



THE SOUTHWESTERLY

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Penny Nagy

A very big "Thank You" goes to the Bakersfield Chapter for hosting the Spring Section Meeting. They are the first chapter that I know of who has put in a bid to host another meeting in April 2018. Way to go, BAKERSFIELD! For those of you who could not attend you missed out on a wonderful time. Some of our members stated that they would remember this meeting because of the music. Who can forget being serenaded by the accordion at Noriega's on Friday night and by Chapter Chairman Elaine LeCain's brainchild, The Strolling Strings, at the Saturday banquet. Saturday's business meeting went well and we were able to adjourn a few minutes early.

Hopefully by now you've all heard the story of 99s charter member, Opal Kunz who is buried in an unmarked grave at the Old Auburn Cemetery in Auburn, CA. Thanks to the generous donations of our

members and our chapters we are well on our way to getting a marker for her. This woman needs to be remembered and it's such a shame that it's taken 47 years to do it. At least now we'll know that she's not forgotten. After the meeting we discovered that Sacramento Valley actually has her first place trophy from the 1929 Red Bank Air Races in our trophy case. We never knew who she was. Now I have to find out if she was a member of the chapter when she lived in the area.

I just completed the Southwest Section Report for the International Program in Bozeman and noticed that our membership has fallen once again. Now is a good time to take a look and see how you can attract new members to your chapter. Maybe it's as easy as changing the meeting times. If you have day meetings during the week maybe you can poll your members and see if evening or weekend meetings would be more beneficial.

Have you ever thought about hosting a Section Meeting? Bakersfield gained new members and brought old members back just by hosting the meeting. Do your local FBO's know of your meeting days and times so that they can pass the information along to their women students? Don't forget members that don't fly anymore. They are a vital part of your membership and if they feel excluded they may not return.

Congratulations to all of our AE Scholarship Winners. They are Julie Paasch (Utah), Claire Petrie and Heather McCoy (Reno High Sierra),

Jennifer Treese (Tucson), Heather Gamble (San Diego), Marybeth Martin (Ventura County), and Sherlyn Halloran and Theresa Farley (Phoenix). Way to go ladies!

Are you planning to attend the International Conference in Bozeman? If you are, don't forget your properly completed delegate slips and membership card. Chapter Chairmen, if you have more than one member attending from your chapter, make sure that each member attending receives a delegate slip so that they can vote too. Remember that this is a very busy time for the Credentials Committee and having all of the proper documents makes everything go a lot smoother.

If you are not planning to attend, please send your delegate slips to me along with your chapter's position on the issues. I'll see that your vote is counted. Also, try to get credentialed early to avoid any last minute rush before the business meeting.

The invitation to the fall meeting at McClellan Airpark in Sacramento was not as wonderful as past invitations, but that's because neither Carol Andrews nor I sing and dance. It promises to be a great meeting and a Friday tour is in the works for those arriving on Thursday. More information about that will be on the website. Look for your postcard, which should be in the mail soon.

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The spring 2014 meeting will be in Ontario, CA and is being hosted by San Gabriel Valley, Fullerton and San Fernando Valley. Thank you all for taking this project on.

Coyote Country has agreed to host the Winter Workshop in Carlsbad, CA. The hotel is right across from the Carlsbad/Palomar Airport. United Express does fly in there for those coming commercially. I've been told that it's an equal distance from San Diego and Orange County if that works better for you. The workshop is your meeting, ladies so if you have any ideas please let me know and we can work on incorporating them into the meeting.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in Sacramento!
Penny



Penny Nagy and Carol Andrews

Ratings and Certificates

Julie Butler (San Luis Obispo)
Instrument rating

Kathleen Devlin (San Diego)
Private Pilot

Laura-Beth Gathman (San Diego)
Instrument rating

Denise Kowal (Reno High Sierra)
Private Pilot

Amelia Kucharski (San Fernando Valley)
Instrument rating

Milestones

Maria D'Amato (Bay Cities)
Hired by Silver Airways. Started training in May and will be flying the Beech 1900 Airliner!

Lynzie Hudson (Bay Cities)
Passed her ATP written. She currently holds Australian, New Zealand, and US Commercial. She is on her way to a US ATP and US CFI, already holding a New Zealand CFI license.

