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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.

It's Scholarship Season!

Pat McCollum and Lori Parker

Do you know a female learning to fly? Wanting to fly? Wishing to fly? We can't stress enough HOW MANY scholarships are available for people learning to fly as well as advanced ratings scholarships. Google "Aviation Scholarships" to see for yourself. But in this case, we're talking about women (the crux of our membership) and scholarships available through the 99s.

Just within our Ventura County chapter, there is:

■ The Female Student Pilot Scholarship.

Up to \$3000--that's a healthy sum! Our new application is here and we've moved in online. Check it out at www.VC99s.com.

■ The Karen Johnson Advanced Rating Scholarship. Up to \$2500. We're in the

process of updating and simplifying that form, too. Read more on page 9.

■ And, of course there are more opportunities and bigger scholarships from the International Ninety-Nines. Check 'em out at: www.ninety-nines.org



Our Scholarship Winners are Excelling!



Congrats to current scholarship winners:

■ **Diane Grizard** recently earning her private pilot certificate!! Good job!

■ **Maureen Kenney** finished her Instrument Proficiency check with her "Get Back in the Air Scholarship!" See her article on page 3.

■ **Sunni Gibbons**, our second "Get Back in the Air" Scholarship winner started her training this week and is so excited to get current once again.

■ **Michelle Carter**, another scholarship winner is getting ready to take her commercial written. Go Michelle!

■ **Mignon Gery** completed her Solo Long XC for her Commercial Rating. She is well on her way to be finished by the picnic.

We are waiting (not-so-patiently) to hear about 2 VC99s who are finalists for Amelia Earheart International Scholarships (no names, we don't want to jinx it!)



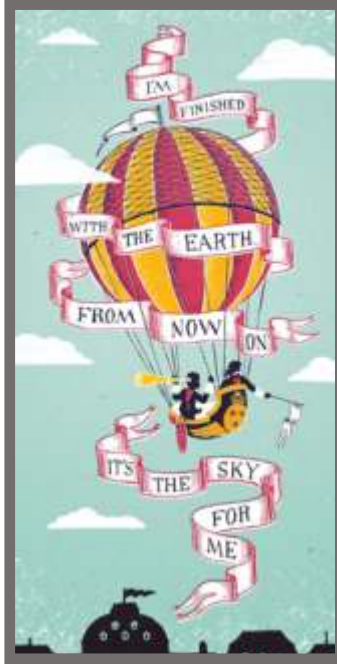
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MEETING
APRIL 19
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Skywriting

Peggy Watson-Meinke
Chapter Chairman



GREETINGS! I was sorry to have missed the General Membership Meeting in March. I was eager to talk to the membership about the idea of "Hangar Talk." The idea is to set aside a good chunk of time at each General Meeting to just talk about flying and how it is related to YOUR flying, here and now. Please come to meetings with questions you may have for flying in a new area, regarding flight plans, or ForeFlight app questions - anything and everything related to you getting out there to FLY. I am sure one of our member pilots will be able to chime in and relate their experi-



ences. We will also take time to talk about the next month's Fly-Out location. The pilots that have flown to that location can talk about their flight and any good advice they may have about weather issues, or airport landing patterns for that particular airport. So, at the April General Meeting we will talk about the Fly-Out in May

to Santa Maria. I would like to go ahead and propose Saturday, May 14th for the Fly-Out. That way we can share the experience at the May 17th General Meeting. We will be sending out information soon via the yahoo groups email distribution. If anyone has more ideas on how to make this work, please let me know. You can shoot me an email any time to: pwatson.meinke@me.com.

I am looking forward to getting this idea off-the-ground (pun intended)! Let's get out there and FLY!!!



Our Next General Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, April 19 at the beautiful Aviation Museum of Santa Paula for our next meeting. The agenda includes: 5:30 dinner (with an RSVP), 6:30 short business meeting, followed by Hangar Talk and plans for future Fly-Outs. Do you recall a great Fly-Out? Be sure to join us and share your experience! Watch for VC99s reminders via email.



