



THE SOUTHWESTERLY

Quarterly Newsletter of the Southwest Section Ninety-Nines
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Barbara Crooker, Governor

It is June already! Time for fly outs, air markings, and just “plane” fun! It is also time for the year-end accounting and filing annual tax reports. Laura, at headquarters, is expecting copies of the reports you file as she has a place to keep them for your chapter.

Also, it is time to update your chapter information and send the report to headquarters. They need the current info by July 1 to get in the new directory.

The Temecula meeting was great! It was a beautiful setting with many interesting things to do and see, and time to connect with friends! This section continues to impress me how active chapters are in their communities. If you haven't taken time to read the reports from the chairs that are online, check it out.

If your chapter doesn't have a report there yet, try to post one for all to enjoy!

The annual conference in Munich is coming up July 5 -10. It is such an opportunity to spend time with our European sisters. They have a red carpet event planned for us! If no one from your chapter is attending, make sure your delegate ballots are given to someone who is attending or send them to me with voting instructions.

Air Race Classic started June 22nd. Many of our members participated. The race can be followed through the ARC website. We all prayed for reasonable weather for their race!

The Monterey Bay chapter is busy preparing our fall section meeting Oct. 22-25 in Santa Cruz. All the details are on the SWS website along with registration information. They have planned an exciting time for us with things to do and interesting seminars. The early registration date has passed but you can still get registered either online or by mail.

Congratulations to all the AE scholarship winners from Southwest Section! We had 9 winners of the 22 overall! Also, we had 5 Fly Now winners! Congratulations all! Kudos to our Lori Parker for the great job she does for our Section in managing the AE scholarship program.

As you may already know, SWS is hosting the spring Section meeting 2016 in April 21-23 at Flabob airport. EAA Chapter 1 will be working

together with us to plan a wonderful weekend. Alice Talnack and Jeanne Fenimore are coordinating the committees needed to put this together and they are looking for chapters to take on responsibilities. The info is here in the Southwesterly, so check it out and see what your chapter could help with to put this together!

While your chapter is busy with fun activities this summer remember to keep records of what you do. When August 15 comes around you can have your Public Relations report ready to send to Connie Charles. The award is given at the fall Section meeting! Let us know what you are doing!

Also, we will be choosing a WPOY in the fall, so be working on the paperwork for one of your members that so deserves the award. Linda Mae Hivert is looking for your submissions by Aug. 15.

As I write this, my thoughts and prayers are with our sister 99s in Nepal, and also in Texas and the Midwest. This seems to have been a very tough spring for so many. It appears that headquarters has been spared damage from the storms that have hit OKC, but the season is not yet over.

Have a great summer and plan to attend the Monterey meeting in the fall. Blue skies and tailwinds to you all.

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Members,

We hope you enjoy the June issue of the Southwesterly. There are some interesting articles here and lots of information on our chapters. Keep the articles coming and the pictures. Everyone loves to see what other members are doing. It encourages us all to reach farther and do more to support General Aviation and our fellow members.

The September issue should have some exciting pictures and stories about the International meeting in Munich. I am really looking forward to those since I could not attend.

Keep flying and stay safe out there!

Jeanne Pierce
Southwesterly Editor

Ratings and Accomplishments

Diana LeSueur (Phoenix)
Multi-Engine and high performance

Brittany Ortiz (Phoenix)
CFII

Charmaine Porter (Fullerton)
Private Pilot

Natalie Anaston (Bay Cities)
Master CFI

Nancy Auvil (San Diego)
Solo

Debbie Draheim Balsley (San Diego)
Captain Embraer 175

Audree Davis (Phoenix)
Solo

Kathleen Devlin (San Diego)
AE Scholarship recipient

Thao Nguyen (San Diego)
Fly Now Scholarship recipient

Gabrielle Palmas (Phoenix)
Dassault-Falcon Scholarship

Velvet Parker Sims (Phoenix)
Solo

Kayla Waskowski (Phoenix)
hired at Grand Canyon Airlines to fly Twin Otters
out of Boulder City, NV

Endowment Fund - Who Knew?

