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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."

Originally established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. are now represented in every area of aviation today.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

From the Chairman...

June 2015 Newsletter

Greetings to All!!

Wanted to express my deepest gratitude to Michele Albiez and her committee for putting on one of the most beautiful and enjoyable Awards Banquet at the Smokehouse Restaurant! It was a huge job well done!!! Bravo, ladies!!

Since our banquet was held on June 6th, it made me reflect on the fact that it had been 71 years since D-Day. We remember all the women that helped that invasion succeed. We honor all the WASPS, WACS, WAVES, Rosie the Riveters, all the courageous women who ferried aircraft cross country and abroad, and women pilots who flew dogfight training missions to hone the skills of our fighter pilots.

We are here today because of the inroads paved by these women.

I'm grateful for all the women that started our organization 86 years ago. I'm honored to serve in our Chapter with long standing members who have dedicated their time, supporting and enriching our organization.

I'm so hopeful of all our new members (I affectionately call our "Young'uns"), who will help carry on our tradition of dedication, fun and humbleness!

I'd like to thank this year's Board of Directors: Jeanne Fenimore, Charlotte Kaber, Jacki Harris, Melinda Lyon and Nina Yates for all their hard work.

No one could have been luckier than me with this Board!!!

I'm looking forward to the new upcoming year of great fun and flying!!!

I welcome the Board back with the addition of Alisa Liley and get to watch Jeanne enjoy a long awaited vacation from all the hard work she's done for the Chapter!! No heckling from the gallery!!!!

Enjoy our break (July) and get ready to start the new year with our first event, the Summer Potluck on August 1st!!! There will be new games and we'll bring back Flip, Flop, Fling!!!!

If you get a chance, follow our team in the Air Race Classic www.airraceclassic.org or www.teamflyingtiggesses.com –Racer #24! We hope to make y'all proud!!

Cheers,

Anne Marie
SFV99s Chapter Chair

"Meet A Chapter Sister"



Name: Jeanne Fenimore

Home town: I was born in Chicago, Il but my parents moved us to California when I was 5. Lived most of my life in North Hollywood

Airport I fly out of: I currently fly out of Whiteman, but have been based at Van Nuys and Burbank

Favorite aircraft: my Cessna 182

When and where did you get your license? I earned my Private in 1971 at Burbank Airport

Where did you fly for your cross country: my Cross Country was BUR-Bakersfield-Santa Barbara-Burbank

Do you own an airplane, if so, what type?: Cessna 182 or I call her "The Old Girl"

Where is your favorite fly-in spot?: I like Chino, Santa Barbara and Long Beach is always an adventure. (I usually get lost there)

Hobbies: Flying or anything outdoors. Anything with my Grandkids

What skill do you have or factoid about you would surprise most people?: I hate bumps

What will you be doing in five years?: Hopefully, still be flying

ATTA GIRLS & BOYS!

Paula Sandling for scanning all our chapter documents

Alisa Liley creating and putting together the calendar

From the SFV99s
Thank you for Your Support!



- 06 / 1978 Melinda Lyon
- 06 / 1997 Ruth Logan
- 06 / 2014 Alisa Liley
- 07 / 2014 Elena Murchikova



June Food For Thought Statement:

“Confidence, like art, never comes from having all the answers;
it comes from being open to all the questions.”

Earl Gray Stevens

June Chapter Meeting - Photos are courtesy of Lilian Holt



Ruth Logan article of SFV 99s



Alisa Liley won 50/50, Starbucks Gift Card for creating app for calendar. Kathy Smither, Ruth Logan, and Nancy Hammill (all 4) won photo books at drawing

Anne Marie Radel, Lilian Holt, Melinda Lyon, Ceci Stratford, Paula Sandling, Jeanne Fenimore and Geny Haase



Hello all members and FWPs,

1) I have recently taken over Membership Chair. I am beginning my second year with the 99s, but I have not yet met many of you. Although I have a list of names, I would love to be able to know who you are when I see you at a meeting and/or event. If you could at your earliest convenience, I would appreciate it if you could send me an (email) response with a photo of yourself with your name. This will help me be a better Member Chair! Your pictures will remain with me only and will not be used for any other purpose.