REMINDER: May 17th is **Annual General Meeting**. This is a time for us to get together as a chapter and review our plans for the upcoming fiscal year. We are planning for a special wine tasting so stay tune for more. We will be announcing the new Board, voting on the 2016-2017 budget, and identifying the delegates for the International Conference in Ottawa, Canada. *This one meeting is for Members Only.*



VC99s'
Social
Breakfast



First Sunday of the Month
Flight 126 Restaurant at Santa Paula Airport
99s, FWPs, 49.5s and Friends Welcome

A "Rusty" Pilot's Story



Maureen Kenney

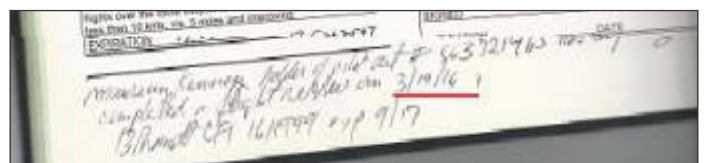
Last fall, I learned of a scholarship offered by the Ventura County 99s. The purpose of the scholarship was to encourage rusty pilots to return to flying after a hiatus of more than a year. I read the write-up with interest. I stopped flying after my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2014. I spent my time caring for him, and then after his death I was steeped in the grieving process, which has many facets for which I was unprepared. I did not fly for two years, but maintained my friendships with my pilot sisters. No one pushed me to fly before I was ready.

The announcement of the scholarship came at just the right time. I applied, at the last minute. A week or so later, I received a call inviting me to the winter gala. I already had family plans and commitments, so was unable to attend. The next week, Lori Parker called to congratulate me on my scholarship award! I was surprised and honored to be one of two recipients.

I have been working since January to get current, after 2 years without flying. I am a

compulsive planner. I started by purchasing a season pass for the VC99s seminars. Over the past three months I have attended several of the seminars. I have also taken advantage of the AOPA online courses. At the same time I contacted CP Aviation, was assigned a CFI, and started getting back into air work. Turned out I was not quite as rusty as I thought, but my landings really needed work! I have almost completed my next phase of Wings. And I have been flying with CFI Berkley Brandt, out of CP Aviation in Santa Paula. My self-confidence is increasing as my skill level returns to competent. In mid-March I achieved completion of a current Flight Review!

I am so happy to be back to flying. And I want to thank the VC99s for their generosity and their faith in me.



Maureen's endorsement

Navigating Through and Around LAX and SAN Class Bravo Airspace with Michael Phillips

Aileen Johnson



Michael gave us a thorough review of the complex airspace around LAX and SAN and the options for flying VFR through them. Having found the information on the charts, both on paper and in Foreflight we looked at each route and considered altitude restrictions and the communications required at various points along the way. The routes require careful navigation and we looked at how they are defined with VOR radials and landmarks. We also considered any special requirements a particular route has, such as ceiling or visibility.

It was a well attended class and we left with a good understanding of the requirements to fly successfully through these busy areas. ✈️

Instrument Flying Tips and Techniques with Gary Schank

Aileen Johnson

This was a fast paced look at some of the key areas of instrument flying, starting with scanning techniques, and the importance of rapidly understanding the overall situation shown by the instruments.

He then talked about airway and localizer intercepts and cross wind approaches, interspersing his experiences of airline flying along the way. While reviewing communications he stressed the importance of staying ahead of things (surely the key to all flying) and recommended monitoring 121.5 on the second radio when it is not required for other communications.

He encouraged the use of standardized

procedures and checklists, and participation in safety programs such as Wings that are similar to those used by the airlines. ✈️



FYI:

Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwinds
from The Pilot's Handbook

Survival Techniques and Equipment with Doug Ritter

Carolyn Brown

Doug Ritter's mantra – *Survival is nice but rescue is better!* To be rescued, someone must know you are missing!

Doug went into case studies, equipment, and what you should think and do. A very thorough and well delivered presentation. The tools listed in order of importance: your brain, knives (and bigger is not better), fire starters (never knew there were than many), and signaling.

Signaling took up a lot of the seminar as there is so much here that is important to your survival and Doug went into the details of each device – even passing them around for inspection. There are so many options for each with some being better than others. Each of the following signal devices were discussed in great detail: ELT, PLB (Personal Locator Beacon), SEND (Survival Emergency Notification Device), Handheld radio, Rescue laser flare, Signal mirror and Whistle.

