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## Progressive Dinner/Hangar Party September 18 at SZP

Judy McCarthy

For the last several years the VC99s have held a Progressive Hangar Dinner. VC99s, 49.5s, friends and members of sister chapters come out for a fun time and good food.

Organizer Judy Phelps, did a great job getting VC99s to open their hangars (show off) to everyone. The Progression started at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula hosted by our newest Private Pilot Stephanie Robinson with drinks and appetizers, a silent auction and catching up with old friends and making new ones.



Next we moved on to Luci Galgano & Darrell Shy's hangar for an assortment of great salads and more socializing. I heard many people say "What a Beautiful Hangar" and "It's so clean!"

Judy Phelps kept us all hydrated with drinks and water in the back of her car driving from hangar to hangar sitting up a table of assorted drinks at each one.

Walking just a few steps to the main course (pulled chicken sliders) in Marikay Lindstrom and Judy McCarthy's hangar, where Judy was showing off her and Luci's new (to them) Citabria "Lucky" and of course more airplane talk ensued.

Jessica Bauman treated us to some amazing desserts in her hangar, right across the way. Everyone got to check out her new Pitts as well as Nick's 140 and Cub. They have lots of cool aviation related stuff in that hangar, including a replica of a Reno Air Race Pylon, a runway light and taxiway identifier which lit the way to the hangar.

Fun Times! We hope to have another one at KCMA in April.

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**NEXT  
MEETING  
OCT 16**



Judy McCarthy  
Chapter Chairman

# Skywriting

Yay! It's that time of year again. Yep, Fall South West Section Meeting time.

I'm off to Claremont, CA October 5 & 6 to see old friends, make new ones and learn about Scholarships, how to get new members/retain them and how to be a better Chapter Chair from other 99s.

A little information some of our members may not know: The International Organization of Women Pilots Inc. has 26 Sections all over the world and 155 Chapters. VC99s is part of the South West Section which includes 5 States. California, Hawaii, Nevada,

Arizona and Utah. There are 43 Chapters in the SWS, California having the most chapters with 32.

Going to these Section meetings you get ideas from all over the Section, we learn how other Chapters do things, it's a great time for sharing.

Yes, it is a commitment, yes it does cost money and yes, it is so worth it. These women are committed to the 99s, we want to give back and make this organization the best it can be. And it's FUN!

Some food for thought, Our Chapter is due to host a South West Section Meeting in 2023, Ventura County Chapter will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Planning will begin next year so think about what you can do to give back by getting involved in the planning and what it takes to host one.

I might even Sky dive in a wind chamber as one of the fun activities offered by the San Gabriel Valley 99s hosting this Section Meeting.



## MORE PHOTOS Progressive Dinner/Hangar Party



# Flying from an Aircraft Carrier on Lake Tahoe!

Peggy Watson-Meinke

**Believe it or not, there is a barge on Lake Tahoe registered with the Coast Guard as an aircraft carrier, but not for airplanes.....for hot air balloons!**

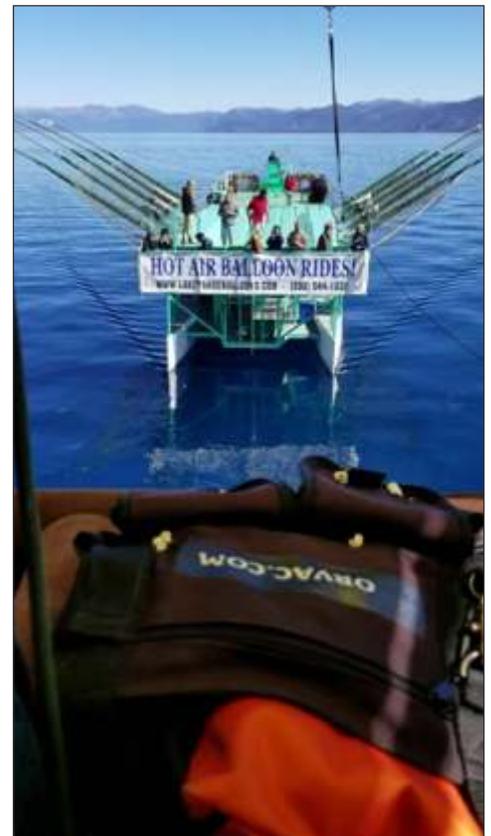
After 4 great flying days at the Great Reno Balloon Race Sept 6th thru 9th, my friend Kathy and I stayed in Gardnerville to meet up with a long-time pilot friend who used to fly for Las Vegas Balloon Rides. Balloon pilot Sheldon Grauberger now flies for Lake Tahoe Balloon Rides. Very early Monday morning (at 3:30am) we drove to South Lake Tahoe, met up with other passengers, then boarded a double decker barge. I have tried to do this flight with Sheldon three different times, but kept getting weathered out. This time the day dawned bright and beautiful, and 35 degrees! After the boat got out a distance