2) reminder to send me ANY and ALL milestones, accomplishments, awards/scholarships via email so that I can have it published by the Intl 99s email list

3) I will be sending out a survey monkey one to Members and one to FWPs. It is for purpose of finding out how to better serve you and your interests in being involved as a member. Please help me out and take the survey. The information received will not be given out and used only for purpose of assessing desires of our members and FWPs.

Thanks so much,
Cooper

NIFA

NIFA - National Intercollegiate Flying Association, Region 2, will hold its annual Competition at Brackett Field in Pomona from Nov 3 - 7, 2015. Virginia Harmer needs volunteer judges to assist in all aspects of judging. This includes proctoring written tests as well as judging flying competitions. Typically 5-7 schools participate in navigation competitions, landing competitions, safety tests, airplane pre-flight, etc. It is a high-energy event with students who are very serious about prepping for flying careers. Please contact Virginia if you would like to assist. Ninety-Nines provide the foundation for judging this competition, so your participation is both needed and appreciated.

Virginia can be reached at dvharmer@gmail.com

Maureen Kenney

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Director

FAAST Team Representative, SoCal area

Endowment Fund - Who Knew?

The Ninety-Nines Inc. endowment fund has passed the 1 million mark and is continuing to grow as the investments increase in value. This is excellent. It means that some operating costs and emergency funding can be funded through the proceeds from the Endowment Fund.

But there is another piece of the puzzle. When the organization applies for grants to fund special projects, the grant agencies look at how much money is in the Endowment Fund and they look at how many members have donated to the fund. Not how many chapters or sections, but how many individual 99s have donated ANY amount to the organization. At this point, fewer than 20% of the membership has donated to the fund and has her name on the list of donors. Please consider donating if you have not already done so. \$10 will go a long way to improve our position in the eyes of grant organizations. And if you donate \$500 or more, you will be listed on the perpetual plaque at Headquarters.

Go to: <https://www.ninety-nines.org//index.cfm/donation.htm?>

and select Endowment Fund. Donate whatever amount you can. It would be great to see a big increase in the number of members who have donated to the Endowment Fund.

“Confession of an Aviatix”

For August meeting, the question is:

“What do you think is the biggest misconception about flying?”



Rookie Pilots of the Year
Dea "Cooper" Payette & Lisa
A. Fusano

Schubert Service Award
Nora Feddal

49½ of the Year
John Lyon

Friend of the Ninety-Nines
John Clausen



Aviation Career Scholarship
Anastasia Vetrova

Aviation Career Scholarship
Connor McClintock

The Kimberly Johnson Memorial
Award
Faraz Amirfarzaneh

Trixie Anne Schubert



Paula Sandling, Nora Feddal and Jeanne Fenimore

Trixie was a news writer for TV and Radio and she loved to travel the world. She was also a former foreign news correspondent on three Continents. She wrote several books.

She learned to fly in 1944 and was a Charter member of our Chapter when our Chapter was formed in 1952.

She served as our 4th Chapter Chairmen in 1955-1956, and was one of the most active members of the Chapter. Trixie flew in two PPD's in 1958, 1964. She also flew in the famous flight of 12 Cessna 150s that our members flew from Wichita to Van Nuys. The flight was featured in the April 1964 edition of Flying Magazine.

She was a wife and loving Mother of three kids.

Trixie lost her life in 1965 while flying with Joan Merriam Smith, who was the first woman to successfully fly around the world. They were

lost near Wrightwood in a Cessna 180. Trixie was in the process of writing a book about Joan.

There is still a Scholarship in her and her husband's name at Cal State LA for a Reading Specialist credit for Elementary Teachers.

After her death our Chapter felt the best way to honor her was with a Service Award in her name.

