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Barbara Crooker, Governor

Spring is on the horizon. Time for getting annuals done, making plans for the year, scheduling fly outs – weather permitting, and getting ready for the air race you may have entered. Also, it is time to send in your registration for the Spring SWS meeting in Flabob! You should have received your postcard recently, so go online and get signed up. It promises to be an event not to be missed. It is scheduled April 22-24 and Flabob is close to Riverside. This is a SWS sponsored event with many chapters taking responsibility for things that need to be done. Thanks to all the chapters that have stepped up to help!

Our fall section meeting in Santa Cruz hosted by the Monterey Bay 99s was great fun and educational. Beautiful setting, many interesting things to do and see, plus very

informative seminars and time to connect with friends! This section continues to impress me how active chapters are in their communities.

Our winter workshop in January, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley 99s was a very educational day and added to that, we were able to spend time at the Hiller Museum there on the field at San Carlos. Weather was pretty iffy so most drove, but it was a great weekend of education for all.

The annual conference in Ottawa is coming up July 5 -10. Check online for details and make plans to take advantage of the things the East Canadian gals have planned. You will need a passport to go to Canada so make sure your passport is current and will not expire for 6 months after July. It is such an opportunity to spend time with our International 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.

Our nominating committee has been hard at work and has included candidate biographies here in the Southwesterly for you to check out as you make your voting decisions for the 2016 election of new section officers. Thanks to all the candidates for their willingness to invest some of their valuable time handling the SWS business.

If your chapter has a scholarship to offer, check out the scholarship registry that is set up on the International website. It may be a way for your chapter to attract a local woman who wants to learn to fly and

needs the support your chapter can provide to reach her goals.

My term as your governor has been an adventure filled with satisfaction and surprises! I have not been surprised by the support and encouragement I have received from the membership and the board. This group is really a class act! The surprises were mostly learning the things we could and needed to do to meet the needs of our section and our chapters. Thanks to a superb board, we have accomplished much and can look back on our two years with satisfaction. Sometimes the nuts and bolts are boring but necessary and we still have some rolling around but it is getting better. I have been honored to serve as your representative on the Council of Governors. Thank you for your support in what we have tried to do to make a difference in SWS.

My overriding goal as governor has been to try to strengthen local chapters since I believe that they are the solid foundation of our organization. I hope that each chapter embraces the reality of their huge importance in our organization and keeps the board informed of their needs so that their strength can be supported.

Thank you very much everyone for your commitment to the 99s. You really do make a difference!



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Nominating	Maureen Kenney, San Fernando Valley
Insurance	Open

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings to all! I'm looking forward to a great spring and hoping to get back in my plane to fly once again. There are many things on my list of things to do this year, and focusing on flying is second on the list; spending time with my family, including my grandchildren (my second showed up in January) and my children is first.

The Southwesterly serves as a very important communication tool for our section, and volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Compiling recent events from SWS chapters for the 'Chapters on the Move' page
- Editing – deciding what goes in the issue and getting the articles to the layout volunteer
- Proofreading – catching grammar mistakes, typos, and incorrect information
- Layout - putting the Southwesterly together. A working knowledge of computers and a publishing program like Word or Publisher is necessary for those interested in working with the Southwesterly layout. The issue goes out 4 times a year and is read by over 1200 members.

Here is a great opportunity to volunteer for the Ninety-Nines and get involved with your Southwest Section! Contact [Jeanne](#) if you are interested.

See you in Flabob!
Jeanne

2016 Calendar

April 22-24

[Spring SWS Meeting](#)

Flabob Airport, Riverside, CA

June 24

52nd Air Rally

Hayward (KHWD) to Reno-Stead (KRTS)

www.hwdairrally.org

July 5-10, 2016

International Conference

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

www.99sottawa2016.com

Sept 30 – Oct 2, 2016

Fall SWS meeting

Lancaster, CA

Ratings and Accomplishments

Tammy Augustin (Reno High Sierra)

First Australian woman to receive a L39 jet rating!!