Melanie Rivera (Bay Cities)
Soloed! Congrats, Melanie!

REMEMBER

Please send your chapter news to
southwesterlynews@gmail.com

by the
August 15th deadline !!

Calendar/Activities 2013 - 2014

July 10th – 13th
[International Conference](#)
Bozeman, MT

September 11th -15th
Reno Air Races

September 20th – 22nd
Fall Section meeting
Lion's Gate Hotel
McClellan Airport, Sacramento

January 25th 2014
Winter Workshop
Carlsbad, CA

April 25th – 27th 2014
Spring Section Meeting
Ontario, CA

CHAPTERS ON THE MOVE

Bay Cities

Bay Cities have been participating in a myriad of airport days, air shows, and open houses all over their area. A few event locations include Hayward, South County, Hollister Air Show, and the San Carlos Airport Day coming up on June 22nd. They continue to have their educational potlucks and Flying Companion seminars.

Fullerton

The Fullerton Chapter, along with the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel chapters, is in the planning stage for the Spring Section meeting in Spring of 2014. New member, Ida Zhang, joined the chapter and received her membership pin. They painted a compass rose on the Fullerton airport, and will be responsible for our hospitality room at the Fall Section meeting this year at McClellan Airport in Sacramento.

Monterey Bay

The Monterey Bay Chapter recently awarded an International Conference Scholarship to Claudia Contreras. Claudia will be attending the July 2013 conference in Bozeman, Montana, as a first-time International Conference attendee.

Orange County

It's been an interesting and very busy year for the Orange County ladies. They celebrated 50 years as a chapter with a dinner and awards ceremony at the Costa Mesa Country Club. The first quarter of this year included fly-ins to Camarillo and Gillespie and a tour of SoCal Tracon. Other events included a "Stayin'Alive" Safety Seminar with Michael Church on May 18th, and their annual "Pilot of the Year" banquet on June 12th. There is also talk of a scholarship in collaboration with 5G aviation. They welcome new members Kiersten Ellis, Laura Hernandez, Sarah Hufnagel, and Karen Vaughn

Reno Area

This chapter has been planning the Fall Section meeting for 2014. There have been several airport education programs that they participated in and/or organized. An airport day is coming up in June in Carson City. They are planning their summer meetings to include a joint meeting with the local EAA and a joint meeting with the Reno High Sierra. Sign-ups will be beginning for the work schedule at the 50th anniversary of the Reno International Air Race Championship.

Reno High Sierra

We are bursting our buttons with pride that TWO of our chapter members are recipients of AEMSf scholarships! Claire Petrie is using hers for her CFI rating and Heather McCoy is using hers for her multi-engine rating. Also two of our members were the recipients of scholarships offered by the Reno Area chapter: Emma Justis was awarded \$2,000 to use to finish up her private pilot certificate and Heather McCoy was awarded \$3,000 to use for her Commercial rating. This year our chapter scholarships, totally \$5,500, went to Emma Justis to be used toward her private pilot certificate and Heather McCoy to be used for her multi-engine rating.

We are also very excited about our first-ever ARC team, the Flying M&Ms racing as team #37...none other than Moe Makowski and Heather McCoy in Heather's Dakota. We wish them all the good luck and good weather for this endeavor. You can follow them on their blog: <http://airraceclassic37.blogspot.com/>

Our annual Hangar Crawl on June 15 will find us at Stead Airport awarding our scholarships and installing our officers for the coming year: Chairman Diane Bigby, Vice Chairman Heather McCoy, Secretary Claire Petrie, and Treasurer Jean Starr.

Sacramento Valley

Sacramento just held its annual scholarship/installation dinner and awarded its newest member, Roxanne Parker, the Shirley Lehr/Betty Alair Memorial Aviation Scholarship of \$500. Congrats Roxanne!

In May, several SacValley members participated in Fly Sky High, Girl Scout Aviation day at Mather airport. About 100 girls participated throughout the day, learning about airplanes, various aviation-related jobs, and watching model plane demonstrations by the Mather Aerospace Modelers.

Sacramento looks forward to hosting the Fall Section meeting at McClellan Airfield in September.

San Diego

The San Diego Chapter had Martha King speak at one of their meetings. They participated in the "Wings Over Gillespie" airshow, a Youth Education Day, and had a very successful Flying Companion Seminar. Military Appreciation Month was a time for a recognition program at Fran Bera's hangar. Several members won scholarships.

