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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.

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, it is printed from an electronic file and can be found--in color--at our website. You can register to get an email reminder of The Flyer via email at this site.



VC99s Holiday Awards Dinner

Alison Barker

Saticoy Country Club was the location of our 2016 holiday awards dinner on Sunday December 4th. Alex and his attentive staff provided a delicious sit-down dinner of petite filet, salmon or chicken to the 56 VC99s and 49½s who attended. Saticoy Country Club is located in Somis where the sunset views are breathtaking and their holiday decorations are very festive - it is a very nice venue to host a party.



Marion Nauman began the evening with a lovely and touching invocation. Lori Parker asked all to send in pictures of us on flying adventures and she created an entertaining slideshow for our viewing pleasure. We also awarded 5 scholarships this year, which was very exciting!



One of my favorite events of our winter awards dinner is the 49½ Pledge of Allegiance. This year the pledge was lead by Rodger Parker, who reworked it a bit to make it more modern and applicable. In order to become a 49½ he pledgers promise to pay smilingly and willingly all bills for his 99's flying time, cheerfully accomplish flight planning tasks but only when asked to do so, willingly listen to flying stories, always blame aircraft damage and rough landings on mechanical failure and wind (not flying skills), and to provide assistance in childcare and house-keeping to free up a 99's time so she can spend more time flying. For some reason Rodger assumed we'd have some potential 49½s try to escape after reading the pledge, but happily . . .

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MEETING
JANUARY 17**



VC99s Holiday Awards Dinner

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... no one made a run for it!

A huge thank you to the Winter Awards Dinner Committee; Janeen Gaul, Judy McCarthy and



Peggy Meinke-Watson for planning and executing all the details, and hosting a successful event. If you would like to be on the planning committee next year, we'd love to have your help and welcome your suggestions, please
email: board@vc99s.org



Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

Lori Parker & Lisa Kienholz

We listen to your suggestions. Over the years, we have changed the applications to make them simpler. You said that the milestone concept is great but it would be nice to receive some money upon winning the scholarship. There is now a kick start payment made within a week of winning. You wanted electronic submissions--we now encourage applicants to email their applications. You wanted variety. We work to mix up the opportunities for licensed as well as student pilots.

In spring of 2017, there will be a \$1,000 scholarship available for advanced training called the Endorsement Challenge - whether your goal is a tailwheel, high performance, complex or

seaplane endorsement or possibly an emergency maneuvers training module, this is for you. This scholarship is open to 99s in Ventura, San Fernando or Santa Barbara. The application deadline is May 15th.

There is also another student pilot scholarship with a deadline of March 1, 2017. So if you didn't win, please reapply!

We have some new ideas that we think you are going to appreciate that we will be sharing with you in January. We are always looking to make the scholarship process better and welcome your comments and suggestions, so please join us at the general meeting on January 17th.



VC99s Winter Scholarship Winners

Lori Parker

The Ventura County 99s are once again very pleased to announce the scholarship winners for student pilot, advanced and Get Back in the Air. We were fortunate this year to receive an anonymous \$1,000 scholarship donation coordinated by our honorary 49½ Paul Mosier. Combining this generosity with unused funds from previous scholarship winners, we are thrilled to be able to give 2 student pilot scholarships, 2 advanced scholarships and one Get Back in the Air.

Student Pilot Winners

Mindy Nye is learning to fly Helicopters at Orbic Helicopters flight school in Camarillo. In the past she volunteered at the Children's Hospital in San Diego, she wants to continue her work with children by flying medical missions to save lives. She plans to become an Emergency Medical Service pilot and hopes to fly for the Los Angeles Children's Hospital.

Mayra Montesinos always pictured herself being in the air. At 5, she made her first space ship— she took a plastic coke bottle, cut out a window, added cardboard wings, and inserted a paper figure with her face on it— Her first step towards becoming a pilot and hopefully an astronaut. She applied for the Air Force Reserves, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and now works at Aerojet Rocketdyne. When she decided to learn to fly, she took ground school, bought a partnership in a Piper Cherokee and started flying! This gal makes a plan and executes it! "My desire to fly is much more than a dream, its reality."

