

Social Distancing *Six Hundred Feet Plus*

Ninety-Nines easily realized that during this time of social distancing it was a perfect time to get some hours in on their log books. Here's a few stories from members who made the most of the solo time.



Lori Parker . . . It was clear and sunny for a reason on Friday...it was windy! Although KCMA ATIS showed calm, it didn't take long on the way to Santa Barbara to experience moderate turbulence. Although the plane can take a lot, I had Niki in the back seat and didn't want her accidentally landing up front with me. So I headed back to Camarillo and did the Zulu approach. Definitely worth pulling the airplane out of the hangar!



Judy Phelps . . . took a liesurley flight over Santa Clara Valley just a week ago.



and **Peggy Watson-Meinke** caught this flight out of Santa Paula that took social distancing to the extreme!

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VC99s--Its Election time for your Board of Directors. You should have received ballots via snail mail. Please mark you ballot (write-ins accepted) and return in the envelope provided. We need them by May 10, 2020. Thank you. Nominating Chair, Judy McCarthy

More Social Distancing Stories

Carol Vautin . . . has a project for her favorite 49.5.

Does flying to work on a special project count as a flying adventure? For Jack it is his way of commuting to work on the recovering of a 1941 J-3 Cub fuselage. The Cub belongs to the Palm Springs Air Museum. Jack was contacted by them when their Director of Maintenance talked to him while Jack was at CP Aviation (and don't we all love a good CP Aviation story?). This Cub is to be restored to flying condition, painted in olive drab with U.S military stars and will become part of the Palm Springs Air Museum collection. The air museum is also hoping to offer rides once the plane is restored.

Before Jack agreed to take this project on, we drove (yes, I know but the winds were ugly that day so we drove) to Palm Springs to check it out. It has been years since we were at the air museum and they have made some great improvements. The fun part was the private tour which gave Jack the opportunity to crawl into a P-51 Mustang.

The Cub is in need of a lot of work and as of now, the fuselage is striped down to the airframe. So, stay tuned, it could take months to have the Cub completed but for now, Jack will continue to fly our Cub to Santa Paula (where the airframe is currently) and work to get the Palm Springs Cub recovered.



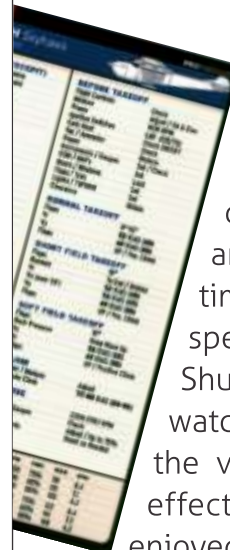
Lindsey Bell has actually enjoyed the past month+ of quarantine by brushing up on geography, the American Sign Language alphabet, French, and Spanish. She's also been playing around with Power Point, Keynote, and the banjo! Next up: film & video editing.


Her children's novel on bullying, *BFF, A Story About Bullycide*, will launch on July 7th, so in addition to making last-minute revisions, she's officially begun a new writing project... this time, a thriller.



Student Pilots Stay Focused on Aviation

Lori Parker



The VC99 student pilots joined in on two Zoom meetings in April with Lori and Robin to discuss how to effectively learn and stay motivated during this time of flight school closure. Guest speakers Judy Phelps and Carly Shukiar shared ideas ranging from watching short educational videos to the value of making checklists and effective chair flying. This group enjoyed the camaraderie as much as the education and want to see these Zoom meetings continue! Stay tuned for May dates. 

The remarkable thing is, we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

Charles R. Swindoll



Alison Barker
Chapter Chairman

skywriting

Pause...Reset

When the COVID-19 shutdown occurred, like the rest of you I was caught off guard. I thought we'd be at home for maybe one week, then back to normal. #wrong. After a period of disbelief, I realized I needed to make a decision on how to move forward. What are the options? Option 1: Stick head in sand and act like nothing is wrong. Option 2: Become paralyzed with fear and cancel everything. Option 3: Take a pause then reset.

I decided on Option 3 and the VC99s board and teams starting talks about how to proceed. We decided that it's important for our chapter to move forward and award the scholarships that we've already raised the funds for. We want to support female pilots and also our local flight schools as much as we can especially during these times. Yes,

we will have to make some accommodations, but we can be flexible. If there's one thing I know for sure its that female pilots have what it takes to prevail through anything.

I also learned that Virtual Meetings are really fun! We get to catch up with members and find out what everyone is doing including those who are not able to attend regular meetings. While nothing will replace getting together in person, who can argue that having a meeting in your PJs with your beverage of course in your own home is bad?

