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The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight, and to quote the 99s first elected president Amelia Earhart, "TO FLY FOR THE FUN OF IT."

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF
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From the Chairman...

February 2015 Newsletter

Happy February to all!!

We've been so lucky to have had great speakers at our meetings this year! If you missed Randy Bresnik's presentation this month, you missed a fantastic account of his astronaut son's experience in space! Such a great PowerPoint show and fascinating information!

Plus, a heartfelt thanks to Jim Dunn, Owner of the Airtel Hotel, for commemorating our Chapter birthday by gifting us coffee and cookie treats! He's a class act!!

We are getting ready to have a date at the Indio Date Festival!!!! Should be awesome to see the camel races and have date "everything" treats!! It will be great to get back to flying together (weather permitting of course)! But even that can't stop our fun!

Looking forward, March will hopefully bring our first inaugural "Progressive Hangar Crawl"!!! Stay tuned for updating news!

Cheers,

Anne Marie
SFV99s Chapter Chair



"Confession of an Aviatix"

For March meeting, the question is:

"What have you ever done in an airplane that almost caused you a laundry change? Or *did* cause you a laundry change?"



Thank you Randy Bresnik for a very exciting and interesting presentation about his son's Space Shuttle flight to the International Space Station! And all connected with the 99s.

Randy Bresnik's dad Albert was recruited by Earhart in 1932 to be her only authorized photographer. Albert was also a speaker at 99s chapter's meeting. Randy's son is rekindling the family connection and part of his personal cargo he took Amelia Earhart's Scarf Flying to Space and one of his grandfather's picture. "We are flying Amelia Earhart's favorite scarf that she unfortunately did not take with her on her final mission.../...If nothing else, some part of Amelia will have finished her around-the-world trip..." revealed the STS-129 astronaut during an interview with [collectSPACE](http://collectSPACE.com) . "Fortunately, she also decided not to take her photographer with her otherwise I might not be here today."

The scarf flew over 220 times around the world with Randy, and is back at the Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City part of a display dedicated to his grandfather's photographs.

Since the weather was inclement to fly to French Valley, we all met at the 94th Squadron for lunch. Michael and Paula invite us to their hangar to see the experimental airplane Michael is building and planning to fly to Oshkosh this summer.



It is time for the 10th annual "The Sky's the Limit" Aviation Career Day 2015!

This year's event will take place on Friday, March 20th, 2015 at the historic MP Aero hangar at the Van Nuys Airport from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

In the past nine years and with your help, we have allowed over 10,000 local high school students the opportunity to learn about the exciting and challenging career paths that are available in the aviation and aerospace industries. This is a great opportunity for students to get a real hands-on look into the aviation industry and network with many individuals.

I would like to invite you to participate as an exhibitor for this year's event. Your participation and willingness to make a difference for our youth is admirable. Together, we can expand the horizons of our youth and pave the growth for this industry that we love so much.

We will have a booth at the Career Day. There will be about 1200 High School Students attending. We will talk to them about Careers, Scholarships and The Explorers.

If you can help for a few hours please call Jeanne Fenimore.

Thank you for your support in advance!



BCCHS Career Fair

The San Fernando Chapter will have a booth at the Career Fair if we have some volunteers.

The SFV99s have done a lot of career fairs in the past. We pass out info about the 99s, Young Eagles, and Explorers. If other SFV99s are willing to help - I can do the leg work. I think career fairs are really part of our mission statement.

Ruth Logan

Birmingham Community Charter High School is excited to have a Career Fair on Friday, March 27, 2015. We would love for you to participate in the event. The fair will take place in our main gym from 8:30-12:30 and we expect about 1000-1500 11th and 12th grade students to attend throughout the 4 hours. Students will rotate through booths/tables during the event to gather information about career and employment opportunities.

I look forward to a favorable reply, and just as soon as I do I will fill you in with more event details. If you cannot commit to the 4 hour block, it would be wonderful if you could at least attend a 1 or 2 hour time slot such as 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30, or 11:30-12:30.

Thank you,

Angela Zook

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"Meet A Chapter Sister"



Name: Golda M. Neuman

Home town: I was born in Portland Oregon. After John and I were married we moved to North Hollywood CA and later to Northridge where we still are.

Airport I fly out of: Van Nuys when I was still flying. I stopped after having back surgeries.

Favorite aircraft: Not ones I would ever fly, but I think the Lockheed Connie and the SR71 are beautiful.