There is a rule of 3s: You can survive 3 minutes without air, 3 hours without shelter in extreme conditions, 3 days without water, and 3 days without food. Did you know that if you do

not have water to drink, you should not eat as that will dehydrate you? I didn't!

He went into what you should always have with you in the form of a personal survival kit and they can be pretty light weight but include many

things that are critical for your survival. If it isn't with you, it can't save you!

And last but not least: Use the STOP acronym
Stop – calm yourself. You only need to worry about your survival situation.

Think first – take no action until you have thought it through.

Observe – assess your situation and solutions

Plan – prioritize immediate needs.

Develop a plan and follow your plan.



Plane You Most Likely Will Never Fly



The solar-powered Helios Prototype is a remotely piloted flying wing aircraft developed under NASA's Environmental Research Aircraft and Sensor Technology (ERAST) project. The two primary goals of the Helios Prototype development are to demonstrate sustained flight at an altitude near 100,000 feet and flying non-stop for at least 24 hours, including at least 14 hours above 50,000 feet.



Ditching and Water Survival with Doug Ritter

Leni Malherb

Doug Ritter's mantra for water survival—*Recognize the emergency. Do not delay, Mayday!*

He explained that you can survive a water landing with a high success rate. Further, a water landing may be the best option as opposed to terrain or populated areas.

Doug went into case studies, equipment, and what you should think and do. A very thorough and well delivered presentation. A brief list of tools listed in order of importance: your brain, life vests, a PLB, life raft, water. Most of the seminar was concentrated on proper orientation of the plane and readying yourself and passengers. Some of the more important points to study or calculate prior to your flight:

- If you consistently fly over a body of water, study the swells and wind patterns on the water. You will have to land parallel to the swells for the best outcome.
- Calculate the “minimum sink speed” for your

A/C. Typically this is ½ way between the stall speed and best glide.

- Know the typical water temperatures for the time of year.
- Pilot should have a constant wear life vest and possibly an exposure/dry suit.

He further explained the urgency to report your position once you've realized you may go into the water because wind and drift will carry the plane further. Doug demonstrated four types of life vests using class attendees. Doug stressed the importance of never inflating your vest inside of the aircraft or to go back inside once you're out.

He went into what you should always have with you in the form of a personal survival kit and they can be pretty light weight but include many things that are critical for your survival. If it isn't with you, it can't save you!

Doug's website is www.equipped.org.



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Pilgrimage to Oshkosh with Tom Koff

Aileen Johnson

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh attracts more than 10,000 aircraft and half a million people each year and this presentation shared some of Tom's experiences and recommendations for flying there. Since it is a multi-day trip from So Cal for most of the small planes the audience typically flies, Tom reminded us that the journey is part of the adventure. He told us of some of the interesting people and airports that he has encountered along the way. Delays due to weather, particularly thunderstorms are not unusual, so additional stops are quite likely and some backup plans should be made in advance.



The arrival and landing procedures are complex, and are outlined in a Notam that is issued each year. He recommended having a

paper copy of this and that it is studied thoroughly before the arrival. We watched videos of the arrival over the key reporting points while listening to the controllers. Tom emphasized the need to be able to navigate by landmarks and also to land on a specified

spot on the runway since that will be required.

Many of the audience had been to the show. Perhaps after this presentation some will be encouraged to join the other aircraft making the pilgrimage!



Peggy On Another Balloon Adventure

Stella Jones



VC99s' Chapter chairman and balloon pilot Peggy Watson-Meinke was at it again at the 3rd Annual Pahrump Balloon Festival in Pahrump, Nevada on the first weekend in March. Her hangar-neighbor, Henry also got in the action with his trike aircraft (pictured above).

You have to admit that Peggy's balloon photos are the most colorful and dramatic we have in our newsletter!



Ventura County Ninety-Nines 16th Annual Pilot Proficiency Classes • 2016



The Ventura County Ninety-Nines return for the 16th annual season of Pilot Proficiency Classes with the superb new classes and instructors that you asked for! The classes are open to all pilots, student pilots and instructors. Register at www.vc99sclasses.com where you'll find detailed information about the classes and instructors.