I hope all members will join in our Annual Chapter Meeting on Tuesday May 19th. An email will go out to members early May with the invitation. This meeting is important as we will be voting on the 20-21 board of directors and budget. We will also have the opportunity to discuss the future of the Ventura County Chapter and reset our goals for 2020-2021. I am proud to say we have one of the largest and most active chapters in the 99s organization, thanks to you. I hope to see you virtually on May 19th. If you have anything you want to add to the agenda, please email me at abarker@vc99s.org



Ventura County Ninety-Nines Scholarship Program

The VC99's are happy to announce our Spring Scholarships.

We will be offering

\$3,000 Female Student Pilot Milestone Award

\$3,000 Advanced Milestone Award for Female Pilots

\$1,000 Get Out of Your Comfort Zone Award

Applications will be accepted May 1-June 30, 2020

Visit our Website at www.vc99s.org for scholarship applications and requirements

Questions? Email: scholarships@vc99s.org


There's Always Someone to Congratulate In the VC99s

Congratulations **Victoria Cabrera** for being awarded the ISA+21 B737 or A320 Type rating scholarship. She had the interview at the Women In Aviation International Conference in Orlando and found out she won a few days later.



Congratulations to **Brenda Corbi** for completing a successful first solo cross country flying from Camarillo to Delano to Bakersfield and back to Camarillo. Another great accomplishment!



Congratulations to all the members of The Ninety-Nines who were selected as the winners of an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. Special congratulations to the 2 winning members from our chapter; **Carly Shukiar** and **Stephanie Robinson Corbell**. 

"It's hard not to fail, but, there is always a chance of success.

Of course, there is no chance of success, if you didn't try."

Vineet Raj Kapoor

CONGRATS

TO OUR 2020 AEMSF WINNERS!

- Felicity Shields Beckham - Instrument, Yavapai chapter
- Julie Ann Carson - Instrument, Fort Worth chapter
- Leslie Cauble - CFI, Maui chapter
- Kimberly Chan - Instrument, San Fernando Valley chapter
- Natalie Codd - Multi-Engine, San Gabriel Valley chapter
- Eryka da Silva - Multi-Engine, Sugarloaf chapter
- Madeleine Dillon - Academic, Greater Kansas City chapter
- Autumn Eells - Academic, Oregon Pines chapter
- Jenna Forseth - Multi-Engine Instrument, British Columbia Coast chapter
- Hannah Henderson - Instrument, Payson Rim Country
- Magali Lewis - C525S Type Rating, Columbia Cascade chapter
- Summer Papple - Commercial Helicopter/Conversion, Maple Leaf chapter
- Tanya Rames - Comm Multi-Engine, Aloha chapter
- Stephanie Robinson - Commercial, Ventura County chapter
- Rachel Scarbrough - Commercial ASEL, Austin Hill Country chapter
- Carly Shuklar - Academic, Ventura County chapter
- Jiah Sim - Multi-Engine, Columbia Cascade chapter
- Jo Ann Speer - Vicky Cruse EMT training, Memphis chapter
- Nour Utayim - Multi-Engine, Montreal chapter
- Christina Williams - Technical/SWA Cadet Program, Hampton Roads chapter

Balloon Events With StarLite

Peggy Watson-Meinke

January was the 10th Anniversary of the balloon festival at Lake Havasu. This picture was taken from the London Bridge. I came down for a Splash-n-dash in the water and that red boat drove up to me to give the two little boys, on the bow of the boat, a high-five!!

Feb 15th weekend was a festival in Kanab, Utah. Enjoyed visiting Zion Natl' Park.

From Utah I went straight to Pahrump, NV For a festival on the 22nd. This picture was taken of us launching.

Getting buzzed by a gyro-copter in Pahrump. I know that pilot so I was ok with him getting this close.

I am taking the balloon to Escondido this week for its Annual. My next event was supposed to be the end of May for the Temecula Balloon & Wine Festival. But due to the virus outbreak, it has been postponed to Sept. I have two events in Utah late June. So far they have not been postponed or canceled. All ballooning has pretty much stopped due to the social distancing. It's would be kinda hard for crew to set up or pack up the balloon keeping the distance, let alone keeping distance in the basket. We are hoping rides in So Cal will open up again about mid-May.



The Dubai Miracle Garden billed as the world's largest natural flower garden has more than 60 million flowers on display including a life-sized Emirates airplane in flowers.