When and where did you get your license? When John took a refresher course from Bertie's ground school, I tagged along. Bertie suggested that I attend a 99s meeting. She also told me I should get involved in the FWP group. At that time you had to be interviewed before a Committee before becoming a FWP. I did make the cut and at that time Ceci and Sylvia were in charge of the ground school for the 99 FWP group. During that time I started taking lessons in a 152 out of Green Hornets at VNY with Susan Skalla. I passed my check ride in Aug. 1991. That became the start of an adventuresome path with the 99s.

Where did you fly for your cross country: My trip was from VNY to Porterville to San Luis Obispo and back to VNY.

Do you own an airplane, if so, what type?: No

Where is your favorite fly-in spot?: When John and I were flying along the coast and also going to Aqua Dulce to get a hamburger at the cute restaurant that used to be there. Also many trips up to Oregon with John doing the flying before I became a pilot.

Hobbies: I have had many hobbies, knitting, crocheting, quilting, toile painting and sewing. Since being a stay-at-home Mom I was involved in many Scouts Functions with our boys as well as holding many church and PTA offices.

What skill do you have or factoid about you would surprise most people?: We used to have a dune buggy. It was something our whole family loved to drive in various off-roading areas. We did a lot of camping. We have two sons married and we have 4 grandkids of which 3 are married and one engaged. As well as 5 great Grandkids ages 1 - 4 years old. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the family, which is still growing.

What will you be doing in five years?: I am sure we will be enjoying the family, as well as John and I adventuring out in our motorhome as much as possible.

ATTA GIRLS & BOYS!

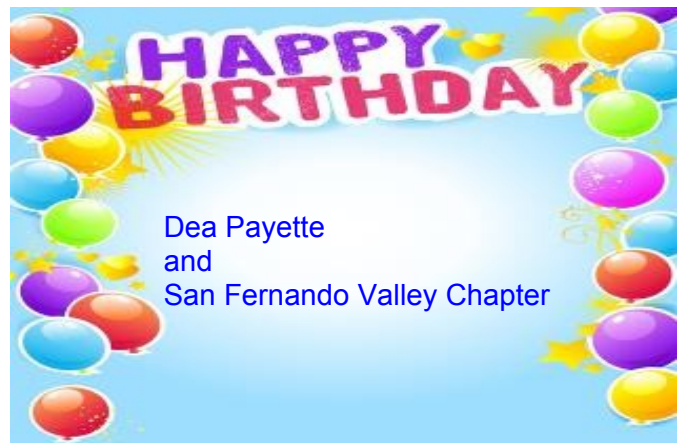
Dea Payette: Won the Jeppesen Flight Training Scholarship

Paula Sandling's Hangar/ Plane build-up



Anniversary

- 1963 Doris Minter
- 1987 Madeline Kurrasch
- 1988 Claudia Ferguson
- 2001 Christina Merrick
- 2003 Stacie Vournas
- 2005 Kathryn Arnote
- 2006 Nora Feddal
- 2013 Sayoko Adachi-Edwards



February Food for Thought Statement:

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The 2015 Southwest Section Winter Workshop January 24, 2015 - Camarillo, CA

The Winter Workshop is a one day informal meeting of the Southwest Section is discuss issues affecting Chapters and the 99s.

There were about 60 Southwest Section members and those attending from the San Fernando Chapter were Jan Archibald, Pam Distaso, Jeanne Fenimore, Jacki Harris, Lilian Holt, Charlotte Kaber, Maureen Kenney.

The day started with a presentation by Maureen Kenney regarding Chapter Communication Tools and 501c3 issues. Everything we present on our website and in our newsletter needs to represent the mission statement. That doesn't mean we can't display fun, but 95% has to be related to the Mission Statement.

If we have raffle any tangible items, we must charge Sales Tax, Pancake Breakfasts have to charge Sales Tax. Poker Flights, Casino nights must have a Gambling license at the cost of \$100.00 and must be filed one month before the event.

After lunch we talked about public relations and tools we could use. We also talked about the PR award and how to apply for it.

Alice Talnak, Vice Governor talked about upcoming Section meetings or the lack of upcoming Section meeting. As on the Workshop there were not meetings lined up for 2016. She discussed a rotating Schedule for Chapters to host meetings all of this was in the hope someone would step up.

Because our Chapter is scanning our old records and trying to figure out how to store our records Jeanne got up and asked other Chapters how they store records. The only feedback we got was to put it on a cloud for about \$100.00 a year.

Linda Mae Hivert talked about the Section Woman Pilot of the Year and asked members to think about applying.

All in all it was a very productive day!

This was also an occasion to celebrate Jeanne's birthday as well!

Happy birthday Jeanne!



Checklists – What good are they???



