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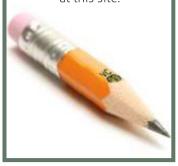
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The Ventura County
Ninety-Nines have a
monthly business meeting
and speaker on the
evening of the third
Tuesday of the month.
Check this publication for
the next meeting, or at our
website for locations.

Pat McCollum

We also meet socially for breakfast at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month at Flight 126 at Santa Paula Airport.

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## STEM Pavilion at the Wings Over Camarillo Airshow

Alison Barker

The Wings Over Camarillo Airshow has always been about warbirds, military aircraft, thrilling airshow performances, and experimental aircraft. In the last few years we have added new features like our classic car show and parade. The newest feature that we've added is a STEM Pavilion. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. There's a big push in school systems to get students ready for STEM Fields, which goes hand in hand with Aviation and Aerospace. The STEM Pavilion at the airshow highlights STEM Programs for students in our area by disguising it as FUN!

Here are some highlights of the fun that was had in the 2017 STEM Pavilion:

- Kids got to fly Drones with help from the experts from Royal High School and VCOE.
- There were 3 local robotics teams showing off their robotics and other projects including a 3 D printer built by a student. FIRST Robotics' robot followed people around asking people to feed it popcorn.
- California Lutheran University featured 6 tables of hands on activities including Morse Code decoding and Slime making. Their retired professor Fred Tonsing gave a presentation on his second cousin Amelia Earhart.

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### **STEM Pavilion**

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He had his book available for purchase and signing along with family photos and artifacts.

- P4EARL had kids building an airport with Legos and also taught kids how to make Lego aircraft with flapping wings.
- KidSTREAM Children's Museum of Camarillo taught kids about aerodynamics, the solar eclipse, and had the cutest backdrop for pictures.
- VCOE had drones for kids to fly in the cage or on a simulator, plus an exhibit of all their aircraft they create in their aviation classroom.
- CSU Channel Islands Environmental Science & Resource Management Team showed us how drones and UAVs are used in environmental research.
- Students form CSUCI's PROMESAS program taught kids how to make a variety of flying objects.
- The USAF had their mini Thunderbird jet for kids to sit in and also had their pull-up and situp bar for contests to win cool swag.
- Kids folded and tossed paper airplanes courtesy of California Aeronautical University.
- The CAF let kids climb inside their Navion to dream of being a pilot and let their parents take pictures.

Circuit of Life Robotics
Team 3925 won a \$1,000
Scholarship from Wells
Fargo, and 2 kids won
Quadcopter drones
courtesy of Wells Fargo.









A big thank you to all of you that came out and gave your time and good energy to this wonderful event. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

The 99s play many parts in the building and participation of the Air Show. Performers like Judy Phelps and Mercedes Eulitt of the West Coast Raven's are 99s. Linda Ehrlich, CWA Secretary and Marketing Director, Alison Barker with the STEM Pavilion, VC99s Silent Auction and Raffle. The 99s Information Booth and don't forget the Pancake Breakfast! And much more behind the scenes. We are a big presence in many ways. I am so proud

to be a 99 and especially part of the VC99s, face it, WE ROCK!!

Let me share with you a little of what my time is like at the air show, it's very different. I am the Pilot Liaison or as I tell people, the Air Bosses go-fer.

I started my day Friday with the Air Boss, putting together welcome packs for the Pilots and their crews, then we waited for the C-17 to arrive at 11:30. No other aircraft can be put in place until she

is on the ground and parked. It's amazing to see that giant in slow flight as she makes a pass then comes in to land. We welcomed the crew and I took them to Air 7 to pick up their rental cars.

Next came the C-130, from Pt. Mugu, how exciting for me to see Ben Vail, (a young man who started his aviation career as a line guy at CP Aviation) crawl out of the left seat. A proud moment to see his success.

The E-2, then the F-18s the Army Cobra and two Marine Cobra's. Once all the big stuff was in place GA Aircraft started appearing.

Saturday, like many of you started early, I was at FedEx/Kinko's at 6:30am picking up Air Show schedules, BUT... no one starts as early as the

Pancake crew! Thank goodness for the Pancake Breakfast! I really needed sustenance! The term that comes to mind is "life saving" --both days! Thank you.

I race around on a golf cart, tracking down pilots and their crew, to welcome and give wrist bands, Pilot briefing, FAA, pick up radio's haul pilots to their planes and go! Next thing you know we are an Air Show.

Go get water, food and snacks for the Air Show tower, go tell the next act to be ready, (see what I mean by go-fer) but I love it. Being on the flight line, up close and personal isn't bad either.

Sunday, is a repeat but seems to go much smoother. It's a good thing we had Saturday as our practice day.

This is my small part in the big picture of our Air Show. We each do a small part (some big parts) and that grows into this wonderful weekend we call Wings over Camarillo.

