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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 Visit the National Search Dog Foundation

Judy McCarthy



On May 16, many of our members had the opportunity to visit the National Training Center at the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation in Santa Paula.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by a cheerful Wilma Melville, Founder of the non-profit and a beloved VC99. Dinner was provided by Sheila Collier and husband "Pizza Man Dan." DELISH! Thank you so much.

We saw a video, and Wilma shared her story, of how it all started and what is will be in the future, a Training Center for Search teams to come from all over the world to train. Keeping the FEMA certified dogs and Fire Fighter handler's in top shape for the next disaster.

We had a brief meeting to take care important business like approving our 2017-2018 budget, Count ballots and approve our new Board and vote for delegates to represent

our chapter at the
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International Conference
in San Antonio, in July.

Then off we went to
tour part of the Training
Center. Wow, that gave us
the real vision of what
goes on there. Scenario's of many different
disasters that these teams may be called to go on:
Search City, a small city where a tornado touched
down. There is a train wreck, a rubble pile that
could be a building collapse and many, many
more, with new things still being built.

We all left with an understanding of the
accomplishments made over a 20 year period and
knowing that it will continue in perpetuity.

It's easy to
understand
why Wilma
was given
the 2016
International
Ninety-Nines
Humanitarian
Award.

I know if I ever
need to be found in a
disaster these are the search
teams I want looking for me!

For more information
about NDSDF, please visit
www.searchdogfoundation.org

*Our mission is
to strengthen disaster
response in America by
recruiting rescued dogs and
partnering them with firefighters
and other first responders to
find people buried alive in
the wreckage of
disasters.*



Skywriting

Peggy Watson-Meinke
Past Chairman



It is hard to believe that this will be my last Skywriting. It sure is fun to look back at the past year and see what was accomplished. The below bullets are from the One-Minute Report which was turned into the Southwest Section (SWS) Board

and is supposed to be read in under one minute at the Spring SWS meeting. Good thing I didn't have to try to accomplish that (we were all busy at the AOPA Fly-In, no one attended the meeting), because we did WAAAAAY too much to keep it under a minute!

I am certainly proud to have served this Chapter for the past two years. I have grown as a pilot and as a person. I feel like I have gotten to know many of you at a much more intimate level and I am so proud and humbled to be part of this wonderful group of women pilots. I will still be around as "Past Chair" and look forward to continuing my involvement.

Thanks for the memories!



One Minute Report 2017 (for Apr 2016 – Apr 2017)

- Recruited 17 new members – new membership count for VC99s now at 112
- Our Membership Committee Chair became the International 99s Membership Chairperson
- Held our Fifth annual Flashmob Fly-In
- Three members flew to Fox Field Poker Run. One member competed in Spot-landing contest
- Provided 23 Pilot Proficiency classes to over 800 pilots, student pilots, and instructors
- Gave out 6 scholarships for a total of \$12,000
- Two members won AE Memorial Scholarships
- Sold pancakes at Camarillo Air Show
- Had Silent Auction tent at Camarillo Air Show (raised \$\$ for scholarships)
- Several members attended Oshkosh
- Member competed in the US Women's National Hot Air Balloon competition in New Mexico and flew in 6 other balloon events across the southwest
- Member competed in two Aerobatic competitions in the Sportsman category winning fourth and third place
- Took treats to Oxnard, Camarillo, and Pt Mugu Airport Control Towers
- Member took a bush-plane course in Alaska
- Hosted third annual Aviation Career Day with over 260 students from 10 High Schools and 37 presenters attending
- Had 5 members attended International meeting in Ottawa, Canada
- Our own Wilma Melville received the International Humanitarian Award for the Search Dog Foundation
- Our own Martha Phillips passed her baton as Intl' President
- Updated our Chapter Display at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula to Pancho Barnes
- Two Board members attended the Winter workshop
- Member executed a wing-walking flight
- Two groups of members toured the NOAA Weather Station
- Starting on Phase II of ViewPort, an airport park at the Camarillo Airport
- Hosted two Progressive Hangar Dinners at Camarillo and Santa Paula airports
- Set up 99s booth and provided volunteers for the AOPA Regional Fly-In held at Camarillo Airport



Thank you for the Student Pilot Scholarship!

