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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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year. We even saw spots of orange on the hillsides, which we surmised were fields of poppies. As we landed at General William J. Fox Airfield, we had a great time cheering Nalena on as she attempted the spot-landing contest. Sheila and I thought she had a chance, but alas, a smaller slower airplane took the prize.

We tied up the plane, and went inside for poker and BBQ. So what is a poker run you might ask? The participants are asked to fly to five different airports, and collect a poker card (in a sealed envelope) at each airport. For this event, the airports were Tehachapi, Mojave, Inyokern, Rosamond, and California City. Then upon arriving at Fox Field, participants receive two more cards. The best five-card hand, out of the seven cards, is what you get to play. Or you could do what we did, just show up at Fox Field and buy your entire hand there. The money from the poker run goes towards Antelope Valley's aviation scholarships.

The prizes ranged from oil changes, altimeter checks, a set of David Clark headsets, to a coffee gift basket, or an airplane piggy bank. Nalena won a VOR check, and I won a 45-minute glider ride, at Southern California Soaring Academy. Now I just have to find my way . . .

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On Sunday, April 3rd the Antelope Valley Chapter 99s held their annual poker run and BBQ. Nalena Reider, Sheila Collier, and I flew to Lancaster in Nalena's Cessna 182 to participate in the festivities. It was a beautiful day; we were all in awe of how green the hills were this



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Fox Field Poker Run Flyout

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to Llano to use it! For lunch, we all enjoyed the delicious trip tip and sides, and as usual we ate too much. Then it was time to return home. It was a great adventure for a sunny April day. Hopefully next year we'll see more Ventura County 99s out there.



Our Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held May 5th at the Department of Airports at 5:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend as we will be finalizing the budget for 2016/2017 fiscal year. The budget and minutes from the meeting will be posted on the members only page for preview before the Annual General Meeting on May 17th.



Our Next General Meeting

Make sure to mark your calendar for May 17th for our Annual General Meeting at the Department of Airports in Camarillo. We will be reading the ballots for the next board, and voting for the budget and Spring Southwest Section delegates. Dinner and social hour will start at 5:30 PM at The Viewport with a wine tasting and dinner. We will walk back to the DOA around 6:45 and start the General Meeting at 7:00 PM. The Viewport portion of our meeting is open but the General Meeting at the DOA is a closed meeting for 99s members only. Please send your RSVP to hospitality@vc99s.org. This is an important meeting as it sets the stage for our next fiscal year.



iPAD Winner



Dr. Jon Williams graciously donated an iPad Mini for our class raffle and the winner was drawn at the last class.

The winner was a pilot, who flies a 182 out of Camarillo – Frank Walbert, who was not at the class when the ticket was drawn. When I spoke with him, he said he has attended our classes for about 5 or 6 years but this year his work kept him on the road more and he was only able to attend one class.

So, Frank won on the one ticket from the class he attended. He said in his 64 years, this is the only time he has won anything.

Congratulations to Frank Walbert! And, he said he really enjoyed and appreciated our classes!

Skywriting

Peggy Watson-Meinke
Chapter Chairman



Judy McCarthy, Martha Phillips, and I just returned from the Southwest Section Meeting at Flabob Airport in Riverside. This was my third section meeting and I am finding that these meetings are becoming a sort of reunion now for me. It is a time to meet up with fellow Chapters and sisters of the 99s that I only get to see once or twice a year. I am finding that these women have a true passion for aviation and want to share it with others, as well as together! There are quite a few older women that no longer fly, but boy do they have a history of flying. At the hospitality room gathering one afternoon someone brought

in old 99s magazines and other flying magazines that featured these women and the air races they flew in back in the 60s and 70s.

What a wealth of experience and knowledge we can learn from! We are very lucky to have such women in our Section and own Chapter as well. You don't have to be actively flying to be a valuable contribution to the Chapter. The Chapter values your past experiences and we can still put that to good work. Being a mentor to a new student pilot, or helping a committee would still be a way to share your passion!



