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# AUX TANK

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF  
THE NINETY-NINES  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

## From the Chairman...

August 2014 Newsletter

Greetings to our Current Chapter Members and Welcome to our New Members!

What a terrific start to our 2014 summer! We enjoyed a fun Installation and Award Banquet in June at the Beverly Garland. It was fantastic to celebrate our entire truly worthy award winners and thank the outgoing Board of Directors for their service and introduce the new Board members!

July 2014 brought us the SFV Annual Summer Potluck at Ceci's hangar at Whiteman Airport!! We all got a dose of the new & improved security gates at Whiteman. Other than the pain of getting members in and out of the field, I'm sure we all feel so much more secure with the new changes! As usual, our Chapter came together en masse and served up some delicious food and even played games together! Many thanks to Ceci and her crew for their hospitality and a fantastic time!

August 2014 brings a nostalgic change to the chapter! We head back to the Airtel Hotel for our Chapter meetings and hopefully other events, too! Our Chapter has had a long history at the Airtel Hotel and with its owner, Jim Dunn. We've hosted and enjoyed Chapter meetings, Southwest Section Meetings, Seminars, Cookies to the Tower, special dinners and many other events there in the past. So it's almost like going home! Back on the VNY airport where we pilots belong!

It would not be right if we did not send out our thanks to LAWA for allowing us to have our previous meetings at the VNY Flyaway! They stepped up and accommodated us when we needed it! They have our gratitude and respect.

Our next event is at Jacki's "Harris Ranch South" on Sunday August 17th at 2pm! This potluck Poolapalloza party should be tons of fun!!! Yes, there will be games and "networking"!!! ;)

Make sure you attend our Chapter meetings and new events this year---there will be lots of surprises and new activities to have fun with and participate in! Make sure you check the ever-changing schedule for event updates!

Cheers and see you soon,

**Anne Marie**  
**SFV99s Chapter Chair**

**"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them!" Albert Einstein**

**"Confession of an Aviatix"**

For September's meeting, the question is:

**"What is the farthest distance you've ever flown in a small aircraft?"**

**Chapter Dues are due starting in September.**

Chapter Dues are \$25.00 and help pay for our Chapter activities. We would like to thank these Chapter Members who have sent us their donation for the next year.

Lilian Holt - Anne Marie Radel - Jeanne Fenimore - Golda Neuman - Dea Payette -  
Jan Archibald - Mary Glassman - Sylvia Sanderson - Bertie Duffy - Nora Feddal - Leslie Dinius

Thank You All.

**Jeanne Fenimore**

Rex and I sold our cherished J-35 Bonanza that we flew for over 35 years.....but because we just "have to be in the sky.."....we bought a Van's RV12. We have had it made for us in Eugene, Oregon, and it has been delivered to Aurora, Oregon. Each of us needs 5 hours of instruction before we can fly it ourselves. Our daughter and son and their families both live in Washington so we intend to land at Pearson and Gig Harbor airports before coming home. We are really excited but because it is a Light Sport it will be quite different to fly. I hope to be back for our September meeting.

Happy Flying.....

**Doris and Rex**

Hi Anne Marie,

I remember when I was chairman in 2002 I got a phone call from some new girl named Anne Marie who wanted to know about the 99s. (I think she had just begun her flight training.) I gave her name to our membership chairman at the time and looked forward to meeting the new girl soon. Well, the membership chairman apparently didn't call the new girl soon enough, so the new girl called me again. Wow, I said to myself, this new girl is really interested.

You persevered and we are the better for it. I'm so happy to hear that you will be chairman. The chapter needs an infusion of fresh enthusiasm and spirit. You'll bring it to them and everyone will benefit. Also, it's a wonderful idea to be back at the Airtel. Surroundings make a tremendous difference in how we see ourselves. Bravo. Never settle for anything less than the best possible.

All the best to you and the chapter,

**Jaye Howes**

# ATTA GIRLS!

**Dea Payette:** Written, Solo, Short X-country, Long X-country

**Kimberly Harty:** ATP written & CFI Check ride

**Kathryn Arnote:** Awards Luncheon

**Pam Distaso:** Web Site

**Michele Albiez, Nora Feddal, Charlotte Kaber:** American Hero's Airshow

**Ruth Logan, Leslie Denius:** Pancake Breakfast

**Ceci Starford, Nina Yates:** Pot Luck



## Anniversary

08 / 1978 Sylvia Sanderson

08 / 1987 Nina Yates

08 / 1995 Pam Distaso

08 / 2002 Julieann Sikora

08 / 2010 Nora Feddal

08 / 2013 Andrea York

## "Meet A Chapter Sister"



**Name:** Doris J. Minter

**Home town:** Pittsburgh, PA, however, I have lived in Santa Monica since 1943

**Airport I fly out of:** KSMO, (Clover Field – Santa Monica)

**Favorite aircraft:** Beech J-35 Bonanza

**When and where did you get your license?:** 1961 from Claire Walters Flight Academy in Santa Monica

**Where did you fly for your cross country?:** Santa Monica to Fresno to Paso Robles to Santa Barbara then back to Santa Monica

**Do you own an airplane, if so, what type?:** Not at the moment, however, my husband and I have purchased a Van's RV-12 S/LSA light sport aircraft and we expect delivery from Van's Aircraft the first week in August 2014.