into the middle of the lake, the huge arms were folded out on the top deck. The balloon is very big and much wider than the barge, so these arms kept the balloon from rolling off the sides. Most of you have been around my balloon, in size being 90,000 cu ft, and holding two or three adult passengers and me. This balloon was 260,000 cu ft and the basket held 12 passengers! It actually could hold 16 passengers, but because they deal with density altitude, they only take up 12. There were two flights of 12 passengers and we were on the second flight off the barge. So, yes, the balloon comes back to the lake and lands back on the barge, switched out passengers including Kathy and I, and we were off! We flew low over the lake going south then got over land flying towards Falling Leaf Lake which is about 200 ft higher than Lake Tahoe. By low I mean tree top level. We were able to yell out to people on the ground. Then Sheldon took the balloon up high to about 10,000 ft MSL which took us back over the

middle of the lake. We descended all the way back down to the lake and did a perfect Splash-n-Dash, just barely touching the surface of the lake. Then Sheldon hovered at about 50 ft and the barge came to us. Sheldon gives the boat captain his direction and speed and the captain lines up the boat with his flight. Like Sheldon says, the boat captain is the real hero in this landing as he maneuvers the barge to us. All Sheldon has to do is come down and land. Nothing like just sitting there waiting for your landing spot to come to you!! The balloon was then deflated and we boated back to the marina. It was an absolutely beautiful experience. The beauty of the lake and the mountains just cannot be matched. I have lots of pictures which cannot be in-

cluded here, but if you want to see more just let me know. If you are ever in the Lake Tahoe area, give them a call (530-544-1221). It is the ONLY balloon ride business in the world from an aircraft carrier! And, it is definitely a "bucket list" item everyone should experience. 



# There's Always Someone to Congratulate in the VC99s

**Stephanie Robinson** passed her Private Pilot Check-ride on Friday, September 24th flying out of CP Aviation at Santa Paula Airport (SZP).



Congratulations to Luz Schaible who completed her Long Solo Cross Country on August 4.



## Aviation Career Day Coming Up

Alison Barker

Our 5th annual Aviation Career Day is Friday, October 26th at Camarillo Airport. All Middle and High School students in Ventura County are invited to attend this free event. Please pass along the flyer (page 5) to any students you know.

We still have a few spots left for aviation professionals and companies who would like to participate by sharing their love of aviation/aerospace/STEM with the next generation. Exhibitors can have a table, booth, exhibit or display. There is no charge to be an exhibitor and lunch is provided.

We always need volunteers to help out at this fun event. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Alison Barker at [vc99soutreach@gmail.com](mailto:vc99soutreach@gmail.com)



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Friday, October 26, 2018 • Doors Open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (Optional Tours 12:30 - 1:00)

Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Hangar, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo Airport

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Get up close to aircraft and equipment, and learn what it takes to get started.

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- Contest rules on reverse or visit [www.facebook.com/vcaviationcareerday](http://www.facebook.com/vcaviationcareerday). Be sure to check out videos of last year's winners.

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# Jennifer Engel is Having a Baby!

Judy Phelps

On Friday September 7th we had a Baby Shower for Jennifer Engel at the Flight 126 Cafe at Santa Paula Airport and of course we had an aviation theme. Several VC99s worked together and the result was fabulous. Mignon was in charge of decorations, Janeen brought the cake, Judy McCarthy sent out the invitation and Judy Phelps coordinated with the restaurant. Cathy Eckert who works at CP Aviation made one of her



famous Diaper Airplane cakes and it was the center piece along with the beautiful flowers Mignon brought. We didn't play the traditional Baby Shower games. Instead we played a few games that had an aviation theme. We started with Pin the Propeller on the Airplane, led by Mignon. Then we built and flew balsa

wood flyers, led by my Rochelle. We had aviation related prizes provided by CP Aviation and Judy Phelps.

After dinner we watched Jennifer open many gifts and ate Nothing Bundt Cake. Jennifer told us that she needed clothes and didn't have many books. As you can imagine we took care of that and of course we didn't forget the diapers. Marion got creative with her gift and built a space shuttle which was filled with many baby necessities. Jennifer went home with a car full of baby stuff and is now well equipped for the baby's arrival.

A little different from what we normally do but really so much fun! 



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# Pancakes Anyone?

Carolyn Brown

Well, we survived another Pancake Breakfast. Starting out around 6:00 am both days, OK, Carol started at 4:45, we sold 902 plates, 1993 pancakes, and 1447 sausages. That was using 80 pounds of sausage and 220 pounds of pancake flour. Not to mention all of the syrup to cover the pancakes and the OJ and coffee to wash it down.