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

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There's Always Someone to Congratulate in the VC99s



First Solo ■ **Audrey Page** completed her First Solo March 25, 2016. Nice! She's pictured here with her CFI Berkeley Brandt.



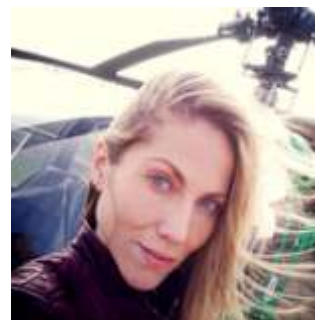
New Pilot ■ **Brittany Wilderom** passed her checkride on Friday April 22, 2016. She did not tell her family about her check ride and then surprised her family by taking them on a flight! Way to go Brittany!

Congratulations ladies!

Promotion ■ On March 24th, Jack and Carol Vautin had the privilege of attending the Change of Command Ceremony when our own **Valerie Overstreet**, Captain, USN, became Commodore Overstreet. She now has command over all E-2C/D Hawkeye and C-2A Greyhound aircraft in the Navy's fleet. The impressive ceremony was held at Pt. Mugu during which we were surrounded by "her" Hawkeyes and Greyhounds. We couldn't be more proud of her.



Commercial Checkride ■ **Venida Hayes** passed her 135 Rotorcraft Checkride on April 5, 2016 so now she can do charter flights.



Commercial Written ■ **Bethany Bilsky** passed her Rotorcraft Commercial Written test on April 1, 2016. Congratulations!

Southwest Section Meeting

April 22 – 24, 2016

Peggy Watson-Meinke



Well, I have to admit that I wasn't too excited at first about going to Flabob Airport for the Spring Section meeting. The Southern California Balloon Assoc (SCBA) has been holding their annual Balloon Safety Seminar there at EAA Hangar 1 for the last 8 years, and we were finding it rather boring. But that's what we get for not exploring the airport. What a wealth of history and activity going on there! We enjoyed a whole morning walking around the hangars and getting a history on the airport as well as the vintage racer airplanes tucked away in those back-hangars. The banquet speaker also gave a presentation with old pictures and even old videos on the history of the airport, how it got its strange name (I always wondered about that), and all the people that kept the airport going throughout the years. I certainly have a new appreciation for Flabob!!

The Fall SW Section meeting will be held in Lancaster and hosted by the Antelope



Valley Chapter September 29 – October 2. I am so disappointed that I will be missing this one as it sounds like so much fun!



Unfortunately it starts the same day I have to be in Albuquerque for the U.S. Women's National Competition and Balloon Fiesta. The activities at the section meeting will include a tour and presentation at the Blackbird Park, Mystery Theater Dinner ("Pancho is Missing!"), a tour of the Edwards Air Force Base Flight Line and museum, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, a tour of NASA Plant 42 in Palmdale, and a Friday night Mexican Fiesta at the Little Buttes Antique Airpark (Barbara Schultz's private airport). Wow, what a schedule! Everyone mark your calendars now as I bet it will fill up fast.

Registration starts June 1 at
<http://ninetynines.net/sws99sAV>



Two VC99s Sharing the Passion

Judy McCarthy

1. I love to share my passion of flying, especially to someone who thought they couldn't do it! The conversation goes:

"Would you like to go flying with me?"

"Well.... The only time I was in a small plane I got sick. I guess I have motion sickness in small planes."

"Would you like to try? We can start with just taxiing."

"Sure, why not?"

So it began. We decided to meet at my hangar at Santa Paula on a nice kind of sunny day. My friend, Marcy decided she should do Dramamine, so a dose the night before and the morning of the flight.

I had her check out the inside of Daisy, my little Citabria 7GCBC. I showed her how to fold herself up to climb in the back seat. "Right foot here, grab these bars, contort yourself, swing left leg over stick, yeah, you are in."