By Maureen Kenney

The Ninety-Nines Inc. Endowment Fund has passed the 1 million dollar 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 this 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, as well as how many members have donated to the fund. They do not consider how many chapters or sections contribute, but how many individual 99s have donated ANY amount to the fund. If you contribute as a group they see it as one donation. At this point, 20% of the membership have donated to the fund and have their names on the list of donors. Please consider donating if you have not already done so. A \$10 donation will go a long way to improve our position in the eyes of grant organizations. 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?>

Select "Endowment Fund" and 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. Please pass this on to your chapter members.

Calendar

Sept 16-20

[Reno Air Races](#)

October 23-25

[Fall SWS Meeting](#)
Santa Cruz, CA

Nov 3-7

[NIFA](#)
Bracket Airport (near Pomona)

Nov 13-14

[Havasu 600 Race](#)
Jacqueline Cochran Airport, Thermal, CA to
Mesquite, NV, finishing at Lake Havasu Airport

January 30

Winter Workshop
Santa Clara, CA

CHAPTERS ON THE MOVE

Bay Cities

This chapter had winging parties to Half Moon Bay, AOPA Fly-In Salinas, and SQL. They participated in the Hayward open house, Livermore Airport Open House with San Joaquin Valley, Castle model planes fly-in, and Planes of Fame. Scholarship money was raised with a poker run and the chapter awarded a scholarship to student pilot, Dianne Hammer, of Placer Gold. They attended the San Carlos airport open house with members of the Santa Clara Valley chapter and celebrated their 83rd anniversary!

Fullerton

Fullerton had a fly-in to Camarillo and to Flabob, attended a Chamber mixer, and participated in Fullerton Airport Day. They went to Air Show San Diego at Gillespie, participated in the Antelope Valley chapter Annual Poker Run in April, and helped Orange County chapter airmark John Wayne Airport. Upcoming fly-ins are scheduled to Camarillo, Bullhead City and Bermuda Dunes. The chapter stays close to the newly formed China Section whose website is <http://ninety-nines.org.cn/> Some members are flying for Pilots and Paws and medical organizations flying to Mexico.

Phoenix

These women do a lot of educational events. Recently they participated in the Mesa Public Schools Science Expo, did a Flying companion seminar, did a Discover Aviation camp, and presented at the Girl Scout "Girls Can Fly" event. They've attended the Yuma Airshow, Aviation Day at the Capitol, and the Women in Flight exhibit grand opening. They had a Casa Grande Municipal Airport fly-in, and a fly-in to Ryan Field Fourth. Members participated in an annual fly day event for special needs kids at Goodyear Municipal Airport, and flew Young Eagles at Bullhead and Falcon Field. The chapter won airmarking award this year.

Reno Area

The Reno Area women do educational events as well. They presented at the Mendive Middle School Career Day, continue to do Girl Scouts presentations, and participate in Pathways to Aviation events. There were a couple of Aerospace Education events at Minden Airport for school aged children that the members worked. They had a table at the Open house at Carson City and helped with the event. Members work with the kids at the Young Eagles events, and they are currently working on the RARA schedule for the races this year. There were three scholarships given by this chapter in the spring.

Reno High Sierra

Reno High Sierra chapter celebrated their 26th birthday in June with a backyard BBQ. New officer installation was held at that time also. Stephanie Cook has recently soloed and passed her written with a 92%. Denise Kowal

passed her Instrument rating checkride using her AEMSF scholarship. Other local scholarship winners include Kristi Grant, Serenity Enriquez, Leah Ochs, Katie Greenwood and Nicole Brill. Our chapter will again be working at the Reno Air Races Sept. 16-20 in official merchandise tent #2...come visit and say hello.