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San Fernando Valley Chapter

San Fernando had a good turnout for the section meeting. They held a fly-in to Chino Airport, had member Claudia Ferguson present at their meeting on VFR cross-country flight planning, and had a fly-in to the Sandlings for Memorial Day weekend. They went to the Wings 'n Wheels event at Santa Ynez and they're planning their awards dinner and summer potluck.

San Luis Obispo Chapter

The Oceano Airport Celebration was a highlight in May. San Luis also had an adventure at Delano Airport when one member's airplane refused to start and, after attempts to fix it, were rescued by the Delano Airport "angel". There was a very successful annual poker run in May and they have been invited to do the YMCA Youth Summer camp event again this year.

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Sadly, San Joaquin lost their adopted member, Lindy Boyes, who came to them from the Aloha Chapter. They are busy planning the 2014 Air Race Classic.

Reminder for Newsletter Chairs

When you send me a file for the website - the latest version of your chapter newsletter - PLEASE include the name of the chapter in the file name.

For instance, newsletter May 2013.doc is NOT good. SD99sNewsletter_May_2013.doc IS good.

Can you imagine the chaos I face each month when I receive 10 - 12 newsletter docs, all with the same ambiguous name?!

This same problem exists with files for the chapter chair packets. Always include the chapter name in the file name. For chairmen, include the name of the committee in the name of the file for fall reports.

Maureen Kenney

Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund RAFFLE

**GoPro Hero3
Black Edition Video Camera
and Accessories**
(\$400 retail value)

Raffle -- Drawing July 13, 2013
in Bozeman, Montana

Tickets: \$5.00 each
5 for \$20.00 or
15 for \$50.00

Contact Mary Wunder for tickets
at 484-571-8145 or
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All proceeds go to
The Ninety-Nines
Endowment Fund.

*Thanks to Sporty's Pilot Shop
for donating the camera!*

Winner need not be present to win

The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

By Lorena Knapp

Please join me in congratulating Emily Crombez (Sleeping Giant, East Canada), Shannon Cunningham (Michigan, North Central), Kelly O'Dea (Bay Cities), and Angela Allen (Mt. Shasta) - our 2012B graduates of the [PPLI!](#)

In addition making huge progress in their own careers and offering support and guidance as a mentors they have:

- > started a new 99s chapter
- > presented to high school students about aviation careers
- > started a PPLI Facebook group to foster interaction between current participants and alumni
- > volunteered on numerous aviation and scholarship committees
- > set up TRACON tours
- > served as the volunteer coordinators at air shows
- > taught pinch hitter courses, and more!

These women exemplify what it means to be leaders in aviation and their communities. We look forward to continuing to hear about their accomplishments as they move forward in life and in their careers.

Furthermore, we are especially delighted that many of them will be continuing on with the program by serving on the PPLI Coordination Team.

Emily, Shannon, Kelly and Angela, we are so proud of you!

Itakura Gliderport

By Pat Chan
June 7, 2013

As all pilots do, I watched and wondered about the sky. Will it or won't it rain? If it doesn't rain will the clouds be so low that we can't fly? The difference was that I was looking at the sky from a new vantage point, Japan.

I was planning to vacation in Japan and plans did not necessarily include aviation. As departure time got closer I mentioned to friends that I was going to Japan. Linda Mae Hivert asked if I would like to contact her glider pilot friend, Reiko Sakurai. Soon we found ourselves in an email conversation that lasted for several days.

The weather forecast was not looking good. The day before we were hoping to fly I called Reiko to ask if flight operations had been cancelled. She said we were going to fly.

The next morning we gathered at the Itakura Gliderport, located 90 km north of Tokyo. They had a van that was fully equipped to be a command post. The windsock was deployed, radios turned on, and bamboo shade unfurled. Everything was operational within minutes. Reiko provided the early morning briefing and then the fun began.



The ground crew got the Grob G-103 glider into position and the Aviat A-1 Husky taxied in front of it to be ready to tow them into the air. Reiko and her student strapped on parachutes and climbed into the cockpit. I stood nearby as the student audibly went through a preflight checklist. Then backed away as the ground crew connected the towline to the glider. Soon they were in the air.