Next came plugging in the headset showing



her how it works, seat belts, push to talk, stick & rudders & safety procedures.

Now me, I climb in and go through my check list. Now, clear prop, start engine and we taxi away. Talking the whole time, explaining everything.

We depart runway 22 to remain in the pattern, once around and land.

"You doing OK?"

"Yeah, this is fun!"

Depart runway 22, straight out departure..... Off we go over Ventura and up the coast toward Santa Barbara, me pointing out

land references. 30 minutes out then turn around to return. Land safely at SZP and I have a new flying buddy.

"OMG!! I loved it, how fun."

No sickness. No drama. And now Marcy is really ready to go! We're flying again to confirm she is still okay, then we're off to Sedona.

The first of many adventures I'm sure.



Janeen Gaul

2. I had the honor of helping a friend celebrate her 80th birthday with a flight in a C150. Joy Gaylord became a private pilot in 1980 but stopped flying in 1984 when her husband became ill. Her love for all things aviation continues though. She celebrated her 70th birthday with a parachute jump. We chose a beautiful spring day to celebrate her 80th birthday with a flight up the coast, admiring the wildflowers and the views of the Channel Islands.



Another Year of Classes Come to an End

Carolyn Brown

This makes it 16 years we have provided pilot education. Each year gets better and better. Susan Liebeler is bringing in the 'best of the best' in presenters. Our technology requirements continue to grow as we are doing more with PowerPoint, iPad, and simulators. I just wish my technical skill set would increase at the same speed.

Thank you to all who supported with handout collection, set-up, tear down, and check in. Aileen and I truly appreciate all of your efforts. We could not do it without all of the teamwork. I want to give a special call out to Frank Gamble for being my left arm. Frank attended all but one of the classes and set up equipment, chairs, and the front area. And, he wasn't difficult to train.

We get so much positive feedback from the attendees about our classes that I am sure we

will continue for another year. I am always surprised when our website gets so many registrations within hours of going live. This year we had over 2600 pilots register for the classes. So much valuable information is provided at the classes that I would hope all VC Ninety-Nines would attend even if they are not supporting, as I can guarantee you will take away something from every class.

Now for a public service announcement!

Aileen and I would like to request additional technical support from our chapter. We have members with such a variety of backgrounds that surely there are some of you out there who would enjoy working with us in setting up our hardware and we could use your expertise on any additional or replacement equipment we should be looking at. Give it some thought. Then give us a call or email.



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Alaska . . . No Reservations What Were They Thinking? Emotion & Cognition in Decision Making with DPE Ken Wittekiend

Luci Galgano

On March 23, DPE Ken Wittekiend of the San Antonio FSDO, presented two topics to a group of 30 pilots. The first topic covered how a pilot's emotions can influence and override our cognition when making aeronautical decisions. He reviewed preventable aviation accidents that were caused by emotional thinking. The second presentation covered tips for flying to Alaska. DPE Wittekiend had beautiful photos that he took on his Alaskan flying adventure in his Super Cub.



Foreflight Basics: from Preflight to Postflight with Brian Schiff

Janeen Gaul

On March 5, Captain Brian Schiff presented a great class for Foreflight users of varying experience levels. Even the most experienced Foreflight users learned something new.

Brian went over "iPad-ology" providing all kinds of tips for how to get the most out of your iPad. Next he gave a general overview of Foreflight, reviewing all of the different tabs. He demonstrated flight planning while incorporating many of the different features available.

In the afternoon we put all of the planning to the test and "fly" some routes with the use of a simulator that we were all able to connect to with our own iPad. It was great to see all of the features available during a simulated flight. Safety tips were interspersed throughout the day, with valuable advice such as "Don't crash the airplane to fly the iPad." The emphasis is on using Foreflight for planning, and practicing with it when you are not responsible for flying.

Brian has made his PowerPoint presentation available to us on his website: www.captainschiff.com. He also highly recommended the customer support at



Foreflight. They can be contacted at team@foreflight.com.