Sacramento Valley

Sacramento Valley gave two scholarships to Christilyn Repp and Kimberly Sanders-Smith this year. They unfortunately lost member, Corky Cronin. They gave a presentation at the Capital Air Show planning meeting and held a flying companion seminar.

San Diego Chapter

San Diego has some great speakers. WASP Jean Landis was a speaker at one of their meetings and Robert DeLaurentis (Zen Pilot) for another. They have a new exhibit for the 99s at San Diego airport and toured the Women's Museum of CA's "American Women in Aviation" exhibit that includes the 99s and Fran Bera! They were busy at the San Diego Airshow, participated in the Antelope Valley Chapter Poker Run, and attended FAASTeam seminars.

San Luis Obispo County

This chapter has been busy at their airport, helping with the San Luis Obispo Airport Day, repainting the compass rose, presenting to kids at the YMCA day camp and 3rd graders at Grover Heights Elementary, and creating a new website. See their photos and article on the Ford Tri-Motor that visited the airport. Members also attended the Salinas for AOPA Fly-in

Sutter Buttes

Chapter member Mary Fairbanks has been busy around her central California coast airport. She has been instructing Private Pilot Ground School at LLR (Little River) and on March 7th, brought 15 students to Marysville where five local instructors took the students for an introductory flight. Other local pilots joined in to give rides as well. In addition to her ground school instruction, she is opening and managing the FBO at LLR, including car rentals, flight instruction, airplane rental and a full-service pilot's lounge.

Chapter member Jeanette Hibpshman is also teaching a Private Pilot Ground School at the Beale Aero Club on Beale AFB and currently has 10 students. As the Chief Ground Instructor for the BAC, Jeanette is responsible for revamping the curriculum and course layout in preparation for the club to pursue future Part 141 status. Her goal is to complete the Instrument Rating and IGI certificate this spring, followed by commercial and CFI by the end of the year.

Chapters on the Move continued next page

Five Sutter Buttes members, three 49 1/2s, and 6 guests flew 6 airplanes to Petaluma for a Valentine's Day fly-out. The weather was gorgeous, the food excellent, and the tire-kicking and conversation non-stop. Under the direction of fly-out chairman Jeanette Hibbshman, the chapter is planning a fly-out each month this coming year.

Utah

The Utah chapter is busy with their summer activities participating in the Skypark Aviation Festival, camping at Bear Lake and possibly Smiley Creek, helping with the Young Eagles, attending AOPA safety presentations, and looking forward to the Wendover airshow coming up.

Air and Space Award

I am writing this article to apologize for not mentioning all the participating chapters that turned in all the paperwork for this award. Your hard work needs to be recognized. My intent was to be sure all chapters were mentioned and that all received a proper certificate for their efforts.

There were three chapters reporting in the large chapter category, the Monterey Bay chapter, Orange County chapter and the Reno High Sierra chapter. All the participating chapters had a lot of participation in aviation activities and made numerous presentations to the public, as well as, presenting seminars, distributing information at air shows, working on airport advisory committees, working with Scouts and other youth groups and too many events to itemize. The participation is wonderful.

Small chapter participants included the Sutter Buttes chapter, Fullerton chapter, San Luis Obispo County chapter and the Mount Shasta chapter. These chapters also participated in Young Eagles, Scouts, Safety Meetings, Big and Little Sisters, airshows and much more. These chapters may be small, but they are big on participation.

I am working on making the parameters for this award less vague, so I will be updating the information on the Southwest Section website in the near future. This update will include a clearer description of activities that are eligible to be reported for this award and a new clearer form to be used for the reporting.

I am truly amazed at how our chapters are educating our youth, the general public and keeping themselves educated. Keep up the good work!

Sue Kerr
Air & Space Chairman
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Mt. Shasta and Redwood Coast Flyers volunteer with EAA on Ford Tri-Motor

On May 28-31, 2015 EAA's Ford Tri-Motor made a historical stop at the Redding Municipal Airport. This gave Barbara Crooker, Barbara Boot, and Monica Erwin of the Mt. Shasta Chapter, and Rita Limmer from the Redwood Coast Flyers Chapter a chance to volunteer with the Redding, CA EAA Chapter 157, giving rides and helping local residents experience the Golden Age of Aviation.