Emily Johnson (Phoenix)

Private Pilot

Denise Kowal (Reno High Sierra)

Instrument Rating

Moe Makowski (Reno High Sierra)

Multi-Engine Commercial

Heather McCoy (Reno High Sierra)

Multi-engine rating

Stephanie Luongo (Reno High Sierra)

Commercial rating

Agata Pares (Bay Cities)

B757 & B767 type rating

Jennifer Comfort Purcell (San Diego)

Private Pilot

Jeanne Rieck (Phoenix)

Commercial Multi-engine

Leah Thomas (Phoenix)

Private Pilot

Gabriella DeAsis (San Fernando Valley)

solo

Nancy Ann Earhart (Bay Cities)

Scholarship to attend the 56th Annual Airport Management Course

Katie Greenwood (Reno High Sierra)

\$3,500 advanced rating scholarship

Nikki Kovalcheck (Reno High Sierra)

\$1,000 recurrency scholarship

Diana LeSueur (Phoenix)

T-50 check-out and passed her Instrument written

Sima Maleki (Reno High Sierra)

Fly Now scholarship

Velvet Parker Sims (Phoenix)

Private Pilot written passed

Cheri Rhynard (Fullerton)

solo

Kayla Waskowski (Phoenix)

F/O for Grand Canyon Airlines

CHAPTERS ON THE MOVE

Bay Cities

Bay Cities celebrated their 84th anniversary party in March! There are many winging parties scheduled for the spring; Wings of History Air Museum, Napa, Tahoe, Castle car show, South County and Cloverdale. Planning has started for next year's spring section meeting. Bay Cities will award a \$1000 scholarship this spring.

Fullerton

In 2015, Fullerton held orientation flights for teenagers in the Aviation Explorer group, went to the Big Bear City Airport Air Fair, and had a Fly-in to Bullhead for River Regatta. They started 2016 with 10 members participating in the Havasu Poker Run and held a chapter fundraiser at Wings Café. A fly-in is planned for the Havasu 600 Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race. Fly-ins are scheduled for every second Saturday through June.

Sadly, Denise lost her partner of many years, Mike Blackstone

Phoenix

The Phoenix chapter is always busy. They went to a Negrito Fly-in, did a Wings seminar on mountain flying, participated in the KSAD breakfast club fly-in, and the Grapevine monthly fly-in weekend. There was an E95 breakfast fly-in, KPAN backcountry camping in Payson, Young Eagles in Show Low, and a Discover Aviation camp for kids. A very busy group of ladies!

Reno Area

Their big scholarship fundraiser, the Reno Air Races, went well last year with reasonable weather and no major accidents. Last year, the chapter worked with 6th graders at the Minden-Tahoe Airport, the Young Eagles at the Reno-Stead Airport, Cottonwood Elementary students in Fernley, and will be working with the Girl Scouts in March. The Carson City Airport Open House was successful where they had a booth, handed out information about the 99s and sold raffle tickets for some items for scholarship money.

Unfortunately, they lost members Pat Brinnand and Pat Orcutt to cancer last August, and recently Shirley Thom's 49½, Gene. Member Kathy Gray was interviewed by CBS at a PanAm reunion in Atlanta. Scholarships are being awarded from the Chapter soon.

Reno High Sierra

The chapter has now become a "large" chapter with 51 members! Good job! Last year, they were very busy working the Air Races. Member, Diane Bigby, will be working for Reno Air Race Association managing concessions, merchandise sales and warehouse this year. They've attended safety seminars, and Operation Santa Claus at Reno-Tahoe Airport fundraising for "Children's Cabinet" to buy gifts for families in need.

There are 3 new members in the group and they have two AE scholarship winners!

Sacramento Valley

Sac Valley had a booth at the California Capitol Airshow last year, and is currently making plans for their 2016 booth. The members also participated in an EAA Young Eagles program at Rancho Murietta Airport. Their Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for April 30, 2016 at Executive Airport. Sac Valley will be awarding another scholarship in May.

San Diego

Last year, they held an ice cream social fundraiser in Fran's hangar on one of the hottest days of the summer, which was successful not only for cooling off, but they gained another member. They had speaker Bob Ambler at one of their meetings speaking on his recent trip to North Africa. Members went to the Big Bear Air Fare, and had a booth at the Airshow San Diego. In July, the San Diego chapter lost member, Pat Fry. In August, Southwest Section Webmaster, Eline Kok-Vermeulen, got married... congratulations!