Lunch orders were taken and radio communications were maintained. The weather was calm and pilot talk prevailed.

I rode with the ground crew to the end of the runway to watch Reiko and her student return in a gentle glide. The pilots got into the cars and the Grob was towed back to the approach end of the grassy runway. Reiko said I would be on the third flight. Another student was waiting for her and in no time they were flying.

Lunches arrived and we sat in the shade chatting. The man, who was handling the radio communications, suggested that I go see the new Hofmann Super Dimona Plus, motorized glider. Only 50 or 60 of them had been manufactured.

A pilot was preparing it for flight. Solar panels charged the batteries as he installed a small fuel tank. The prop had been deployed from its storage place at the top of the fuselage. The avionics package included a built-in GPS. He taxied the Super Dimona into position on the runway and after a short take off run he was in the air. At the appropriate altitude the prop was retracted into the fuselage and it soared gracefully like any other glider would.

Reiko returned and I suggested that she eat lunch before we flew, but she thought there might be a thunderstorm in the afternoon and wanted us to fly before the weather closed in. We strapped on the parachutes and climbed into the cockpit ready to go. The Husky pulled us into the air.

We flew towards a cumulus cloud and with a gentle bump we were underneath it in a climbing 45° turn. It was pulling us higher and higher into the sky. Gazing upward through the canopy it seemed as though you could touch the cloud.

As we tried to find another cloud for more lift Reiko was saying "be patient". The land below spread out before us. A heart shaped man-made lake, fields of rice and other crops, cities, mountains and more could be easily seen. Over there was Itakura gliderport. Reiko asked me "Shall we go down now? It's been 23 minutes." Down? Who wants to go down? Of course, she was right, we had to return to earth. So down we went.



We entered the pattern and softly landed. The ground crew welcomed us back and got the Grob ready for the next lucky aviators. Reiko ate lunch while I went to take a look at another glider. When I returned, Reiko was in the air on her 4th instruction flight and wouldn't land for about an hour.

I had to meet a friend and his family in Kamakura. The pilots helped plan the train route to Kamakura. It was 4 trains and 4 hours away from the gliderport. I couldn't wait for her to land.

A pilot said he'd drive me to the train station. I hesitated because I had brought a wing pin for Reiko, but the radio controller said he would give the pin to her for me and it was a long journey to Kamakura. So it was time to leave. As the pilot and I walked towards his car the radio controller's last words to me were "Come back." I thanked him and said that I would.



Who is Opal Kunz?

Opal Kunz was the subject of discussion at the May 2013 Southwest Section meeting in Bakersfield, CA. The Southwest Section has taken up the cause to enhance Opal's grave as a tribute to her contributions to women in aviation. These links will provide further information about Opal:

[Letter From Opal](#)

[Opal's Story](#)

She was a charter member of the Ninety-Nines, and Tiffany was commissioned, via Opal's husband, to design and produce the handsome "99" logo pin worn by all members of the Ninety-Nines to this day. Opal Kunz was married to Dr. George Frederick Kunz, a noted 19th century mineralogist and writer, and Vice President of Tiffany & Co.

August 13th-20th 1929, Opal entered the first Women's Air Derby, starting in Santa Monica, CA and ending in Cleveland, OH. Among the 20 participants was Amelia Earhart. 14 completed the course one of them being Opal Kunz.

She died alone at her home in Auburn, CA on May 15, 1967, and is buried in the municipal cemetery, called the "Old Auburn Cemetery", in plot: 127B-3.

Many members feel that it is a terrible thing that such a valuable member of our organization would die alone and be buried in a pauper's grave. Please help us provide a fitting memorial stone for Opal. Donations are now being collected to purchase a headstone for her gravesite. You can [donate](#) on our Southwest Section website.



Kneeling in front of Opal's unmarked grave...

Back Row: Becky Davies, Shirley Weinbaum, Marcell Bink, Susan Franklin, Merrilyn Lockerbie, Natasha Flaherty, Penny Nagy, Carol Andrews, and Carol Bowser

Front Row: Willa Young, Sharon Raney, Sue Forster, Jennifer Meiners, Carin Batham, and Mary Lou Klein

Opal Kunz to be Honored at Last

By Carol Andrews

The Placer Gold Chapter 99s hosted a lunch in Auburn, California, on June 13th for members from the Sacramento Valley and the Sutter Buttes 99s for the purpose of locating the unmarked grave of Opal Kunz. Following lunch, sixteen members from the 3 chapters searched the Old Auburn Cemetery looking for the gravesite where Opal was laid to rest in an unmarked grave in 1967. A photo showing the locale aided in the search, and eventually it was located, where the group photo was taken.