The Ford Tri-Motor was the first multi-engine airliner, and the cost to purchase out of factory was \$55,000. Between 1926 and 1933 there were a total of 199 models built. The Ford Tri-Motor was also responsible for the first paved runway. This particular plane was used in several movies, including one with Johnny Depp. It was the equivalent to Air Force One for a South American country, and was also used by smoke jumpers.



Barbara Crooker, Rita Limmer, and Barbara Boot

We had one gentleman tell us that he first flew in one at the age of 5 and his mother was the pilot. We really enjoyed being able to share this part of aviation history with so many people.

Antelope Valley Celebrates 25th Anniversary with a Poker Run



Pilots Joanne Mc Carty and J.J. Shapiro (center) pose with card counters, Phil Moores, Noelle Palmer, Erin Hambrick, and Yuchuek Hsia

During the annual Ninety-Nines Poker Run at William J. Fox Airfield, J.J. Shapiro won the highest hand of the day. She earned her license while battling cancer and has only a few days left to raise funds to fly in the Air Race Classic 2015.

Approximately 150 guests enjoyed tri-tip lunch while they tried their luck at poker, winning prizes such as aviation fuel and oil, wine from Aqua Dulce Vineyard, a David Clark Headset, an actual application from the Happy Bottom Riding Club from Plane Mercantile, and hotel

rooms and numerous dining experiences throughout California.

"I think our wonderful and high quality prizes really help interest our participants.", said Carol Reukauf. We have such generous sponsors that really help make this a fun event. We are very thankful for them.

Chapters from Fullerton, Ventura County, Bakersfield, and San Fernando Valley also participated.

Landing at six airports, pilots collected cards from Rosamond, Tehachapi, Mojave, California City, Inyokern and Fox Field. Those who didn't fly could buy a hand at Fox Field.

Vikki Mena from Fullerton wasn't so lucky at cards, but she did enjoy her day.

Fall 2015 Southwest Section Meeting

October 22 to October 25, 2015
Santa Cruz, CA

Hosted by Monterey Bay

Registration is \$129.00

To register, go to: ninetynines.net/sws99sMB/

or contact Alice Talnack

E-mail: atalnack@comcast.net

Phone: 831-332-3549

Attention Young Eagle Flyers

Pat Forbes requests that any members who have flown Young Eagles, please send the following information to Pat:

The date

How many Eagles you flew

Chapter and names of the pilots

Location of the event

[Please send to Percyflies@gmail.com.](mailto:Percyflies@gmail.com)

Message from Pat Prentiss

My sincere thanks to all of you who sent their condolences for the loss of my mother on April 25th. While I lost my best friend, my mom had 91 years of a charmed life and she is now in a better place. I was fortunate enough to be able to spend the last six months caring for her and reflecting on our relationship as mother/daughter for all those years.

Southwest Section Members

Call for Nominations for 2015 Woman Pilot of the Year

The 2015 Woman Pilot of the year and Professional Woman Pilot of the Year will be revealed at the Southwest Section Meeting Banquet in Santa Cruz on Saturday night, October 24, 2015.

It always amazes me that the 99s are such a skilled and talented organization of women. And I might add to that, each one has such an interesting and fascinating repertoire of accomplishments. Not only is it an honor to be a member of the 99s, but to be selected by her peers as WPOY is an even greater distinction.

I urge all of you, wonderfully talented women pilots to take a look around you and at yourself for potential candidates to be nominated for Woman Pilot of the Year, or for Professional Woman Pilot of the Year. The deadline is October 10, 2015 for the Fall Section Meeting and the instructions are on the Southwest Section website. You may send it USPS or electronically.

This should take you right to the page.