SAT	Apr 2	9:30am-4pm	"Right Seat Ready" with Jolie Lucas & Jan Maxwell	\$70
WED	Apr 13	7-9:30pm	"Practical Tips for Preparing for the IFR Oral Exam & Check Ride" with DPE Dennis Magdaleno	\$35
SAT	Apr 16	9:30am-12:30pm	"Weather Tactics" with Bill Frank	\$35
SAT	Apr 16	2-4pm	"Advanced IFR Refresher & Chart Clinic" with Bill Frank	\$35
WED	Apr 20	7-9pm	"Airline Techniques for GA Pilots" with Mike Jesch, John Ringel, Gary Schank & Brian Schiff	\$35

Please register early and no later than 24 hours in advance, for all the classes to make sure you get a seat and any course materials. There is a fee for all classes except the March 24 event. There are several discount pricing options and season passes for 99s and immediate family members, active full-time military, CFIs, and those who want to attend multiple classes. Early bird pricing available for those who buy season passes before February 24th. We welcome walk-ins on a space available basis.

All classes meet at
555 Airport Way
in the upstairs meeting room of the
Department of Airports at KCMA.
Ample free parking for your plane or car.

Advance On-Line Registration & Payment Recommended.

Many of our classes require you bring materials to class.

For class details/requirements as well as complete presenter information, please go to www.vc99sclasses.com

VENTURA COUNTY NINETY-NINES



Location: 1379 E. Janss Rd., 1000 Oaks
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.

Food provided: BBQ tri-tip and drinks.

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

Who's invited? Of course, 49½s and
significant others. Know a female pilot or one
that might be interested in flying? Invite her!

No need to RSVP

A friendly 99 will be calling you to see if you'll
be attending and to discuss what you will
bring to share

Fun Food
Camaraderie

Summer
Scholarship
winners

New Board
introductions

&
way
more!

The Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship

Susan Liebeler

The Ninety-Nines and EAA will award a \$3,000 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to provide a young woman (age 16-20 at any time during 2016 calendar year) who wants to learn to fly with financial support for flight training through first solo and beyond. In addition, the winner will receive a King School flight training course to prepare for the written exam and check ride. The scholarship will be awarded during the WomenVenture activities at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh on July 27. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2016. Additional information, a scholarship flyer and scholarship rules can be found at <http://kjsoloscholarship.com>.

The scholarship honors the memory of Karen Johnson, a beloved member and chapter chair of the Ventura County Ninety-Nines, who perished in 2013 while flying frost control in Delano, CA.

The 99s are grateful to Lightspeed Aviation Foundation, the Ventura County chapter of the Ninety-Nines, EAA and the King School for their support of this scholarship and to Ennect Event and Elliance for hosting the scholarship website.

The Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship has proved to be an effective outreach and recruiting tool. We advertise it nationally through EAA, AOPA and other aviation organizations as well as to college aviation departments. Since we began offering the scholarship in 2013 we have received over 150 applications from young women with a passion for aviation, many of whom have since joined the 99s. Please help us publicize this scholarship and share this information with anyone you know who has a friend or daughter who might be interested in applying for this scholarship.



The Ninety-Nines Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship



For Young Women Who Want to Learn to Fly

- A \$3,000 Scholarship & King School flight training course
- For flight training through first solo and beyond
- Application deadline July 1, 2016

For applications, FAQs, additional info and complete scholarship rules:
www.kjsoloscholarship.com

Calendar of Events

- Apr 3 First Sunday Breakfast – 8:30am, Flight 126, Santa Paula,
 Apr 3 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
 Apr 3 Student Pilot meeting – 10:00am, CP Aviation, SZP
 Apr 7 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
 Apr 19 General Meeting – 5:30pm, Aviation Museum of Santa Paula
 May 5 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
 May 8 First Sunday Breakfast – 8:30am Flight 126, Santa Paula
 May 8 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
 May 8 Student Pilot meeting – 10:00am, CP Aviation, SZP
 May 14 FLY-OUT to Santa Maria, lunch at noon, visit museum
 May 17 Annual Business Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo – **99 members only** for Budget review and new Board vote

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Apr 22-24 Southwest Section Spring Meeting – Flabob Airport, Riverside
 May 21 Casino Night at Aviation Museum of SP
 July 6 - 10 International – Ottawa, Canada
 Aug 20-21 Wings Over Camarillo Air Show
 July 2017 International – San Antonio, Texas

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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