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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.

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Progressive Hangar Dinner

Judy McCarthy

Did someone say Progressive Hangar Dinner?

Yes, at Santa Paula Airport!

Our VC99s got together and put on a wonderful dinner, meeting and educational walk through four different hangars, starting with the Aviation Museum, for Appetizers, a silent auction and a brief meeting.

We next ventured across the way to Peggy Watson-Meinke's hangar for Salads (wow! And what salads they were!). Inside Peggy's hangar we got a viewing of the Dewey Bird, a one of a kind race plane owned by Mike Harding. We saw Peggy's Hot Air Balloon memorabilia, photos and her beautiful Pilots lounge. Good food, great conversations, lots of laughs.

Just a hop away is Judy Phelps where she parks her beautiful Pitts S-2B and Clay's toys a stunning C-180. It is always fun to see and learn about the different aircraft we all fly. We ate a great Beef Stew! I think it's safe to say, fun was had by all.

Last, but never least, dessert at Wilma Melville's hangar. Some brave souls

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**NEXT
MEETING
OCTOBER 17**

Progressive Hangar Dinner

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brownies and ice cream sundaes were being enjoyed as our last treat. We had more great conversations, catching up with old friends, making new ones and talking about the next gathering.

A huge thank you to all of the hangar owners, for opening and sharing your treasures with us, thank you to the people who did so much to help, who brought appetizers helped set up and clean



up. Also, a big thank you to all who attended. We look forward to our next Progressive Hangar Dinner at KCMA in April.

Stay tuned.





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Aviation Career Day Around the Corner!

VC99s Outreach

An event for High School and Middle School students to learn about various aviation careers available in this growing industry. Students will have the opportunity to speak with aviation and aerospace industry professionals, military professionals, pilots and aviation schools.

Highlights include "Make Garbage Fly" contest with a twist: Students bring their glider made from recycled materials and compete for prizes. Opportunities to build and fly a variety of other types of aircraft at the event. Drone Cage with demos of drones, UAVs and RC Aircraft.



**VC99 members, this is a great day!
Volunteer and help with this event!**



Skywriting

Judy McCarthy
Chairman

Fly With Attitude!

Can you believe it's now October?

I meander at about 85MPH sometimes slower, following the shape of the coast line. It's a good place to practice slow flight, check out the surfers, watch the traffic on the 101 and just relax and enjoy. On the flight back to SZP the sun is setting behind me with the afterglow on the underside of my wing, the Islands aglow and the pink moment of the Topa Topa mountains is so humbling and make me appreciate just how small I am in this universe. This is my church, a spiritual experience for me. This can all be done in about an hour of my time. This best stress reliever I can recommend, breathe, soak it all in. . . . How fortunate are we to be pilots?!



We have so much to look forward to, flying being one of them.

Fall/winter is my favorite time to fly, usually clear skies, cooler temperatures, beautiful sunsets and unless it's East Winds, smooth air.

One of my favorite flights is around sunset, I leave SZP, fly out to the coast then turn right. I head up to at least the oil pier then turn around to stay out of Santa Barbara's airspace, (always talking to Mugu so they can keep an eye on me and inform me of any other traffic).



On the Horizon of other VC99s things:

October 17. Our next meeting will be at the Ventura County Fire Station 50 at KCMA. Dinner and tour. Watch for the email.

October 20. Don't forget to sign up to help out at VC99s (Alison's) Aviation Career Day for Middle and High School Students at the CAF Hangar. It is so much fun and so rewarding seeing these kids so excited about aviation. See you there!



Everything A Student Pilot Wants to Know About Weather

Pat McCollum

The VC99s Student Advancement Team (Lori Parker and I) put on a free dinner and weather class for our women student pilots on September 13. With the help of Alison Barker who donated the CAU classroom, we had fun with the "W" theme—Weather, Waldorf salad, chicken (named Wade), Water, Wafer cookies, on a Wednesday . . . you get the picture.

The Wonderful Andrew Rorke, Senior Forecaster and Aviation Liaison at NOAA joined us to teach a basic, yet over the top (no pun intended) weather class. From the history of the Weather Service to unraveling the 'secret' weather codes, Andrew answered all the questions and shed light on so many things. We know that BR stands for 'brouillard' (French for mist), we better understand the somewhat baffling way they measure cloud layers and report VV (vertical

visibility) and Andrew shared the BEST weather training pages on line. It's a ridiculously long URL, but its easiest to search: 'ZHU Training Page.' Check it out! You will be amazed what's there to learn.

These quarterly student-only classes are offered to help with specific aviation topics in preparation for testing and checkrides. The smaller, intimate class environment allows a comfort level for students with similar knowledge levels to ask questions and discuss topics starting with the basics. Admittedly, weather is not a topic to learn in a couple of hours, But it was a great start!