<http://www.sws99s.org/wpoy/>

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Looking forward to seeing your application for the next Woman Pilot of the Year award!

Jacque B to return to Kaneohe Bay Air Show 2015

By Kristen Wong

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII — March is Women's History Month nationwide, celebrating accomplishments of historical women as well as the women of today. As Marine Corps Base Hawaii personnel anticipate the Kaneohe Bay Air Show this fall, they will meet a female aviator who captured several historical achievements of her own.

"Jacque B" Warda will return to MCB Hawaii for the air show Oct. 17 and 18, 2015. Warda, of Danville, Calif., was the first female to begin working in the aviation business at the age of 50, and in 2010 became the first female to perform at the Al Ain Aerobatic Show 2010 in the United Arab Emirates.

"Third time's a charm," said Warda, who performed at MCB Hawaii in 2010 and 2012. "Each time somebody puts on an air show they learn a lot of things ... each time it just gets better."

Warda currently flies the Extra 300, a mid-wing aerobatic monoplane with two seats. The Extra 300 is heavier than her original Pitts S-1T Biplane. Still, she likes having two seats, so she could take people for rides, something she couldn't do with the biplane.

"It's a challenge because of its size and the extra weight," Warda said. "But it's a great performing aircraft. There's hardly anything it won't do."

Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare, the director of the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, said Warda, who will be the only female professional aviator performing this year, also takes the time to meet the public during each show.

"She makes sure that she spends the time with those people (who) really want to look up to a female aviator especially one with her talent and abilities," O'Hare said. "Being able to perform at an air show is a challenge to begin with. But all the time she spends with the crowds is just as important — young folks have someone to look up to."

Not only is she a delight in the air, but she's also "very personable," said O'Hare, who met Warda in person in 2007 at the International Council of Air Shows convention.

Warda, whose father, two uncles and brother are all pilots, has been interested in flying since she was 3 years old. She earned her pilot's license on June 5, 1987. Her qualifications include a commercial license with ratings to fly both single engine seaplanes and traditional land planes.

"(It was) probably the most exciting thing I've ever done in my life," said Warda, recalling her first flight. "It's not like anything on earth. It's a hundred times better than a roller coaster. It's the most thrilling experience that I've ever had to date."

She earned her nickname "Jacque Baby" from a fellow pilot, and the name eventually became her call sign.

Warda flew for recreation while working as a secretarial executive assistant for 20 years and a legal secretary for seven. She started performing in the air in 2003 through encouragement from a retired air show pilot with whom she trained.

"I really enjoyed it," Warda said. "It was kind of by accident. It wasn't something I dreamed about. I was just happy to fly."



Today, the 61 year old practices flying five days a week. She said she could spend up to five hours at the airport, preparing for her flights, practicing and cleaning her aircraft. She performs in as many as 15 air shows annually. During each air show, Warda said she could take five, or even 10 flights.

"(An) air show weekend's a busy weekend for (Warda and her team)," Warda said.

In the future, Warda said she hopes to perform in air shows in China. However, the country is currently working on logistical issues.

"They want to have air shows, but they don't have the infrastructure to handle it," Warda said. "So, I would really like to fly a show in China. I know it will happen, they're just trying to build airports as fast as they can. They're working on it."

For more information about the upcoming air show, visit kaneohebairshow.com.

Story by Kristen Wong | Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Kaneohe Bay | Date: 03.13.2015

Attention Chapter AE Chairs

We are pleased to announce that the application and instructions for the [Fall 2015 Award](#) are now available on The Ninety-Nines website. They are also attached for your convenience. Please download and read carefully! The deadline for applicants to submit to their Chapter AE Chair (or to their Section AE Chair for our International Sections without chapters) is September 15, 2015.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: There is a new length of membership requirement. Applicants must have become official Student Pilot Members no later than August 15, 2015 to be eligible to apply. Based on lessons we learned in the first three rounds of the program, the one month membership requirement was added to allow adequate time to process membership applications and for new members to become acquainted with their chapters and find a suitable mentor. Please encourage any potential applicants to join the organization early to avoid disappointment.