SW Section Governor Penny Nagy will order a tombstone to be set in time for a modest dedication ceremony during the Fall Section Meeting in Sacramento where members will have the opportunity to pay tribute to Opal, who was truly an unsung pioneer among women in aviation. She served as an unofficial president of the newly formed 99s in 1928 prior to the election of Amelia Earhart; additionally, her husband, who was employed by Tiffany's, designed the original interlocking 99s logo. Opal's 99s pin is part of her display at the 99s Museum on Oklahoma City.

Brought to the attention of the Section members in Bakersfield by Governor Nagy, many individuals and chapters donated money toward having the grave appropriately marked, and eventually having Opal inducted into the Forest of Friendship.

Back to Basics...

1. The three takeoffs and landings, that are required to act as pilot in command at night, must be done during the time period from

- A—sunset to sunrise
- B—1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise
- C—the end of evening civil twilight to the beginning of morning civil twilight

2. In what flight condition is torque effect the greatest in a single-engine airplane?

- A—Low airspeed, high power, high angle of attack
- B—Low airspeed, low power, low angle of attack
- C—High airspeed, high power, high angle of attack

3. The wind at 5,000 feet AGL is southwesterly while the surface wind is southerly. This difference in direction is primarily due to

- A—stronger pressure gradient at higher altitudes
- B—friction between the wind and the surface
- C—stronger Coriolis force at the surface

4. If an aircraft is equipped with a fixed-pitch propeller and a float-type carburetor, the first indication of carburetor ice would most likely be

- A—a drop in oil temperature and cylinder head temperature
- B—engine roughness
- C—loss of RPM

5. The most effective method of scanning for other aircraft for collision avoidance during nighttime hours is to use

- A—regularly spaced concentration on the 3-, 9-, and 12-o'clock positions
- B—a series of short, regularly spaced eye movements to search each 30-degree sector
- C—peripheral vision by scanning small sectors and utilizing off center viewing

See back page for answers

Check out the Ninety-Nines updated logo....



*Inspiring Women Pilots
Since 1929*

C. J. Strawn

January 27, 1944 - April 29, 2013
Los Angeles Chapter

Cheryl Jolene Strawn, 69, born and raised in Southern California, daughter of Evelyn and Virgil Strawn, she lived a life full of passionate pursuits. After receiving her BA and MA in Fine Arts from UC Riverside, she moved to New York studying design to work in the theatre. From there she moved back to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film and television as a costume designer, moving up to art director, and then production designer.

CJ's final passion was as a pilot and flying instructor. She died in a plane crash on April 29, 2013. She joined her father Virgil and brother Reg and is survived by her mother Evelyn and brothers Randy and Mick. She will be mourned as well by a legion of friends and fellow pilots.



Lindy Boyes

June 17, 1926 - May 11, 2013
Aloha Chapter

Madaline "Lindy" Boyes, age 86, flew to new horizons on May 11, 2013, from her home in Walnut Creek, CA. She was born June 17, 1926, in Piedmont, CA. Lindy was a Life Member of the Ninety-Nines, having joined in 1950. In 1968, Lindy started the Aloha Chapter of the 99s in Honolulu. After leaving Hawaii, Lindy became an adopted member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter in California.

Lindy began flying at UC Berkeley where her nickname became very fitting. The moniker she shared with Charles Lindbergh wasn't the only thing she had in common with the famous aviator, she too had discovered the joys of flight. Her older brother Peter joined the Air Force and Lindy couldn't resist the pull of piloting either, actually soloing before he did.

Lindy was an accomplished writer and wrote a weekly column "Aviation Roundup" for the *Oakland Tribune*. In 1957 she was called to become associate editor of "Skyway Magazine", then the official publication of the National Business Aircraft Association. She moved to Hawaii in 1965 and after retiring, returned back to the mainland in 1999, residing in Walnut Creek, CA.