Thanks to so many who made all of the pancakes happen. Jack Vautin, who sewed our burkah while hanging perilously from a ladder. Our Fab Front Ladies, Lori Parker, Sheila Collier, and Susan Steeb. Bill Barkley and his Better Batter Boys, Kevin Grizard, Jeff Gery, and Trevor Langley. Sharon Vincent, who is able to distinctly call out the orders and her son Joshua, who along with Pat McCollum made the fabulous flapjacks both days. And, they were truly picturesque. Mary Troup who kept the OJ and milk glasses filled. And, our wonderful platers, Ailene Johnson, Judy McCarthy, Robin Sullivan, Mignon Gery, Tobey Tabor, Paula Heinz, Diane Grizard, Victoria Garcia, and Wendy Lascher who burned their fingers putting the plates together in a timely manner. No one had to wait for their pancakes. That is how smoothly our group was working. Carol and I were able to sit around twiddling our thumbs – NOT!

I especially want to call out Leni Malherbe, who helped with shopping, planning, hauling, and working the breakfast while working full time. Another shout out to Carol Vautin, who for years has helped me with all of the set up and gets up REALLY early to get to the airport before 5:00 am to ensure we have coffee ready shortly after 6:00 am. These ladies make it happen! A VERY special Thank You to Greg, my 49½, who helps me move everything, washes out the hangar, requests and collects the coffee donations, cooks, puts the burkah up and takes it down, and moves everything back to its place. Leni, Aileen, Tobey, and Diane for helping with the tear down and moving of the storage tubs to our hangar with the help of Lori and her golf cart. I apologize if I missed mentioning anyone else who helped. After two crazy busy days, if it isn't written down, I can't remember it.

Another successful breakfast!



# M E E T A M E M B E R

## Luz Schaible

I was 15 and dreamed of flying for the Navy. I enrolled in my high school's NJROTC program for 4 years. In the late 1980s women constituted only about 1.5% of Navy pilots my teacher, Commander Hill, supported and understood my dream of being a pilot. That dream came to an end during my senior year, my vision had



started to decline and my teacher had to deliver the hard news that I would not be able to apply for flight school. I decided not to enlist in the Navy after high school and pursued a different career path.

Fast forward to the present, after a cancer scare I asked myself, "what have I not done in my life that I always wanted to do?" the answer was instant...learn to fly! My vision was no longer a problem, I had Lasik surgery in 2009, so there was nothing stopping me now. I begin my flight training in Camarillo but ran into a few speed bumps. Starting to feel disheartened by my

learning experience, I joined the VC99s in July 2016. I was impressed by the amazing women in the chapter and knew right away I would get the support I needed to continue my pursuit of flying.



just flight training it has been more of flight training boot camp and I love it! I am training in a C172.

My goal is to obtain my private pilot's license this year. When I become a private pilot, I have an interest in joining the VC99s' board in some capacity and feel my project management skills will be put to good use. I also look forward in giving back as a pilot by volunteering for Pilots N Paws and the Young Eagles program as well as sharing my experience with women and girls because I would like to provide the support and encouragement I have received from the VC99s.



"I decided to fly through the air and live in the sunlight and enjoy life as much as I could."

*Evel Knievel*

## SCHOLARSHIP ALERT

Each year Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships are awarded to qualified members for fully funded advanced flight training, jet type ratings and technical training. Partial funding of \$10,000 per academic year is awarded for academic scholarships. Applications are available now at [ninety-nines.org](http://ninety-nines.org) and are due by 01/01/2019 to the AEMSFS Chapter Committee.

And calling all Student pilots! The Spring 2019 fly Now Award is an award of up to \$6000 based on completion of specific training milestones. It is available to Student Pilot Members of the Ninety-nines who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate, become an official Student Pilot Member by 01/01/2019, log 5 hours total time from 10/18/2018 and show financial need. The Spring 2019 applications are due to the AEMSFS Chapter Committee by 04/01/2019.

Please notify your chapter's AEMSFS Committee Chair Lucia Galgano at [lucigalgano@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lucigalgano@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or if you plan on applying.

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## Future VC99s' Meetings

- Oct 4 **Board Meeting** • 6:00, Dept. of Airports, CMA  
Oct 16 **General Meeting** • 5:30, Dept. of Airports, CMA  
Nov 1 **Board Meeting** • 6:00, Dept. of Airports, CMA  
Nov 20 **General Meeting** • 5:30, Santa Paula Airport, SZP  
Dec 6 **Board Meeting** • 6:00, Dept. of Airports, CMA

## Special Meetings

- Oct 26 **Ventura County Aviation Career Day**  
Dec 2 **VC99s Holiday Awards Dinner**

## Other Aviation Events

- Oct 6-7 **Central Coast Airfest**, Santa Maria, CA  
[www.centralcoastairfest.com](http://www.centralcoastairfest.com)  
Oct 20-21 **Huntington Beach Airshow**, Huntington Beach, CA  
[www.airsupport.com](http://www.airsupport.com)  
Nov 3-4 **SBD Fest**, San Bernardino, CA  
[www.sbiaa.com](http://www.sbiaa.com)

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