San Fernando Valley

San Fernando had a Doo Dah parade airplane building and refurbishing party to prepare for the Doo Dah parade, and then participated in the parade once again. They've been active with the Young Eagles, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and fly-ins.

San Luis Obispo

This chapter attended the Santa Maria safety meeting featuring David Voelker, FAA Operations Inspector, participated in the Oceana Toys for Tots, had a presentation from CalStar an air ambulance group, and had two booths at the San Luis Obispo Airport Day.

Nominees for the Upcoming SWS Election of Officers

The following 99s have graciously volunteered to be the nominees for the upcoming SWS slate of officers.

Ballots have been mailed.

The deadline for receipt of the ballots is April 1st.

Thanks to all,

Jan Gageby, Nominating Committee Chairman.

Governor:

Alice Talnack (Monterey Bay)

"I joined the Ninety-Nines in 2000 and have been an active member from the very beginning. I currently hold the position of Vice-Governor for the Southwest Section. Within my chapter I served as Chapter Chair 2004-2006 and again in 2010-2012.

Currently, I serve the chapter as Treasurer, Aerospace Chair, Legislative Liaison, and Scholarship Chair.

Locally, I served ten years on the Watsonville Fly-In Board as Director of Pilot Registration. I assisted for NIFA, when held in Salinas, both 2009 and 2013. I am a member of AOPA, EAA, WAI, and I fly a 1963 Mooney based at Watsonville, California.

The Ninety-Nines is an organization with a clear vision, respected history and an exciting future. I would be honored to serve as Governor for the Southwest Section and ask for your vote of confidence."

Vice-Governor:

Jeanne Fenimore (San Fernando Valley)

"I've been a member of the 99s since 1973 and have been most active in my chapter. I have been Chapter Chairman of the San Fernando Valley Chapter for 4 terms, have served on most committees, and have been chair of many of them. I have attended many section meeting, International Conferences, Air Races, and Fly—Ins. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Van Nuys Airport Association; I am a member and serve as Parliamentarian for Whitman Airport Association.

I am currently a Section Director, have served as Section Nominating Committee Chairman and have editor for "the 'Southwesterly'. I feel I have a lot of offer the Section and look forward to working with all the Members in the Southwest Section."

Secretary:

Michaele S. Serasio (Monterey Bay)

"I have been a member of the 99s, Monterey Bay Chapter since 1994. I enjoy the camaraderie of all levels of women pilots in our Southwest Section (SWS) to all over the world! I have attended most all Section and International Conferences. As an active member of the Monterey Bay Chapter for the last 21 years, I have held

the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair and currently Secretary.

At the SWS level, I have served as Nominating Committee 2012-2014 and currently Nominating Committee 2104-2016.

As the Secretary of Southwest Section board I look forward to assisting the SWS Board in pursuing the Mission Statement of the 99s; promoting advancement in aviation through education and mutual support of our history and passion for flight."

Treasurer:

Felicia R. Hoppe (Sutter Buttes)

"I earned my pilot's license in January of 1989, and earned my instrument rating later that year. I joined the SFV Chapter or the 99s in January of 1989. During my time there I held all of the offices on the board. I was Treasurer of the SWS section 2003-2004. In 2010 we moved to Nevada City, CA, and for a number of years I was not very active. I decided that the way to get more active was to transfer to a local chapter, which I did.

The Sutter Buttes Chapter. We owned a plane for 10 years, and during that time I flew air races, flew cross-country three times with my husband and visited numerous airports. I have just spent the last two years as Treasurer of SWS. I feel that I can be an asset to the section and look forward to serving the SWS once again."

Director:

Candace Harding (San Joaquin Valley)

"I have been a member of the 99s for 20 years, serving as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Membership and Scholarship Chair. I have been on the Nominating Committee for four years. I have participated in hosting the Start of the ARC.