**Where is your favorite fly-in spot?:** Monterey, California

**Hobbies:** Flying and working on aircraft with my husband

**What skill do you have or factoid about you would surprise most people?:** I have been married 69 years this September. I flew for two years as a volunteer surveillance pilot for the Santa Monica Police Department. I have served as a member and Chairperson of the Santa Monica Airport Commission and also was a member of the Board of Directors of the original Douglas Air Museum. Some other members of the Board were General James Doolittle, Donald Douglas, Jr. and Gil Gunnell of Gunnell Aviation. I am a member of the Flying Octogenarians and several years ago I obtained my A&P license.

**What will you be doing in five years?:** God willing, flying our RV-12 to visit my children and grandchildren in Washington State.



### July 2014 Summer Potluck Game "Flip Flop Fling!!!



25 of our Chapter Members and guests participated in this very fun game! This game challenges each player to take a flip flop and fling it with their foot as far as they can---and hopefully the distance can be measured in a forward fashion! But this isn't always the case!! Many of the flip flop flingers were analyzing the wind gusts and direction to make sure their attempt was as perfect as possible. There were 5 prize winners! In order of flinging distance: Dea – 35 ft; Eddie – 28 ft; Henri (Dea's son) – 23 ft; Leslie – 20 ft.;



Stacey – 18 ft. It's clear that Dea's gene pool is very suited for this game--hopefully she will be giving tips for next year's challenge! Congrats to all the fling winners!!

**Anne Marie Radel**



Hello Ceci, 9a, and Anne Marie! If I left anyone out, it is completely innocent. You are still included.

I just wanted to express what a wonderful day out potluck was. I was ticked pink by celebrating a very special birthday to for Cecelia and flinging thongs into a crosswind. That was so fun and I can't wait to see the pics. The food was marvelous and the company as great as the food. It felt good to be a 99 again. I have fallen off the radar with life and such but I am turning on my transponder again and flying on in. Today was one of those perfect aviation days, happy Young Eagles and good company. I feel 34 again, my age when it all started for me. Now, I am a whopping 46 years old but hey, I can still kick a shoe over my head and backward. I am waiting for the gluts to burn. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Time to invade the Airtel with our presence. Hahaha!

Love,  
Stacie

## Ninety Nines International Conference

### Let the Good Times Fly

Because The Ninety Nines are an International Organization the annual Conference is always held in a different part of the globe. This year it was held in New Orleans, La. The hotel was the Crown Plaza Astor Hotel on the corner of Canal and Bourbon St. To say the Hospitality of the New Orleans Chapter, and Southeast Section was beyond belief would be an understatement.

San Fernando Valley members attending were Michele Albiez, Bertie Duffy, Jeanne Fenimore, Linda Hernandez, Lilian Holt Maureen Kenney, Anne Marie Radel and Paula Sandling. Paula and I arrived Tuesday evening and after checking into the hotel we went looking for Bertie who had arrived earlier in the day. We started in the Conference Hospitality room where there was a party going on. We had a very hard time getting out of there for dinner.

Wednesday started with a ride on the Hop on Hop off bus with the first stop being New Orleans World War II Museum. Bertie, Paula and I intended to spend a couple of hours there....We spent all day. And barely made the last bus home. This Museum should be a must on everyone's trip to New Orleans. There were tours of the Plantations in the area, a Culinary History food tour and Swamp (Alligator) Tours.

The Welcome Reception was held in the newly restored Terminal at Lakefront Airport. This historical Building had been converted to just a plain building but after Hurricane Katrina they discovered frescos, and art deco and tile throughout the building some of which they had no idea existed.





## Ninety Nines International Conference

### Let the Good Times Fly *(continued)*

There were Seminars and speakers, the FAA brought their PROTE (Portable Reduced Oxygen Training Enclosure) so 99s could see what affect hypoxia has on them. Continental Engine had a display plus the usual vendors.

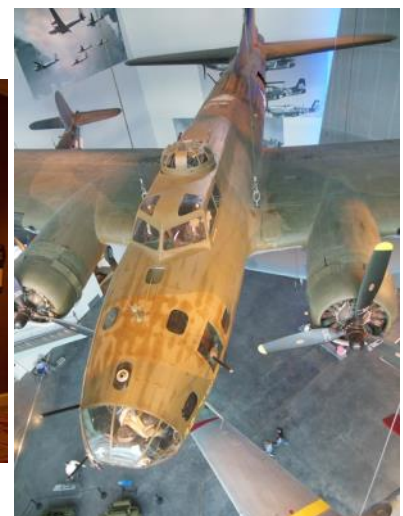


The Business meeting ran smoothly and all 6 of Bylaw changes passed, but the “Associate” member change which was proposed as “Future Women Pilot” was changed again and they are now called “Student Pilot Members”.