Advanced Winners

Linda Ehrlich, is a gal that truly gets things done. She is someone who comes up with a good idea, which most would think too difficult or time consuming, and in seemingly no time, develops a plan, gets volunteers on board and gets it done in record time. The Camarillo Viewport is a perfect example. She worked together with the Dept of Airports, EAA, CAF and of course the 99s to raise the funds to build this viewing and educational park at the Camarillo Airport. Part II of the Viewport has started with more bricks, benches and a permanent cover over a portion of the picnic area. She has also raised the bar for the Camarillo Air Show by putting her project management skills to work. She recently got her Bonanza "instrument ready" in anticipation of starting her IFR training and will be starting soon.

Susan Bell earned her private pilot's license whilst living in Oakland, CA. She now lives and works for NASA in Pasadena. She completed the EMT program with CP Aviation and went on to complete in 5 of the local IAC aerobatic competitions this year, ranking 2nd place overall in the Primary Category of the Southwest Region. She just obtained her IFR, doing so in less than 2 months. She will be using this scholarship for her commercial rating.

Get Back in the Air

Our own **Alison Barker** won the Get Back in the Air Scholarship this year! She is extremely active in the VC99s as the Treasurer, organizer of the High School Aviation Day at Camarillo Airport and the one you will always see volunteering to make any 99s function a success. She intends to finish her tailwheel with the award.

*Congratulations
to all of the
Winter 2016
scholarship
winners!!*



NOAA Tour

Mary Troup

Two groups of VC99s along with their companions toured the NOAA weather station in Oxnard. One group attended November 2nd and the other group attended November 5th. Incidentally, this station is responsible for the following areas: PRB, SBA, VTU, and LAX counties.

The tour is broken up into three segments: powerpoint presentation, viewing a work station, and the self-walking tour. The tour takes about one hour.

We viewed several videos about storm chasing which was our guide, David Sweet's, first assignment. It was worrisome how he ventured into this treacherous weather. Like First Re-

sponders, weather personnel face dangerous situations as we watch them heading into developing storms, whereas, we are taught to reverse direction, escape or be aware of our situation and pay attention to the forecasts. (After seeing David's circumstances, no way would any of us dare to do it even in a car.) Here again, having on-board aircraft satellite imaging and weather reports by electronic devices certainly will help.

Do you know the categories of hurricane and tornados according to wind speeds?

Category: 0 is 0 to 73 mph

1 is 74 to 95 mph

2 is 96 to 119 mph

3 is 111 to 129 mph (hurricane force)

4 is 130 to 156 mph (hurricane force)

5 is 157 to higher (hurricane force)

Another point that he reminded us to do is to give PIREPS. When you give your PIREPS to ATC, they submit them to NOAA. (The agencies do talk to each other.) If you don't remember what PIREPs are, check the AIM. PIREPs are helpful whether you think they might be significant or not; (1) weather analysis can compare their reports and determine if they need to amend their reports, and (2) other pilots can determine whether your



information is pertinent to them when you provide your make, model of aircraft and altitude.

For the work station portion of the tour, David took us to his work station. That day he was in charge of the Aviation and Marine forecast and monitoring. His concern that day was the coastal fog hanging around LAX airport and coast line.

Our last stop was the self-walking tour which includes five divisions; aviation, climate, marine, fire, and hydrology. This walking tour has historical value since a lot of the equipment is no longer in use nor seen in other places due to modernization. I noticed the very large, unusually shaped water collector from Santa Barbara. Certainly, this piece of equipment was not your typical garden variety small glass tube rain gage.

NOTE: Saturdays are the best day to see the station because parking is not a problem. ✈️

Ventura County Ninety-Nines 17th Annual Pilot Proficiency Classes • 2017



The Ventura County Ninety-Nines return for the 17th annual season of Pilot Proficiency Classes with the superb new classes and instructors that you asked for! The classes are open to all pilots, student pilots and instructors. Register at www.vc99sclasses.com where you'll find detailed information about the classes and instructors.