Paula Sandling and Jeanne Fenimore

San Fernando Valley Career Scholarship Awards

The San Fernando Valley Chapter Scholarship program was created over 30 years ago, our goal was to assist Women and Men in obtaining help with whatever Career in Aviation they wished to pursue.

We started with a \$500.00 Scholarship and over the years it was increased to \$1000.00 and now a \$3,000.00 Scholarship. We have always given one Scholarship, but over the years have given additional Scholarships. Sometimes to honor someone and sometimes in the name of the Van Nuys Airport. This year and for the next few years we are able to give an additional Scholarship in the Name of Kim Johnson.

We received 10 applications this year and like most years we wish we could give them all Scholarships.

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for their help this year. They are Ruth Logan, Mary Glassman, Golda Neuman, Paula Sandling, Kathy Smither, Sylvia Sanderson and Jeanne Fenimore

Connor McClintock - 99s Career Scholarship

Conner graduated in 2014 from Bakersfield College and is currently a student at Mt San Antonio College and his major is Commercial Flight. He is working on his Instrument rating.

He is working as a Line Service Tech at Signature Flight Support at VNY and formerly worked as an Aerial Observer for KCSI Aerial Patrol, a Pipeline patrol company.

He hopes to someday be an Airline Pilot, but is using his Scholarship to earn a degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University satellite campus at Mt SAC.

Anastasia Vetrova - 99s Career Scholarship

Anastasia is a Valley Girl, she attended Granada Hills High School has graduated from Cal State LA in 2011 with a degree in Child Development.

She is currently working at Burlo Gymnastics as a Children's Coach.

Anastasia is a Private Pilot, with an Instrument rating and is working on her Tailwheel endorsement and her Commercial Certificate.

Her goal is to become a Flight Instructor and someday to fly for National Geographic filming around the world.



Faraz Amirfarzaneh - Kimberly Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Faraz is a student at NVOC working on his A & P His goal is to gain experience to earn his AI. He would like to eventually have his own Repair Station. And some day offer Scholarships to other Aviation Students.

Faraz is an active member of the Boys and Girls Clubs.

He is using his Scholarship for Registration and for Tools.





Here are photos of our Young Eagles Flights with special needs kids from February 28 through May 23. Kids with Cerebral Palsey, Down Syndrome, Autism, Hearing Impairment and Developmental Challenges have been able to fly for the first time!

My plane is available to fly these special kids along with the EAA Young Eagle Flights on the fourth Saturday of the month at Whiteman Airport.

The smile on these kids faces during their first flight brings an inexpressible and overwhelming joy to my heart!

If anyone knows of special needs kids who would like to fly, please let their parents know to contact me at 818 640-9850.

Lisa Fusano

SFV 99s SUMMER POTLUCK

Please join us for the SFV 99s SUMMER POTLUCK. All members, 49 1/2s, family, and friends are ALL invited. Attached is a flyer if you would like to forward the invitation to family and friends and anyone who may be interested in joining the chapter.

WHEN: August 1, 2015

TIME: 4:30pm

WHERE: Ceci Stratford's Hangar at Whiteman Airport

Blue Hangar HH-12 across from Able Air

If you are a MEMBER, please click <http://ajcannonball.bringit.bz/public/7f886b> to sign up for potluck dishes and tasks. Signing up is your RSVP confirmation.

When you arrive, please park in the parking lot and there will be someone at the gate to let you in. If anyone has a golf cart to use as a shuttle, it would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise you will need to walk to the hangar.

If you have any questions, please contact me at juniorjae@yahoo.com

Dea "Cooper" Payette



Thank you Michele Albiez, Charlotte Kaber, Lilian Holt and Peter Albiez for making the luncheon a fantastic event!

All the pictures are courtesy of our own **Lilian Holt**, who also generously offered us a beautiful glass nail filer.

To see more pictures from the banquet, please click on the picture.