Two VC99 Members Featured in *Visit Ventura*

Judy McCarthy and Glenda Cardona were recently featured in a Visit Ventura blog post on April 17, 2020 about National Volunteer Week. Check out the article at: <https://visitventuraca.com/blog/pilots-and-artists-and-fourth-generation-venturans-oh-my/>



"Yes, it's National Volunteer Week — April 19th-25th, if you should be thanking a volunteer— but here at Visit Ventura



we celebrate our volunteers every time they walk through the Visitors Center doors. . . . They are a treasure trove of all things Ventura. Their knowledge is extraordinary. Outdone only by their willingness to help. . . . To honor them for National Volunteer Week, we asked them to tell us a little bit about themselves. No surprise, they performed the task in ruthlessly efficient fashion and often with a wicked sense of humor."

Vertical Magazine Features VC99 Shiela Collier

Check out this story featuring Orbic Helicopters and their manager, our own VC99 Sheila Collier in last month's edition of Vertical Magazine pg 160. Sheila is in the blue R66 helicopter and other pictures in the article.

<https://www.verticalmag.com/features/orbic-helicopters-pilot-flight-training/>

"There are so many reasons for an aspiring pilot to choose Camarillo," said Collier. "We've got a wonderful training environment. We have a helipad on the north side of the field with its own traffic pattern where students can get airborne and be practicing maneuvers in less than two minutes — without having to commute to a practice area or queue up with fixed-wing aircraft. . . . We've got a medical examiner and computerized testing facility on the field," said Collier. "It's very convenient for our students." . . .



2020 PILOT PROFICIENCY CLASS

IFR Refresher Clinic with Rayvon Williams

Carolyn Brown

Rayvon Williams, CFII and IGI, faced a full class on March 7 with the annual IFR Refresher Clinic. Rayvon has a unique and interesting presentation style with a lot of interaction with his audience using a series of scenario-based vignettes. He stated that should he ever be asked, he wanted to be able to say he had interacted with all attending and leaving with a logbook endorsement attesting their completion of the ground portion of an IPC.

A lot of information was imparted including the regulatory requirements, general operating and flight rules, attitude instrument flight, weather reports and forecasts, flight planning, communications and clearances, charts, departure procedures, enroute procedures, arrival procedures, approach procedures, use of alternates, and lost communications. All were

covered in depth. The class concluded with a competitive game of Kahoot IPC. The attendees were separated into groups of nine and shown slides with multiple answer questions. The score was determined by accuracy and timeliness of answering. The faster you answered accurately via iPhone/ iPad, the more points your team received. Team 'Mike' was the win-ning team with Henry Lee from San Luis Obispo winning a 2020 copy of the FAR/AIM manual.

A fun and interesting class!



2020 PILOT PROFICIENCY CLASS

Automation Gatchas with Mike Jesch

Luci Galgano

On March 10th, Captain Mike Jesch presented his "Automation Gotchas" class which focused on our GPS navigation systems. Jesch says a pilot's unrealistic expectations of their GPS systems may lead to confusion and that the complexity of these systems lead to many difficulties. These difficulties include not understanding how their GPS system interfaces with their autopilot as well as an overload of information that leads to fixation and distraction which in turn can lead to deviations.

Prevention of these automation gotchas can be accomplished through additional training through

a CFI who knows your type of GPS, another pilot experienced with your system model, studying the GPS manuals as well as using the product's trainer programs on the internet. Jesch said to recover from an automation gotcha while flying, slow the aircraft down, downgrade to a simpler automation and/or ask for vectors that will give you more time to figure out what is happening with your GPS navigation system.

He recommends when entering a procedure into your GPS to always Load & Activate so the pilot has all the necessary waypoints and fixes needed to complete an approach.




ForeFlight VFR with Mike Jesch and Brian Schiff

Pat McCollum

Mike Jesch and Brian Schiff presented an informative ForeFlight class with wit and humor starting with the visual of a single iPad in comparison to the suitcase of charts airline captains previously needed to fly. They then took us through some of the hundreds of settings within settings in ForeFlight to one-time program your plane specs, weight and balance (especially when you fly regularly with the same people), downloading equipment manuals, POH, FarAim, etc.. We learned how to search for key phrases, finding airport info, weather info, and more.

The second half of class was taking a flight to KIZA with all of our iPads synched to a portable simulator they brought to class. Close to 50 of us "flew along" both on charts and by virtual flight on ForeFlight. During this we got to see, find and understand what all the icons meant. When Brian flew toward a mountain it was startling to hear the

terrain warnings go off on 40+ iPads, each just a fraction of a second after each other! It was a great class with a lot of info in a couple of hours. 



Ninety-Nines International Conference Postponed

The 99s International Ninety-Nines Conference has been postponed to July 2021. If you've already purchased your tickets and reserved your hotel room you will have the opportunity to apply your reservation to the 2021 conference at the same rate or cancel it. If you have any questions about your reservation, please email 99s@akatravelteam.com. 