See you again next year!!





## A Picture's Worth 1000 Words

The VC998 Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & Raffle and Info Booth at Wings Over Camarillo

Photo Essay by Marybeth Martin

















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### AVIATION CAREER DAY



When: Friday, October 20, 2017, 9:30 to 12:30
 What: Aviation Career Day for Ventura County
 High School and Middle School Students
 Where: Commemorative Air Force Museum at
 KCMA, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo, CA
 Why: An event for High School and Middle

Why: An event for High School and Middle School students to learn about various aviation careers available in this growing industry. Students will have the opportunity to speak to aviation and aerospace industry professionals, military professionals, pilots and aviation schools.

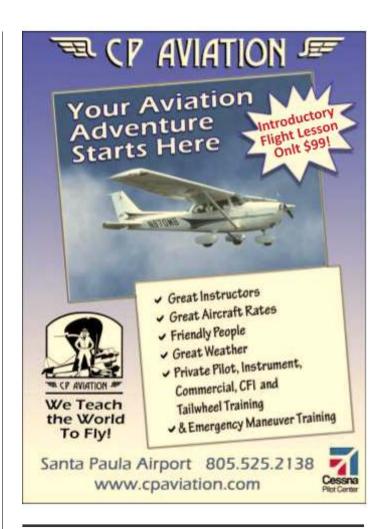
#### **Highlights:**

- Make Garbage Fly Contest with a twist: Students bring their glider made from recycled materials and compete for prizes. Please see the updated rules at www.facebook.com/vcaviationcareerday
- Opportunities to build and fly a variety of other types of aircraft at the event
- Drone Cage with demos of drones, UAVs and RC Aircraft

**Hosts:** Ventura County 99s, Ventura County Career Education Center, California Aeronautical University, Ventura County Department of Airports, Commemorative Air Force SoCal Wing, CP Aviation, Chanel Islands Aviation, and Scofield Catering

RVSP: Students will be able to sign up with their Career & College Counselors and/or STEM Teachers Fall 2017. For more information call 805-312-9299

If you or your company would like to be an exhibitor or a sponsor of this event, please email: vc99soutreach@gmail.com



## Congratulations to the 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship Winner

Susan Liebeler

Congratulations to Carolina 99 **Bretlyn Marr**, the 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship winner as well as winner of a 2017 Fly Now Award. She passed her private pilot check ride on Saturday, August 19. Bretlyn describes the excitement of her solo flight and her gratitude for the scholarship and support she received from the 99s in the current edition of the 99 News. Bretlyn is a member of the Carolina 99s and looks forward to meeting the Beachin Eagles 99s at Embry Riddle where she begins her aeronautical engineering studies in the fall.

# Partial Eclipse of the Sun ... SZP Style

Mignon Gery with Judy Phelps., Lisa Kienholz and Janeen Gaul





We wanted to fly our Cessna and Luscombe to Santa Ynez to see the partial eclipse of the sun. But, as with all flying adventures, the weather determined our destination. We were unable to depart SZP due to low ceilings, so we made the best of our eclipse glasses at Santa Paula Airport. Sheila was hoping to meet us in Santa Ynez in the helicopter but she was also unable to make it through the mountain passes.

So keeping our feet on the ground we enjoyed a nice breakfast together at Flight 126 Cafe, then we perched ourselves on Judy's balcony. It turned out to be a very nice place to view the eclipse! We enjoyed ourselves, laughing at how silly we looked in the eclipse glasses, watching the sun

come and go between the fog and clouds. A few pilots were flying pattern work and it was a nice visual addition to the eclipse for us pilots. A friend was practicing landings so we had a great time waving score cards at him to grade his technique (all in good fun!).

As the eclipse diminished and the clouds and fog lifted Lisa and I decided that we shouldn't waste a good flying day. We pushed Lisa's Luscombe out of her hangar and off to LOO (Rosamond) we flew. We were greeted by a local who took us on a driving tour to see the hangar homes at the airpark. A quick lunch at the airport and back to SZP. Not a bad eclipse day at all. This is why I love the VC99s!

## **August General Meeting = Air Show Prep**





## Calendar of Events

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept.7 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo

Sept 19 5:30pm General Meeting – Progressive Dinner, Santa Paula

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct 5 6:00pm Board Meeting – Dept of Airports, Camarillo

Oct 17 General Meeting – Dept of Airports CMA

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

First Sunday of each month

Santa Paula Airport Open House (10am-2pm) and 99s Social Breakfast at Flight 126 Café (8:30am)

Sept 28, 2017 99s SWS Conference, Mount Shasta/ Redding, CA

Oct 20, 2017 Aviation Career Day, CAF Camarillo

Dec 3, 2017 Holiday Awards Dinner

#### **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

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Deadline to receive: 25th of each month