Lindy held a commercial pilot license with a flight instructor rating. She flew in the Powder Puff Derby many times and brought home multiple trophies. She founded the Northern California Silver Wings Chapter, was a member of the Livermore Valley Airmen's Association, was active in Kiwanis International Clubs, and she volunteered at the Western Aerospace Museum for many years.

Lindy will always remember her flights with the Blue Angels in a T-33 and a Grumman F-11 flying in formation.

Lindy met longtime member and friend Barbara Evans in New York in 1950 and credits the Ninety-Nines with her ability to make many lasting friends no matter where you live or fly.

We will miss our Lindy and are fortunate to have had her as our adopted member who flew the skies with us to our meetings and luncheons. She was always there when we needed her.

Aloha to our sister.

Mae Haskell

May 31, 1925 - January 3, 2013
past member of the Reno Area Chapter

May E. Haskell, age 87, of Perryman, MD, passed away January 3, 2013 at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air, MD. Born in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Francis and Monetta Elizabeth Hagen Walsh and beloved wife of the late Richard Briggs Haskell.

A licensed pilot, she was a proud member of the Civil Air Patrol where she made the rank of Captain in her early 80's. She was also a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and the Ninety Nines. One of her many adventures was smuggling bootleg liquor into Oklahoma (a dry state at the time) to pay for her flying lessons. She encouraged others to pursue their passion for aviation. May was a loving grandmother and an avid pet lover.

May is survived by her sons, Michael Walsh of Seabrook, SC and Tom Haskell of Portal, GA; daughters, Elizabeth Haskell of Walla Walla, WA and Loretta Cook of Perryman, MD; grandchildren, Michael and Joe Walsh, Emery, Nathan and Sam Cook.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to:

Civil Air Patrol Foundation
105 S. Hansell Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

www.civilairpatrolfoundation.com/

Beagle Rescue of Southern Maryland, Inc.
P.O. Box 983
Waldorf, MD 20604

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New Horizons

Mary LaCroix

May 4, 1944 – April 27, 2013
Mount Shasta Chapter

Mary LaCroix left for new horizons April 27, 2013. Mary received her pilot's license in Hawaii in 1980 and an IFR rating a few years later. She participated in the Palms to Pines Women's Air Race, owned a Cherokee 6 with pilot and husband Ray LaCroix, and was a member of the Cameron Park and Mount Shasta 99s. Her passion was travel and she visited all continents except Antarctica. She worked as a laboratory technologist for over 40 years. She is survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, daughter Raylene, husband Parrish Cross and their children Sydney, Quincy and Roman, and a son Mark LaCroix.

Are you SWIFT?

From the March issue of the Centerline

The 99s are pleased to announce the rollout of a formal recognition program for Certified Flight Instructors who are actively Supporting Women In Flight Training (SWIFT) by connecting their female students with our organization. When new members list the referring CFI by name and CFI number under "How did you hear about The 99s" on their membership application, the flight instructor will earn credit towards a SWIFT award level of Bronze, Silver or Gold. As each level is reached the CFI's name will be entered onto a virtual plaque on our website and will be sent a certificate honoring their achievements when they reach the Gold level of 25 referrals. To view the plaque, go to The Ninety-Nines website and under the tab "Advancing Women Pilots" click on "CFI – SWIFT Awards", or you may go to: http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/swift_awards.htm.

So what does this mean to you?

Since Chapters are always on the lookout for ways to recruit new members, the SWIFT Award can be another tool. CFIs are frequently the first significant contact our potential members have with the aviation community and the CFIs may not realize that they have a goal in common with us -- keeping their female students in aviation. Let them know what The 99s can offer their students and the recognition the SWIFT program offers them for doing so. Mentoring, scholarship monies, and camaraderie with a local chapter can help keep that CFI's student in the air. Please help spread the word about the SWIFT award!

BACK TO BASICS answers:

1. Answer: B
Learning Statement: Recall regulations—pilot currency requirements.
2. Answer: A
Learning Statement: Recall forces acting on aircraft—propeller/torque.
3. Answer: B
Learning Statement: Recall winds—types/characteristics.
4. Answer: C
Learning Statement: Recall carburetor ice—factors affecting/causing.
5. Answer: C
Learning Statement: Recall collision avoidance---scanning techniques