Chapters must submit approved applications to me by September 30, 2015.

Shelley Ventura



Thunderbirds Give an Up-close Look to Academy-bound Student

By Rebecca Amber

Antelope Valley Chapter's Future Woman Pilot, Anna Weilbacher, was invited to meet the Thunderbirds during their practice prior to the Los Angeles County Air Show. This article is from the March 27 edition of the Edwards AFB Desert Wings newspaper and is reprinted with permission.

Headlining the 2015 Los Angeles County Airshow March 21-22 was U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, also known as the Thunderbirds.

The team arrived early March 19 to prepare for the show. During their practice demonstration March 20, the team reached out to Anna Weilbacher from Leona Valley, a local home-schooled student who is Air Force Academy-bound this June. She was invited out to the flight line to see the jets up close and watch Maj. Scott Petz, Thunderbird 8 pilot, take-off for a media flight.

Thunderbird 1, Lt. Col. Christopher Hammond, commander/leader for the team, said part of their charter is to inspire tomorrow's Airmen.

"Anna, being a future academy grad, we look forward to inspiring her and motivating her towards the service she's getting ready to start up," said Hammond.

For Weilbacher, going to the Air Force Academy is a "dream come true." She will compete in the Air Force Academy Rifle Team and hopes to someday fly C-17s for the Air Force.

According to Hammond, the Thunderbird's mission is three-fold: to represent, recruit and retain. The team represents the Airmen currently serving, including the deployed and their families, as well as veterans. They retain by reminding enlisted service members the value of their dedication to the country and recruit by inspiring tomorrow's Airmen.

"It's really an inspiring event," said Weilbacher. "Things like this, whenever I see it, just kind of gets me going and makes me work harder towards my goals."



Answers: 1. B; 2. B; 3. C; 4. C; 5. C; 6. C; 7. A; 8. C

Lightspeed - Votes Needed for 2015!

The 99s are thrilled to be a finalist in the 2015 annual Lightspeed Aviation Grant Competition. Selected from a field of hundreds of nominees, we are one of 12 aviation charities competing for grants up to \$10,000 that Lightspeed will award to the aviation nonprofits receiving the highest Internet vote tallies in its 6th annual grant competition.

With votes and support from aviation enthusiasts, the aviation community, our members, friends and families, the 99s can win the 2015 grant competition and use the Lightspeed grant to increase our outreach and presence at regional aviation events and publicize and award another Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship at Oshkosh. The scholarship will provide young women between the ages of 16 and 20 with funding for flight training through their first solo and beyond.

Please encourage your friends and relatives to support the 99s and aviation scholarships. Grant competition voting began April 23, 2015 and ends October 14, 2015. Lightspeed keeps track of the vote tally by email addresses and an email address can only be used once to vote in the 2015 grant competition.

If you voted last year, you need to vote again to make your vote count this year. Alternatively, you can send me a reply email and ask me to cast your vote. We have a team of 99s with iPads who are available to cast your vote and votes of your friends and family members who want to support the 99s by voting for us.

Finally, if you have a Facebook page, it would be helpful if you could post something like the following:

“The Ninety-Nines, a great aviation nonprofit to which I belong, is one of 12 finalists competing for grants up to \$10,000 that Lightspeed Aviation will award to the aviation nonprofits receiving the highest internet vote tallies in its annual grant competition. Please support aviation scholarships and a terrific nonprofit organization by voting for the 99s at www.vote99s.com.”

Thank you for your support of the 99s!
Susan Liebler

Susan Liebler, International & Ventura County 99s
Fundraising Chair
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Help the 99s win a \$10,000 Lightspeed Grant for aviation scholarships.

Calling All SWS Chapters:

Below is the information about our Spring 2016 Southwest Section Meeting. This is a joint meeting and we need chapters to volunteer for the following responsibilities. In other words, “It takes a whole village”. Please contact Jeanne Fenimore, jeannefenimore@earthlink.net or Alice Talnack, atalnack@comcast.net to volunteer or for any questions.