Brian did a fabulous job of keeping everyone engaged with his extensive knowledge and experience, his sense of humor, and with the use of tech-

nology. He had candy prizes for audience participation as well as raffle prizes of iPad clips, a Foreflight subscription and a simulator gift certificate. He's even promised us some Foreflight promotional items once he receives them from Foreflight.

Thank you Brian. I think everyone agreed that this was one of the best Foreflight classes we've ever attended.



Right Seat Ready with Jolie Lucas & Jan Maxwell

Carolyn Brown



Jolie Lucas and Jan Maxwell came prepared and filled the room. Their presentation was designed to make the 'Right Seater' more comfortable with both flying and emergency situations. Everything from the airplane instrumentation to the pilot's physical condition was covered. I will cover the things I found fascinating and had never thought about. Did you know duct tape and/or bungee cords can be used to restrain a pilot acting strangely due to hypoxia

but you should try supplemental oxygen first. In addition to the oral presentation, the attendees were given the opportunity to sit at a flight simulator and simulate a situation where the pilot passes out and slumps over the control yoke. They had to get the pilot under control and then work with ATC to safely land the airplane. It was interesting to learn that you can lean the pilot's head back and put a purse or bag behind the seat with the strap over their forehead to hold the head back and keep them away from the yoke.

Videos showing what you should expect to see during takeoff, straight and level flight and while landing the plane were quite informative. A lot of attention was given to what assistance you could expect and what is important if the Right Seater needed to make the emergency landing. The feedback from attendees was very positive with many saying they felt safer and more comfortable about flying now.



Practical Tips for Preparing for the IFR Oral Exam & Check Ride with Dennis Magdaleno

Aileen Johnson

This is always a popular class for students working on their Instrument Ratings and again it was well attended, with several CFIs joining their students.

The exam is scenario based and Dennis gave several examples of scenarios he might discuss. A lot of attention is given to weather considerations - is a flight legal, is it safe, is an alternate needed, what are the requirements of a particular alternate? We discussed some interesting examples of these issues using California airports.

We also looked at a number of approaches and transitions from en route to approach, with discussions about how to fly them, when descent



was permissible and how to deal with lost communication situations.

There were lots of questions and discussions from the group, and students were left with a clear understanding of Dennis' expectations for the exam.



Mountain Flying Safety with Gary Reeves

Diane Grizard

A MUST Class for anyone considering flying into the mountains.

A pilot hears that Big Bear Airport has the cheapest gas, and on the way east decides to just drop in and fill up. Think again. Gary Reeves pointed out to about 50 pilots in his class "Mountain Flying Safety" on March 30 that the mountains come with a host of different hazards that have to be prepared for.

Some of the tips he shared with us were:

- Check pressure altitude rather than airport altitude
- Use the highest point that is being flown over for aircraft performance calculations
- If you are flying in a 172 it will perform like one model below (a 150)
- Call the locals because the weather and

winds change so fast, and they are much more familiar with local conditions

- The rule of thumb for thunder storms is 20 miles when over flat terrain - in the mountains it is 50 miles
 - Temperatures warm up so plan on landing and taking off before 10am
 - Winds pick up quickly, the danger of mountain waves and mountain rotors are very real and in Big Bear area claim several planes a year
- Lots of pilots and planes safely travel to the mountain every year, proving that careful planning and preparation are the key to a wonderful day and flight.
- Gary recommends: take a formal Mountain Flying class and two books - *Flying in the Mountains* and *Mountain Flying Bible*.



Weather Tactics & Advanced IFR Refresher & Chart Clinic with Bill Frank

Lori Parker

Two excellent weather classes were given by Bill Frank! In addition to being a clear, concise speaker, he kept the information relevant to what pilots may experience. His in-flight photos significantly helped us to recognize what developing, mature and dissipating thunderstorms really look like. Understanding the shapes of the clouds in each stage of the life cycle is very beneficial for pilots, especially if they find themselves

in the air when the sky is "not all blue."