Nora





Now we come to that part of the program where we install our new board. In keeping with our humble demeanor, we really did have an election this year, although no one seems to have noticed. I know I didn't. And although I know that our humble new board would modestly prefer that we just ignore the whole thing, I feel compelled to at least introduce them to the membership, but in a very small voice.

In keeping with our humble spiel
 Our very first office is no big deal.
 To shepherd the funds and handle with care,
 Isn't really too hard since our treasury's bare.
 But good intentions and ambitions grow
 When a seat opens up 'cause Jeanne said "no!"
 So with humble mien which I won't belabor,
 Please welcome our treasurer, Charlotte Kaber.



The next officer to install is an enigma,
 Though the office itself holds no stigma.
 A new member is she, eager to serve,
 With much appreciated energy and verve.
 My complaint is this, though not to seem meaner,
 No one has ever actually seen her.
 We hear a voice from the back of the hall;
 But we turn and there's nobody there at all!
 At the meetings she jumps up and speaks in a whirl.
 Then she's gone, and you think, "who was that girl?"
 But today the stellar alignments will mesh
 And we get to see our friend in the flesh.
 So may I present, and don't think me silly,
 Our recording secretary, Alisa Liley.

The next office which will be celebrated
 Is one which surely should be elevated.
 Laboring in obscurity,
 This job is as humble as it can be.
 With quill and parchment, by candlelight,
 Our officer strives to compose and write.
 Against all odds she struggles through,
 To write the letters for me and you
 To deal with complaints, congrats and attaboys,
 Sympathies, sickness...and all that noise!
 So let's give a cheer to stop her cryin'.
 Our corresponding secretary, Melinda Lyon.



If you detect a charge in the air,
 Our next officer would surely share
 Her excitement and joy at fulfilling her post,
 Which just serves to prove that "she's the most!"
 With enthusiasm beyond the pale,
 She performs her duties, each without fail.
 Her excitement to accept this office is clear.
 She's so fired up, she's not even here!
 But I'll still announce, if the rhyming gods spare us,
 Our chairman of vice, Jacqueline Harris.



"last but not least" this office to install.
 Though some will say it's no challenge at all.
 I guess it's a matter of attitude.
 If it is, she's got the best one, dude.
 From racing her tiger to the b17,
 To shipping corpses head-first, if you know what I mean,
 She learns all she can, no experience is fleeting.
 It's a wonder she ever has time for a meeting.
 Our officer brought changes and fun in her wake,
 And new ideas to give and take.
 Now she's told the chapter, "I'll try it again."
 And the chapter said, " alrighty, then,
 You've got another shot at the chair.
 Can't wait to see your brand new fare."
 And though she weaves her magic free,
 This person is no mystery.
 When I tell you her name, it'll ring a bell.
 Our once and future chairman, Anne Marie Radel.



Michele Albiez
Chief of Ceremonies



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Avoiding A Mid-Air Collision (Another Form Of Noise Abatement!)

An article about a mid-air between a Cessna and a Piper reminded me how important it is to keep alert for other aircraft that might be in my airspace. Since most of us don't have the luxury of TCAS or ADS-B, and since VFR Flight Advisories – even if you ask for them – are the LAST thing on the controller's priority list, we all need to keep our eyes busy looking outside the cockpit as much as possible. Southern California airspace is as busy as any on earth, as we all know.



Some years ago in the FAA Aviation News, there was a great "collision avoidance" checklist that I'd like to share again with you, along with some personal thoughts on the items it contains.

CHECK YOURSELF

Check your mental and physical condition, especially your eyesight

Eyesight and eye glasses are important. When was the last time you had your glasses "updated". If you're squinting, maybe it's time to have your eyes checked. Also, I've written about cockpit stress before and how it can give you "tunnel vision". If you're stressed out, the cockpit probably isn't the right place for you. Remember the FAA's old acronym "I'M SAFE"? It's basically a personal checklist for things that could interfere with your ability to fly safely: Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Emotion.