Wings Over Camarillo Postponed

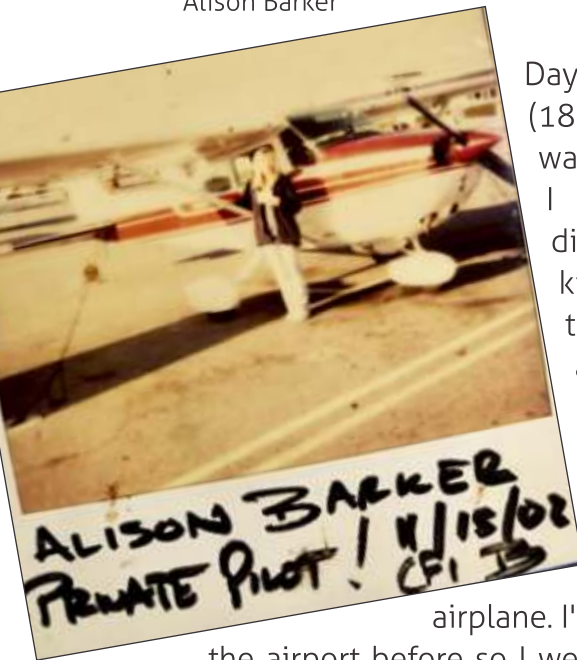
Out of an abundance of caution, and the unknowns surrounding social gathering limitations, Camarillo Wings Association has made the difficult decision to postpone Wings Over Camarillo until August 21 & 22, 2021.

2021 will be the 40th year of Wings Over Camarillo and you better believe it will be bigger and better than ever. We have already started to plan Ventura County's best event packed with historic aircraft, exciting aerobatics, classic cars, parachute jumpers, enhanced VIP Chalet experience, Veterans Hangar, the best local food vendors and beer, an amazing STEM Pavilion with robotics and drones, and the best Pancake Breakfast ever!

Mark your calendars for Wings Over Camarillo on the weekend of August 21 & 22, 2021. 


Flight Training During a Crisis

Alison Barker



On Mother's Day, May 13, 2001 (18 years ago) I was alone and sad. I was getting a divorce and my kids were with their dad. I made a life-changing decision to go down to San Carlos Airport, and learn how to fly an

airplane. I'd never been to

the airport before so I went into the first place I saw - Diamond Aviation. They did not laugh at me (40 year old soccer mom with no aviation experience). I took a Discovery Flight, then another. They gave me a sheet of paper on how much it would cost (gulp). My kids were little and summer was there so I plotted to start my flight training in the fall after the kids were back in school. I scheduled my first flight lesson for Wednesday, September 12, 2001. We all know what happened on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Obviously I was not able to take my first flight lesson. The whole world was in shock especially the aviation community. Airports were shut down. Then you could only fly with a CFI. My friends were all suspicious of pilots and scared of flying. I decided to go for it anyway. The airports were slow, CFIs were waiting around itching to fly. I could schedule an airplane whenever I wanted (or more like could afford) to fly. On November 15, 2002 I passed my private pilot checkride. Getting a pilot license was the most empowering thing I've done in my life. I have never regretted my decision to pursue my goal, even with the crisis going on in the world at the time. Yes, the current crisis is bad, but for all you ladies that are dreaming about learning to fly - don't let this stop you, You can do it and you will never regret it. 




Feb 8th Balloon Flight

Peggy Watson-Meinke

The first Saturday in Feb I took former VC99 Dealie Parks and partner Debbie for a balloon flight. We launched from Santa Paula Airport.

The winds were more than forecasted so had to land at about 10mph in a celery field and unfortunately left a pretty bad skid mark. I did find the landowner and offered to pay for the damaged goods. This is why I am so picky about less than 4 mph winds when flying this area.

Post-flight we enjoyed a toast with cheese and crackers back at the airport. Beautiful day! 



Future VC99s Meetings/Events

- May 7 **Board Meeting** – 5:30 – via Zoom. All members are welcome.
- May 19 **Annual Chapter Meeting** – 5:30 – via Zoom, Budget Meeting
- Jun 4 **Board Meeting** – 5:30 – via Zoom (unless we're cleared to meet in person). All members are welcome.
- Jun 16 **Annual Chapter Meeting** – 5:30 – via Zoom (unless we're cleared to meet in person).

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Janeen Gaul jcgaul3@gmail.com

Applications are available on our website vc99s.org

Contact Janeen with any questions!



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Please send your article only once, and no more than 4 photos per article

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