Mindy Nye

I began my flight training in May 2016 at Orbic Helicopters. On my very first day, my instructor clapped his hands together and said "Alright, let's go do some Auto's!"

The dropping sensation you get from falling out of the sky can be so overwhelming, that this must have been his process for weeding out the timid. Well, fortunately he didn't scare me away. I have persisted and recently just obtained my Private Pilot Rotorcraft Certificate.

There have been many

financial challenges along the way that come with helicopter flight training. Luckily for me, I was

awarded the Ventura County 99s Student Pilot Scholarship. Without the help and support of this amazing group of women, it would have taken me much longer to achieve my goals.

I will continue flight training towards my commercial certificate and keep steadfast in my ultimate goal of becoming an EMS pilot for the LA Children's Hospital.

Thank you VC99s!



Thank you for the Scholarship!

Kim Chan

Dear Ventura County 99s:

I am humbled and deeply grateful for being the recipient of the March 2017 Student Pilot

Scholarship from your amazing Chapter. This scholarship allowed me to adhere to my flight training schedule and I passed my checkride on May 11 - ten days before my birthday (#bestpresentever)! Thanks to this scholarship, I was able to fly my night cross country to SBA, fly my long solo cross country from WHP to L45 to IZA back to WHP, and fly out to the Simi

Valley and Santa Clarita practice areas to work on my PPL maneuvers in advance of my checkride.

For the last two Spring seasons, I attended several of the VC99s Pilot Proficiency Classes - including this year's Private Pilot Checkride

Ready Class - and what I learned from those classes has made me a better pilot. The support from your Chapter has been incredible and I extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for making opportunities like this scholarship available to student pilots. I'm so proud to be a member of the 99s and now as a certificated pilot! I look forward to flying into CMA for brunches at the Waypoint and meeting you all in person

soon. Wishing you blue skies and happy contrails!



Ventura County Ninety-Nines

Annual Awards Picnic

- Camaraderie ▪ Fun ▪ Food ▪
- Summer Scholarship Winners
- New Board Introductions ▪

Saturday

June 10, 2017

11am-2pm

Conejo Creek North Park

Creekside Pavilion

1379 Janss Road

Thousand Oaks



Food provided: BBQ Tri Tip and drinks

Please bring: a side dish, salad or dessert of your choice to share

Who's invited: all 99s, 491/2s and significant others, if you know a female pilot or one that might be interested in flying please invite her to join us.

No need to RSVP: A friendly 99 will call you to see if you will be attending and to discuss with you what you will be bringing to share

Directions: 23 Freeway to the Janss offramp, turn east, turn left at Library/Park North Road into the Thousand Oaks Library complex. Follow road 3/4 around the park to the Creekside Pavilion



Ninety-Nines

*Inspiring
Women Pilots
Since 1929*

There's Always Someone to Congratulate in the VC99s



Congratulations to **Meghan McClure** who soloed Thursday May 4th out of CP Aviation.



Congratulations to VC99s member **Naia Waters** for being the lucky winner of the iPad mini at the last Pilot Proficiency class of the 2017 season. Naia was very surprised and thrilled to win! The iPad was generously donated by Dr. Jon Williams. Each person who attends a pilot proficiency class gets an entry in the drawing, and one lucky winner is chosen at the last class of the season.



Janeen Gaul flying with instructor Rochelle

Another shot from AOPA Fly-In at Camarillo



(Top Left to right) Ceci Stratford (San Fernando Valley 99), Susan Llewellyn, Susan Liebler, Mignon Gery, Cheryl Cooney (San Luis Obispo 99) and Elizabeth Holle, prospective member

Join us!
**VC99s' Social
Breakfast**

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



Calendar of Events

JUNE

June 8 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
June 10 Summer Awards Picnic / General meeting

JULY

July 6 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
July No General Meeting
Aug 3 Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo
Aug 15 General Meeting – Viewport CMA

SPECIAL EVENTS

First Sunday of each month
Santa Paula Airport Open House (10am-2pm) and
99s Social Breakfast at Flight 126 Café (8:30am)
June 10, 2017 Summer Awards Picnic
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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