Not scheduled yet, but on the horizon is "C" theme . . . Charts, Chili, etc.. Look for more from the VC99s

Student Advancement Team in the months to come. Women Student Pilots, this is for you! ✈️



"I found the information shared not only relevant but as Andrew presented it, also very engaging. The real world scenarios and practice opportunities with reading the METAR Code were invaluable." Luz

"The content of the program was great! I just started flying two weeks ago, but it is never too soon to start learning about weather. I left the class excited and ready to learn more!" Brenda

"It important to know weather and the forecast, especially for a student pilot like me. I appreciated this great introduction." Mayra



*Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.*
Benjamin Franklin

*He who would learn to fly one day
must first learn to stand and walk
and run and climb and dance; one
cannot fly into flying.*
Friedrich Nietzsche

*Prepare for the unknown by
studying how others in the past
have coped with the unforeseeable
and the unpredictable.*
George S. Patton

2017 Airshow Info Booth

Angelee Conroy



Lindsey Bell (left) ran the membership booth and staffed our volunteers. Obviously, she did a great job, we had new members signing up with our chapter at the Airshow!



Pictured right are VC99 Chapter Treasurer Paula Heintz, new member Carly Shukiar and me. Carly said that she went to the VC99s "Aviation Career Day" and decided to pursue aviation.



2017 Airshow Pancake Breakfast

Carolyn Brown

Well, we survived another Pancake Breakfast. Starting out around 6:00am both days, we sold 902 plates, 1975 pancakes, and 1469 sausages. That was using 80 pounds of sausage and 220 pounds of pancake flour. Not to mention all of the syrup to cover the pancakes and the OJ and coffee to wash it down.

Thanks to so many who made all of these pancakes happen. Mike McCollum and Jack Vautin who hung and sewed our burka. Bill Barkley and his Better Batter Boys, Bruce Tabor, Jeff Gery, and Trevor Langley. Our Fab Front Ladies, Lori Parker, Sheila Collier, and Susan Steeb. Sharon Vincent, who is able to distinctly call out the orders over the music and her son Joshua, who made the fabulous flapjacks both days. Terry Piper and Susan Llewellyn 'ladies' the other pancake griddle. My hard working 49½ Greg, who hauled containers and sweated over a hot sausage griddle for two days. Mary Troup kept the dispensers and OJ glasses filled and washed all of our dishes and utensils. And, our wonderful platers, Ailene Johnson, Lexi Gonzales, Mignon Gery, Tobey Tabor, Lucy Galgano, Susan

Llewellyn, Yolanda Langely, and Candy Rodio, who burned their fingers putting the plates together in a timely manner. People were getting their plates served prior to walking around the table. That is how smoothly our group was working. Carol and I were able to sit around twiddling our thumbs – NOT!

I especially want to call out Leni Malherbe, who cleaned, repaired, and extended the burka. I cannot tell you what a challenge that was. Leni also helped with shopping and planning while working full time. Another shout out to Carol Vautin, who for years has helped me with all of the set up and gets up REALLY early to get to the airport before 5:00 am to ensure we have coffee ready shortly after 6:00 am. These Ladies make it happen! A thank you to Greg, Leni, Sheila and Susan Llewellyn for helping with the tear down and moving of the storage tubs to our hangar with the help of Paul Mosier and his golf cart. I apologize if I missed mentioning anyone else who helped. After two crazy busy days, if it isn't written down, I can't remember it.

Another successful Breakfast!



Silent Auction Flying Success!

Lori: "A huge thank you goes out to the silent auction team who made this scholarship fundraiser such a flying success. Kaylee was dedicated to securing many new and exciting donations as well as overseeing the auction planning. Luz coordinated Sunday's event as if she has been doing it for years. Of course, we couldn't have done it without Susan Liebler who patiently taught me how to use Access, monitored progress along the way and helped get several donations for pilots! Sincere appreciation also goes out to the tremendous 99s who provided special donations, and those who tirelessly worked in the booth and did such a fantastic job."

Kaylee: "The 99 logo fans were a big hit and a great conversation starter! Next year we intend to continue our success and have some innovative ideas to add, including ways to help donations fly off the shelf yet keep our signage from flying away. I also want to thank all of our great volunteers who really made the booth lively and welcoming."

Luz: "We experimented utilizing some gift baskets for eye candy with great success! Thanks to Lori's sister-in-law Yvonne who wrapped them beautifully! The table layout allowed the visitors more access to the items and handing out the fans to folks passing by and inviting them in is something we'll definitely do again. We welcome any ideas from membership in how we can draw attention to our booth for future events. As a scholarship award winner, it was rewarding for me to be able to give back and support other student pilots so they can also have the same scholarship opportunities."



Clockwise:

1. Kaylee in the Silent Auction booth
2. Checking out the pilot section of the Silent Auction booth
3. There's always fun with the VC99s
4. One of Yvonne's beautiful baskets



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Oct 5 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo

Oct 17 General Meeting – Watch for emails

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo

Nov 21 General Meeting – Aviation Museum of Santa Paula

SPECIAL EVENTS

First Sunday of each month

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

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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