC Communications with Bill Broadwell

Lori Parker



Have you ever clicked the mic only to hear something surprising coming out of your mouth? I sure have. Bill Broadwell shared with us simple, yet important guidelines to communicate effectively while piloting an aircraft. Bill's message was, "How to talk to ATC and not sound like a

student pirate." I always thought the saying was, "How not to sound like a stupid pilot!" We all know that the best communication is critical for safety. Some of Bill's guidelines include:

1. Listen carefully before you transmit (otherwise you could step on someone else).
2. Think before keying your transmitter (otherwise you might not be clear with your

message, taking up valuable time).

3. Wait before calling again (your ATC person could be on another line).

I also learned that the 'order' you provide your communication is important to avoid unnecessary questions. In simple terms, WHO you are, WHERE you are, WHAT do you want then the ATIS code. I used to announce the ATIS early in the transmission and found ATC asked if I had ATIS. Now I know why! Give that information at the end of the statement! Oh, yes, remember to include the read-back instructions!

Speaking of ATIS, did you know that Oxnard has ATIS letters A-L and Camarillo has N-Z to prevent confusion? The last big take-away for me is to be accurate on your location. Don't announce being at Saticoy Bridge when you are still 3 miles away.

Another great 99s pilot proficiency class! Thanks to Bill and all the wonderful volunteers who make these classes happen!



## *Fly Out Opportunity*

### The Famous Biannual Fox Airport Association Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 13th from 0800 to 1030  
in the Barnes Aviation Hangar

We hope to see you all there to enjoy delicious pancakes and the chance to get together with others in the local flying community. Bring your Mothers for a fun "Mothers-Day" preview breakfast - this way they could get TWO meals this year!

This is the monthly open-hangar day, so fly out and join us at the Pancake Breakfast!



# Pilot Proficiency Class ForeFlight-201 VFR with Brian Schiff

Aileen Johnson

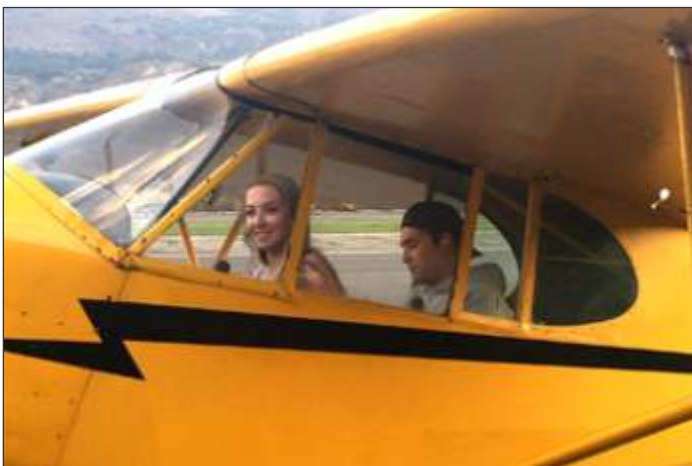
This well attended seminar started with a short overview of iPad-ology for those who had not attended the Basic ForeFlight Class. However the focus of the class was on the use of ForeFlight for the planning, pre and post flight and flying phases of a flight. Finally presenter Brian Schiff reviewed some tips and tricks for using ForeFlight and reminded us of important safety issues, particularly the need to be looking out of the window not fixating on the iPad!

First we reviewed the core tabs of ForeFlight, Airports, Maps, Plates, Docs, Imagery, File and Brief , Scratch Pads and More paying special attention to the new features. Then we looked at configuring the app to the aircraft to be flown, including weight and balance information, and integrating a weather briefing app so that the flight plan could be filed. We were then ready to use ForeFlight to plan a flight.

Before going flying the iPad needs to be preflighted, to check that all the information is current, routes are loaded, the plates binder is set up, and that there is back up battery power. The aircraft checklists can be stored in the Documents Tab.

We then went on a simulated flight using X-Plane from Camarillo to Long Beach so that we could use many of the features of ForeFlight. The geo-referenced taxi diagrams are a great feature, and can be automatically displayed on landing. The Runway Proximity Advisor is also a useful safety feature. During the flight we tried diverting and finding the nearest airport.

Using a simulator such as X-Planes of Microsoft Flight Simulator to practice is a great way to keep current with the many, and ever increasing features of ForeFlight. This was a very useful class with lots of information, and the ability to use ForeFlight in a simulated flight helped reinforce that information. ✈️



**Caught Flying** | Michele Carter

## Join us! VC99s' Social Breakfast

First Sunday/Month  
Flight 126 Restaurant  
at SZP  
99s, FWPs,  
49½s and friends  
always welcome



# Staying Alive - 5 Subjects to Keep You Flying for Another Day with Michael Church

Alison Barker

Michael Church used a bit a humor to make his subject of "Staying Alive" an engaging and informative class on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The more competent we are with our flying skills and knowledge of the specific aircraft we are flying the better chance we have to survive an accident or incident. Some take-aways from the class:

1. Know your equipment
2. Don't be afraid to fly if you are not comfortable with a procedure - just practice it!
3. Learn to manage Pitch, Power and Yaw
4. Become comfortable with high angles of attack and 45 degrees of bank
5. Fly the aircraft all the way down to touchdown
6. Crosswinds solved should be your #1 priority for landings
7. Know your critical systems - both normal and emergency



8. Flying competence requires relaxed flying skills
9. Look at the result when you check something off your checklist, don't just read off the list
10. Know what to do if you don't get the expected outcome
11. Take risks but know when you are taking risks
12. Flight following is just an aid, don't become dependent on it. See and avoid
13. At night find a light. If the light disappears, there's a problem
14. On a 45 degree entry, point towards the arrival end of the runway not midfield, to avoid departing traffic

## **Funny (not funny)**

1. Autopilot is the single most dangerous equipment besides the yoke
2. Don't strike the ground at a pointy angle
3. Altitude is your only friend



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## The Possible Turn - Surviving Low-Level Engine Malfunction with Michael Church

Carolyn Brown

As might be expected, the turn back to the airport after an engine failure was and still is a very controversial topic. Michael jumped in with both feet using videos and pictures to get his points across. There was a lot of discussion on slipping, skidding, and the use of the rudder in managing any turn but specifically 'The Turn'. Michael showed videos where he was practicing turning back to the airport. In these, we could see his instruments showing the altitude, bank attitude,

etc. of each turn. The purpose was to show that he could have made it back to the airport using knowledge of the wind direction and a steep bank angle. The greater the bank angle, the faster your turn would be and even though the altitude loss is greater, the turn is faster so you would actually lose less altitude. Michael covered all aspects in great detail and recommended practice, practice, practice and then practice more—all at altitude of course.





# Calendar of Events

## MAY

- May 4 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
- May 7 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
- May 16 General Meeting – Search Dog Foundation, Santa Paula
- May 22 Aviation Career Day meeting – DoA, CMA

## JUNE

- June 4 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
- June 8 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
- June 10 Summer Awards Picnic/General Meeting, Thousand Oaks

## JULY

- July 2 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
- July 6 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
- July No General Membership meeting

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 10, 2017 Summer Awards Picnic
- July 11-16, 2017 Int'l Conference – San Antonio, TX
- Aug 19-20, 2017 Wings Over Camarillo Airshow
- 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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