Sunday was a Soul Church Service at the “House of Blues” a couple of blocks from the hotel. This was the perfect way to end a great week on the right note and Anne Marie showed everyone how humble The SFV can be.

Next year’s Conference will be in Munich, Germany from July 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration is on the International Website.

**Jeanne Fenimore**



## A Brief Look At Clouds

Note: this is a very brief look at clouds and observations as to whether or not it might be safe to fly near them. A more complete discussion could involve whole books. Please do your own research! A good place to start is this NOAA website on "Severe Weather 101": <http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/thunderstorms/>

July, August and September always bring some interesting weather to Southern California. Mostly, it is just hot and dry, but there are some very huge heaps of towering cumulus near the mountains on numerous occasions. If you are planning a flight over the mountains or to states east of here, such as Texas where they have some seriously massive storms, it's good to know what to expect from any clouds that might be in your way. While they look huge and ominous, they may not actually affect your flight any more than providing a little shade from the sun. It's important to know how to tell, however, because you do NOT want to find yourself anywhere near a thunderstorm cell. We have all heard about famed test pilot Scott Crossfield died because he ventured too near an embedded thunderstorm. His Cessna 210 broke up in the extreme turbulence. Very nasty!



In southern California during the summer and frequently into the fall, there is a lot of heated, unstable air – especially in the middle of the day, - and that means lots of cumulus clouds. These clouds usually look like huge piles of cotton balls and frequently top out above 20,000' MSL. While they have well-defined edges and clear air (not hazy) all around, you can just about guarantee that there are winds and turbulence nearby. I'd recommend giving them a wide berth. If you can't and you're on the ground, you will most likely want postpone your departure. If you're in the air, use caution and be prepared to turn around. Later on in the day, once they stop building, the air currents subside, their edges get fuzzy, and there is often hazy air below. In the past I have flown under just such a cloud pileup with no more than just a gentle bump or two.



As we head into late fall and winter, the air is more often cold, calm, and the cloud formations tend to be stratus. (Fog is just stratus clouds on the deck.) These generally do not have much capacity for turbulence, but they can contain lots of super-cooled water which will quite happily stick to your airframe. One thing that's very important to know before you take off IFR into any cloud is where the freezing level is. Most of our little Pipers and Cessnas are not approved for flight into known icing conditions. Your ride may not be bumpy, but your landing will be, and sooner than planned if you pick up a load of ice. For those going VFR, the ride near stratus clouds is generally lacking in turbulence. If it's raining, you need to be aware that visibility always decreases. Make sure you can still comply with the visibility minimums appropriate to the airspace you in. If it's REALLY cold there may be snow falling under the clouds. As long as the air temperature is below freezing, you need not worry about ice; snow already frozen and won't stick to your airframe. Unless the snow is thick, which could severely restrict visibility, flying through snow can be a fascinating experience. I've done it a couple of times in my Cardinal and what I've noticed is that it seems much quieter and it's lots of fun to watch the snow fly by horizontally. A beautiful sight!





The best advice I can think of if you're going to fly near or in (IFR please!) any clouds is to ask ATC or Flight Service if there any reports of turbulence in your area and whether there are any PIREPs (be sure to give them yourself!). Then be prepared to do a smooth and immediate 180 degree turn if you begin to hit any serious turbulence. Weather radar can tell us just so much, so prepare for a change of plans if needed for safety. Also, watch the freezing level. Carb heat may be needed, and you may find ice growing on your leading edges.

Here are some further web resources for WX before you fly:

<http://aviationweather.gov/>

[http://www.landings.com/\\_landings/pages/weather.html](http://www.landings.com/_landings/pages/weather.html)

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/pilot.htm>

<http://search.noaa.gov/search?affiliate=noaa.gov&v%3Aproject=firstgov&query=thunderstorm&x=0&y=0>

Here's an Advisory Circular on t-storms: [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/advisory\\_circulars/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentid/1020774](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentid/1020774)

And another article

<http://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsid=77606>

Be sure to also discuss clouds with your flight instructor and other weather-savvy folks.

Have a safe flight!

Claudia Ferguson, Safety Chairman

San Fernando Valley 99s

Aviation Safety Counselor

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**MEETINGS:**

- August 17<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 2pm- Jacki Harris Pool Party Extravaganza
- August 18<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 6:30 pm. – Board of Directors/Budget Meeting, Radel Home, West Hills, CA
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) 8:30am – Operation Gratitude Van Nuys Armory, lunch at the Stand afterwards
- August 23/24 (Sat. /Sun.) – Wings over Camarillo Airshow
- Sept 3-7 Southwest Section Meeting, Reno, NV
- September 8<sup>th</sup> (Mon.), 7 p.m. – Chapter Business (Annual) Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- September 10-14 – Reno Air Races, Reno-Stead Airport
- October 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon), 7 p.m. – Chapter Business (Annual) Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon), 7 p.m. – Chapter Business (Annual) Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- December 1<sup>st</sup> (Mon), 7 p.m. – Chapter Business (Annual) Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- December 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 9:30 am – Cookies to the Tower, Airtel Hotel, Landing Restaurant



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