Checklists are boring. No doubt about it, especially when you've been looking at the same ones for years. Boring or not, we need them. I'm sure that at some point in your life, you've left out a step because you got distracted. It's just human nature. If you're in a no-stress situation, chances are you'll remember all the things on your checklist. What about in an emergency situation? When people are stressed, they stop thinking clearly and revert to habit (which, by the way, is a great reason to keep training for emergencies!). Clearly, it's in a pilot's best interest to make it an ingrained habit to use checklists!

Aviation is big on checklists. There are paper checklists, automated checklists (just ask a corporate jet pilot how LONG they can get!!), mnemonic checklists, etc. There are checklists for pre-flight walk-around, startup, enroute, landing, shutdown, post-flight, and emergencies. Sheesh! Sometimes it seems like you can't do anything without one. But again, they're important. Over the years, they've been refined into very useful tools. No matter whether you've been flying the same plane for 35 years (like I have) or for 2 weeks, they're a "must".

Back when airplanes were much simpler, people developed little mnemonics (acronyms) to keep pre-flight run-up and pre-landing checklists in their heads. I suspect aren't used as much as they used to be because they aren't very complete and it's still easy to miss things. They may work great for a Piper Cub, but probably not for a Cirrus with a glass cockpit. Still, you may have heard of some of the following:

- GUMPS:** Gas, Undercarriage, Mixture, Prop, Speed [actually, I still use this one before landing]
- CIGARTIP:** Controls (free and correct), Instruments (heading, altimeter, horizon), Gas (fullest tank), Altimeter, Run-up, Trim, Interior (doors, windows, seat belts), Prop [this one is for take-off]
- I'M SAFE:** Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Emotion [to see if you're in shape to fly]
- "6 T's":** Time, Tune, Turn, Throttle, Talk, Track [for IFR approaches]
- "4 C's":** Climb, Confess, Communicate, Comply [if you get lost]
- BART:** Breathe, Altitude, Relax!, Training [for stress in emergencies]

These are all well and good, but they may not cover all the details needed, and personally, I know that I do NOT want to rely completely on my memory if I'm ever in an emergency situation. I want a list I can read, or better yet, that my co-pilot can read while I'm performing the items on the list so I don't miss anything. Not long ago, I was introducing some kids to general aviation, and I had them read my pre-flight walk around checklist to me while I explained why each item was important and what I was looking for. It was a great reminder!

Pilot Operating Handbooks were pretty thin in the early days, but overall, most of them have some pretty good (though generic) checklists for pre-flight walk-arounds, cockpit checks, various types of landings, shutdown, emergencies, etc. Pilot supply shops sell generic checklists for most of the light aircraft we fly. My question to you is: have you customized those checklists for yourself and the aircraft you fly? If not, please let me strongly encourage you to do so. Customize (this may take several iterations), print out and USE them EVERY TIME you fly. Don't leave the ground without them!

One of the nice things about a checklist that's customized is that you can tweak it to give yourself a smooth flow of tasks. Obviously, there are many things that must be in certain order (you wouldn't first turn the key and THEN holler "clear prop!") but not everything has to be done in the order given in a generic checklist (check with your instructor if you have any doubts). Ordering items on the list in a way that makes for a complete and efficient flow can be very helpful. For example, you check something on the left of the cockpit, then the right, then back to the middle if you can safely check left side, middle, right side? And why would you want to look at the left brakes, then the right brakes, then the left aileron, then the right? I'm exaggerating, and I'm sure you get the point. Remove any unnecessary items that only serve to clutter things up. If there is a task to "turn autopilot on" and the aircraft has no autopilot, what use is that? Also, don't forget keep them updated when changes are made to the aircraft. If an autopilot is installed, you'll need that task to be put in at just the right place.

One last recommendation: keep your emergency checklist where you can grab it at a moment's notice. I've never had to use mine, but I know where it is just in case.

Have a SAFE flight!

Claudia Ferguson
San Fernando Valley 99s, Safety Chairman
Aviation Safety Counselor

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MEETINGS:

- Feb 19, 2015 (Thurs) 6:30pm BOD Meeting, Airtel Hotel Restaurant
- Feb 21-22, 2015 Date Festival – Indio, CA
- March 2, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- March 14, 2015 (Sat) - Girls Scout Day
- March 20, 2015 (Fri) - Aviation Career Day - VNY
- March 27, 2015 (Fri) - BCCHS Career Fair - Lake Balboa, CA
- April 6, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- April 29 - May 3, 2015 SWS Meeting - Temecula, CA
- May 4, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- June 1, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room
- June 13, 2015 (Sat) SFV 99s Awards Banquet - Airtel Hotel



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