Just a few of the great take-always...



- Be careful when the dew point is above 13 degrees centigrade as a possible heavy rain event is possible.
- If you arrive at your destination before or 1pm, you have a 70 percent chance of avoiding a major thunderstorm.
- Although avoiding all thunderstorms is prudent, be

especially careful with those which move right relative to the prevailing winds.

I could write a book on what I learned. Hopefully Bill will be back next year to educate us on more essential pilot topics.



Airline Techniques for GA Pilots

with Mike Jesch, John Ringle, Gary Schank, Brian Schiff

Moderated by Judy Phelps

Aileen Johnson & Carolyn Brown

Our final class of the 2016 season was a round table discussion with four airline captains, moderated by VC99 Judy Phelps. The goal was to look at some of the processes and procedures used by the airlines that could be used by GA pilots to improve safety and professionalism in our flying. These guys were both funny and informative.

Some of the topics covered were weather considerations, recurrency requirements, checklists, and emergency procedures. The advantages of continuous Wings training rather than one biennial flight were stressed. The use of checklists in all phases of flight is required at the airlines and should be an essential part of our flying – it helps to ensure that procedures are followed in the same manner for each flight and items not overlooked.

In their dual role as flight instructors for GA

students, concern was expressed that too much attention was being paid to iPads in the cockpit, sometimes to the exclusion of keeping a good lookout, or flying the plane. It was also emphasized that any apps should be thoroughly understood before being used in flight – that is not the time to be learning how they function!

Some stories included:

- Both airline and GA pilots are seeing their GPSs go out around So. Nevada, Arizona, and California. It appears the government may be doing something that is taking out the GPSs in these areas.
- The airlines have rules for takeoff based on the weight of their planes. Some actually weigh the plane on the ground and some just use a standard for men, women, and luggage. (On one of the airlines, men are averaged at 195 pounds).

It was an interesting and fun conclusion to an excellent series of classes.



THE PANEL BIOS:

Captain John Ringel flies for a major airline and has over 33,000 hours of flying experience. He is type rated on the Boeing 777, Boeing 767 and 757 and is currently a Captain on 767 and 757 aircraft based in Los Angeles. John serves as a member of the SoCal Airspace Users Working Group, volunteers charged with overseeing the airspace over the greater Los Angeles area. John is also an active flight instructor. He is a member of the Society of Aviation Flight Educators (SAFE).

Captain Gary Schank is a 26-year veteran of airline flying, a CFI for airplanes and instruments, an FAA FAASTeam Representative, a practicing attorney and professional musician. He currently flies a Boeing 737 for a major airline.

Captain Mike Jesch has been flying the line for 29 years, is a Master CFI for airplanes and instruments, a FAASTeam Lead Representative, and flies a Cessna 182 based at FUL. Mike is a member of the Society of Aviation Flight Educators (SAFE). He currently flies a Boeing 737 for a major airline.

Captain Brian Schiff flies for a major US airline and is type-rated on the Boeing 727, 757, 767, DC-9 (MD-80), CL-65, LR-JET, and G-V. He holds several flight instructor ratings. He is a member of the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) and has been actively instructing since earning his flight and ground instructor certificates in 1985. He regularly presents seminars about aviation safety and techniques to student and professional pilots alike.

Calendar of Events

- May 1 First Sunday Breakfast – 8:30am Flight 126, Santa Paula
- May 1 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
- May 1 Student Pilot meeting – 10:00am, CP Aviation, SZP
- May 5 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
- 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
- June 2 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
- June 5 First Sunday Breakfast – 8:30am Flight 126, Santa Paula
- June 5 Open House – Santa Paula Airport
- June 5 Student Pilot meeting – 10:00am, CP Aviation, SZP
- June 25 VC99s Summer Awards Picnic

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- May 21 Budget Committee meets
- 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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