SWS Meeting Spring 2016

Host: SWS Chapters – Joint Meeting

Location: Riverside, CA, Flabob Airport, Home of EAA Chapter 1 – Headquarters

Dates: Friday, April 22 – Sunday, April 24, 2016

- **Awards Banquet:** **OPEN** - We need a chapter to oversee the menu, serving times, program (awards, speaker needs), and equipment for Saturday evening.
- **Airport Hospitality:** **OPEN** - Arrange tie-down, with airport staff, meet & greet, transport to hotel, fuel (\$) at Flabob. San Gabriel Valley Chapter will transport from Ontario to hotel.
- **Business Meeting:** **OPEN** - Check with the Governor on equipment needs, and speakers attending
- **Budget:** Alice Talnack
- **Coordinator(s):** Jeanne Fenimore, Alice Talnack,
- **Decorations:** **OPEN**
- **First-Timers:** Mt. Shasta Chapter -Meet & Greet, Orientation, Introductions, feedback
- **Goodie Bags:** Orange County Chapter
- **Hospitality:** **OPEN**
- **Hotel:** Jeanne Fenimore, Alice Talnack
- **Public Relations:** **OPEN** - local media, guest list
- **Registration/On-line & Packets:** Alice Talnack, Monterey Bay Chapter
- **Registration/On-Site:** Monterey Bay Chapter
- **Schedule:** Barbara Crooker, Jeanne Fenimore, Beth LaRock, Alice Talnack,
- **Seminars:** N/A
- **Signage & Programs:** **OPEN**
- **Silent Auction:** **OPEN**
- **Sponsors:** **OPEN**
- **Tours:** **OPEN**
We need a donation of vans, cars and drivers to transport attendees.
Tour #1 – Friday, TBD – March AFB Museum
Tour Guides:

Tour #2- Saturday, AM – Flabob Airport
Tour Guides:
- **Vendors/Fly-Market:** Antelope Valley Chapter
- **Wrap-up/Debrief:** Barbara Crooker, Jeanne Fenimore, Alice Talnack,

Corky Cronin

Sacramento Valley

Mary Elizabeth "Corky" Cronin, a longtime resident of Sacramento, passed away at the age of 86 on April 17, 2015. Born in Pennsylvania, Corky received a bachelor's degree in economics from Thiel College, married and had four children.

After raising her family Corky became a realtor and an avid instrument-rated pilot. She also worked for the state of California as a Medi-Cal caseworker. Corky became an honorary deputy sheriff of the Yolo County Reserve Aero Squadron and flew her own plane as a marijuana field spotter. She was a member of the Ninety-Nines women's pilot association, a member of Elks Lodge No. 6 and an expert at the game of bridge. She loved crossword puzzles and in her younger years she loved to travel.

Corky is survived by her longtime partner, three of her children, six grandchildren and her great-granddaughter. Corky was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She was honored at a memorial on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Elks Club on Riverside Blvd. at Florin Road.

Our friend Corky became a 99 in December of 1976 and has been a member continuously ever since. She owned and flew a Cessna 172, participating in the many fly-outs of our chapter. She flew the Angel Derby one year with another one of our chapter members. Corky won the Woman Pilot of the Year award in 1981 and served as chapter chairman in 1982-83. She was a partner in a simulator business near Executive Airport.

A fond farewell to Corky.

Ernest William "Bill" Boot

49 1/2 – Mt. Shasta

November 7, 1933 – March 12, 2015

Born in Orland, California during the great depression, Bill grew up loving cars and aviation, and he also became a great dancer. He met his wife, Barbara, when she was just 14. They dated and married September 26, 1954 and Bill went into the Air Force. They had two daughters, Patti and Carol and a son, Jimmy. They have 10 grandchildren.