2/8	Wed 7-9pm	Using Unusual Airports and Making Unusual Approaches with Barry & Brian Schiff	\$35
2/11	Sat 9:30- 11:00am	Movie Screening: An am screening of Heroes on Deck , a special film for audiences who love aviation, history and stories of heroism	\$10
2/11	Sat 1-2:30pm	Movie Screening: A 2nd screening of Heroes on Deck	\$10
2/15	Wed 7-9pm	Around the World: Lessons in Risk Management for Every Pilot with Adrian Eichhorn	\$35
2/22	Wed -7-9:30pm	ForeFlight for Beginners, an Introduction to the Basics with Michael Phillips	\$35
2/25	Sat-9:30am-11:30am	Flying In and Around Los Angeles and San Diego Class Bravo Airspace with Gene Hudson	\$35
2/25	Sat-1:30-3:30pm	Anticipating and Coping with the Dreaded Vacuum Failure with Gene Hudson	\$35
3/1	Wed 7-9:30pm	Stalls, Spins and Unusual Attitudes: Keeping the Sunny Side Up with Judy Phelps & Rochelle Oslick	\$35
3/4	Sat 9:30-11:30am	Weather: Beyond the Standard Briefing with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
3/4	Sat 1:30-3:30pm	True Confessions: The Mistakes I've Made with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
3/8	Wed 7-9:30pm	The Art of Flying IFR: Situational Awareness with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
3/11	Sat 9:30-11:30am	Preparing for the Private Pilot Oral Exam & Check Ride with DPE Ken Wittekiend & CFII M. Phillips	\$35
3/11	Sat 1:30-3:30pm	Preparing for the IFR Oral Exam & Check Ride with DPE Ken Wittekiend & CFII Michael Phillips	\$35
3/15	Wed 7:00-9:30pm	Understanding VFR Charts & Aerospace with Judy Phelps	\$35
3/18	Sat 9:30am-4:00pm	Annual Pilot Refresher with Michael Phillips	\$70
3/22	Wed 7:00-9:00pm	Seven Deadly Sins with Mike Jesch & Gary Schank	\$35
3/25	Sat 9:30am-4:00pm	IFR Refresher Clinic with Judy Phelps	\$70
4/1	Sat 9:30am-3pm	Foreflight 201 – VFR with Brian Schiff	\$70
4/5	Wed 7-9:30pm	Effective Pilot/ATC Communications with Controller William Broadwell	\$35
4/8	Sat 9:30am-3pm	Foreflight 301 – IFR with Brian Schiff	\$70
4/19	Wed 7:00-9:00pm	Airline Techniques for GA Pilots Part II with Mike Jesch, John Ringel, Gary Schank, Brian Schiff & Moderator Michael Phillips	\$35
4/22	Sat 9:30 -11:30am	The Possible Turn: Surviving Low-Level Engine Malfunction with Master CFI Aerobatic Michael Church	\$35
4/22	Sat 1:30 pm-3:30pm	Staying Alive: 5 Subjects to Keep You Flying For Another Day with Michael Church	\$35

Please register early and no later than 24 hours in advance, for all the classes to make sure you get a seat and any course materials. There is a fee for all classes. There are several discount pricing options and season passes for 99s and immediate family members, active full-time military, CFIs, and those who want to attend multiple classes. Early bird pricing available for those who buy season passes before February 26th. We welcome walk-ins on a space available basis.

All classes meet at
555 Airport Way
in the upstairs meeting room of the
Department of Airports at KCMA.
Ample free parking for your plane or car.

Advance On-Line Registration & Payment Recommended.

Many of our classes require you bring materials to class.

For class details/requirements as well as complete presenter information, please go to www.vc99sclasses.com

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan 5 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
Jan 17 General Meeting – 5:30pm, AMSP Santa Paula

FEBRUARY

- Feb 2 Board Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo
Feb 5 Social Breakfast, 8:30am, Flight 126, SZP
First Sunday at Santa Paula 10:00am
Feb 21 General Meeting – 5:30pm, DOA, Camarillo

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Jan 13-16 Lake Havasu Balloon Festival, Arizona
April 28-29 AOPA Fly-In to Camarillo
July 12-16, 2017 Int'l Conference – San Antonio, TX

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

ARTICLE and PHOTO Submission Address:

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Deadline to receive: 25th of each month

Join us!
**VC99s'
Social
Breakfast**



First Sunday of the Month
Flight 126 Restaurant
at SZP
99s, FWP's, 49½s and
friends always welcome