PLAN AHEAD

Have all charts folded in proper sequence, and a list of the frequencies you'll need - avoid searching for information while flying (and scanning for traffic) and keep the cockpit free of clutter ("sterile cockpit")

Do you take the time to get your charts and maps in order before you take off? Do you make a list of all the frequencies you'll need so they'll all be in one place? Even if ATC changes your planned route in mid-course, it's a really good idea to have your charts and radio frequencies in good order so you don't have your head down while you need to be looking for traffic.

CLEAN WINDOWS

It may be difficult to differentiate between the aircraft on a collision course 2 miles away and dirt on the window -- both look stationary, especially at night (reflections)

Yeah, it's a pain to have to clean windows, but I don't know anybody who'd disagree with this one. Chances are you won't mistake a smashed bug for another plane, but stuff on your windshield is just going to distract you from finding traffic. Even if you keep your windshield covered when you're not flying, it still manages to collect bugs and dirt.

FOLLOW STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Use correct hemispheric rule altitudes in cruise flight

Know unfamiliar airport procedures; observe segmented circle at least 1000' above the traffic pattern for an UNCONTROLLED airport

Be where you are supposed to be ; in most midair's, at least 1 pilot involved was NOT where s/he was expected to be

Enter traffic patterns DOWNWIND on a 45° at MIDFIELD if not directed otherwise



Being where you're expected to be in a traffic pattern environment will greatly increase the chances of others seeing and avoiding you. Before you go zooming into an uncontrolled field, look at an Airport Facilities Directory or one of the flight guides that publishes the information about how the traffic works at the airport (s) you're planning to visit. If there are changes from the standard, you'll save yourself from mistakes. Note: often times, exceptions are for noise abatement, which is important to think about in these days when homeowner associations are doing their utmost best to shut down our GA airports.

AVOID CROWDS

Avoid flying directly over VORs, near instrument approach courses, at IFR altitudes, at busy airports during peak periods or in any situation that concentrates traffic (whenever possible/practicable)

Well, this one is probably a "DUH!!" When flying in areas you know are congested, have everyone in the aircraft looking for other aircraft. That said, it's amazing that the times when I tend to have lapses in my vigilance seem to be those when I'm out in the "middle of nowhere" and all of a sudden, there's another airplane. Ack!

COMPENSATE FOR DESIGN

Know your aircraft's blind spots when in a TURN or in CLIMBS/DESCENTS



How many times have you read mishap reports about the low wing airplane landing nearly on top of the high wing aircraft? If there's a wing in your way when you're looking for traffic, be aware of that, and alter your attitude briefly so you can make sure there's nobody coming up on the other side of that wing.

EQUIP FOR SAFETY

Use ALL lights during the day where traffic density is high

Use transponders with MODE-C on (mandatory within 30 nmi of LAX)

Even though strobes and landing lights are much less visible in the day time, they might catch the eye of someone and help them to avoid you. The transponders make it easier for ATC to steer people away from you – especially when they know your altitude.

TALK AND LISTEN

Use your radios -- Approach Control, Tower, CTAF -- announce your POSITION (be accurate!), ALTITUDE AND INTENTIONS

Listen to the local traffic situation BEFORE you become a part of it (situational awareness)

Actually, IMHO, this ought to be Listen first, then Talk. (Note: I've written articles about both of these before because they're so very important!)

Just one more thought: most of the time, the pilot you're going to have to watch out for is the one who's never read this checklist.

Fly Safely!

Claudia Ferguson

Safety Chairman, San Fernando Valley 99s

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MEETINGS:

June 22-25 Air Race Classic

July 2015 – no meeting

Aug 1, 2015 (Sat) Summer Potluck – Ceci's Hangar

Aug 3, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room

Aug 31, 2015 (For Sept Meeting) (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room

Oct 5, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room

Nov 2, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room

Nov 22, 2015 (Sun) 9am, Doo Dah Parade, Pasadena, CA

Dec 5, 2015 (Sat) 9:30am, "Cookies To The Tower" – Airtel Hotel

Dec 7, 2015 (Mon) 7pm, Chapter Business Meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room



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