His love of aviation began during WWII when P38's and T6 trainers flew over his house on a downwind leg of Orland Airport. He was in the Air Force for 4 years. He was a proficient aviator becoming a commercial and instrument rated pilot, logging over 2000 hours. His first aircraft was a 1963 Cessna 172. He went on to build an experimental plane, a KR2 which was named "Bouncing Baby". He also bought and he learned to fly a "Quicksilver" in the light sport category.

After the war he bought his own business which grew to become Corning Truck & Radiator Service and became an International dealer. Barbara worked along with him in the

growing business. He and Barbara would fly to call on customers. After retiring, he and Barbara flew their 150, "Yellow Bird" for food or just for fun. We will miss his wonderful support for our Mt. Shasta Chapter activities and helping at the Corning EAA activities, especially Young Eagles.

Blue Skies, Bill

From Donna Taylor, Mt. Shasta Chapter

Richard Davies

49 1/2 - Sutter Buttes

Complete with posting of the colors, a U-2 flyover, a 21 gun salute, and attendance by most of the U-2 pilots currently stationed at Beale Air Force Base, Richard "Dick" Davies was sent off in a Celebration of Life befitting the highly decorated Viet Nam veteran that he was. 49 1/2 of Becky Davies, chairman of the Sutter Buttes chapter, Dick lost his courageous battle with cancer on February 6, 2015.

Major Davies retired from the Air Force in 1984 after a military career where he flew RF-4s in Viet Nam and later in Europe. In 1970 he joined the U-2 brotherhood at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona and made his first flight on April 16, becoming solo #260. He and Becky were married in 2003, while Dick was a civilian contractor teaching U-2 pilot recruits their Academic and Simulator training at Beale. They were members of the Beale Aero Club where they enjoyed flying together.

Besides Becky, Dick is survived by 3 children from a former marriage, 5 grandchildren, 2 brothers and a sister. Known as a man of few words, Dick will be greatly missed, as he was a strong supporter of Becky's flying, and the Sutter Buttes Chapter 99s.



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Back to Basics 7

1. What is one of the neglected items when a pilot relies on short- and long-term memory for repetitive tasks?
 - A. Situational awareness
 - B. Checklists
 - C. Flying outside the envelope
2. One purpose of the dual ignition system on an aircraft engine is to provide for:
 - A. Balanced cylinder head pressure
 - B. Improved engine performance
 - C. Uniform heat distribution
3. Which factor would tend to increase the density altitude at a given airport?
 - A. An increase in barometric pressure
 - B. A decrease in relative humidity
 - C. An increase in ambient temperature
4. If instructed by ground control to taxi to Runway 9, the pilot may proceed
 - A. Via taxiways and across runways to Runway 9, where an immediate takeoff may be made
 - B. Via taxiways and across runways to, but not onto, Runway 9
 - C. To the next intersecting runway where further clearance is requested
5. While in flight a helicopter and an airplane are converging at a 90-degree angle. The helicopter is located to the right of the airplane. Which aircraft has the right of way, and why?
 - A. The airplane, because airplanes have the right of way over helicopters
 - B. The helicopter, because helicopters have the right of way over airplanes
 - C. The helicopter, because it is to the right of the airplane
6. VFR cruising altitudes are required to be maintained when flying
 - A. At 3000 feet or more above mean sea level, based on magnetic heading
 - B. At 3000 feet or more above ground level based on true course
 - C. More than 3000 feet AGL, based on magnetic course
7. A proper crosswind landing on a runway requires that, at the moment of touchdown, the
 - A. Direction of motion of the airplane and its longitudinal axis be parallel to the runway
 - B. Downwind wing be lowered sufficiently to eliminate the tendency for the airplane to drift
 - C. Direction of motion of the airplane and its lateral axis be perpendicular to the runway
8. Sigmet are issued as a warning of weather conditions that are hazardous
 - A. Particularly to heavy aircraft
 - B. Particularly to light aircraft
 - C. To all aircraft

Answers on page 8.