I hold ATP and CFI licenses. I own a Cherokee Warrior and my husband and I enjoy flying to the Section meetings and International Conferences. I am the President and Flying Activities Chair of the Livermore Valley Airmen's Assoc. I have served on the Women of Aviation Worldwide Committee at Livermore where we flew 40 women in one day. I truly enjoy encouraging women and young people to discover aviation and learn to fly. I flew commercially in Hawaii and flew DC-3 tours in the Bay Area. I would like to serve the 99s as Director of the SWS."

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Director:

Lynn Meadows (Reno High Sierra)

"After earning my Private Pilot Certificate in 1978 at NAS Moffett Field, I finally found to the 99s in 1984. The Santa Clara Valley Chapter were my first 99s friends and fun group. Since 1986, I've held all elected offices in the Lake Tahoe Chapter over ten years and the Reno High Sierra Chapter over twenty years, most several times. My Chapter inducted me into the Forest of Friendship in 2012. I'm a life member of 99s...it has been a large part of my life for many years....great friends, fun adventures, and wonderful opportunities for women pilots. I have held the elected offices of SWS Director twice and SWS Nomination Committee once, and volunteered as SWS Air marking Chair for nine years, and Membership Chair of 1 year. Ninety-Nines has given me much and try to give back to the organization. Please vote for me for SWS Director 2016-2018."

Director:

Paula Sandling (San Fernando Valley)

"I would like to serve as your Director of Southwest Section. The 99s have been a big part of my life for over 34 years. Friendships and comradery cannot be matched. Been an active and current flying member of San Fernando Valley 99s since 1982. Fly a Cessna 182. Offices held: Chairman, Vice-chairman and Treasurer. Chaired or member of almost every committee in chapter, throughout my membership. Co-chaired Southwest Section Conferences 1995 and 2012. Served as Southwest Section Director 1992-1994. In first group to go on AE Hike 1987. Honored by my chapter with Service award and Pilot of the Year award. Member of AOPA, Cal Pilots and Pint Mt. Lake Aviation Association. Attend 53 Southwest Sections, 16 International Conferences and numerous Winter Board Meeting since joining 99s and would like to give back again to the section by working as your Director for 2016-2018."

Nominating Committee:

Sally Biggin (Redwood Coast Flyers)

"I am a Life Member and one of the founding members of Redwood Coast Flyers (1989). I have served as Chapter Chairman and currently serve as Treasurer. For four years I served as Chairmen of the International Bylaws Committee. I have attended nine International Conventions and eight Southwest Section Meeting. I am a retired K-12 school administrator who was elected in 2007 to serve as a trustee for the Redwoods Community College District. I was also elected to serve on the California Community College Trustee Board of the Community College League of CA in 2013. I am interested in serving on the nominating Committee in order or encourage qualified 99s members, who represent the diversity of our organization, to run for elected positions on our Southwest Section Board."

Nominating Committee:

Barbara Boot (Mt. Shasta)

"I have been a member of 99s for almost 40 years, and held offices in the Mt. Shasta Chapter in the 90s. After my husband's heart attack and other business decisions, I was not as active in the past 10 years. My husband recently passed away, and I find that being involved with likeminded people is where I need to be. I became a pilot in 1976, have been active as a Young Eagle Chairman, flew in 13 Palms to Pines air races, and an active 99 in the Mr. Shasta chapter. I look forward to going to the Section Meetings and know many 99s from years past. I look forward to many new experiences and friendships."

Nominating Committee:

Catherine Browning-Santa Maria (San Joaquin Valley)

"After I retired from my career we moved up to an area that has an Airport Park (E45). Day in and day out I watched the pilots of our community fly in and out of the airport and, after attending a few Aviation Club meetings (immediate past president of Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association), I decided that I too could learn how to fly. I started taking flying lessons, joined the PML Aero Club (current Treasurer), obtained my private pilot's license in December of 2011, and joined the 99s immediately. I served as Treasurer for our chapter and currently am serving as Chapter Chairman. Our chapter decided to host the 2014 ARC in Concord and I was assigned to be the Finance Chairman and the Hospitality Chairman. I feel that I am well qualified to handle this position and would appreciate your support."

Nominating Committee:

Pat Chan (Bay Cities)

"My interest in aviation began, with flying a rubber band powered, balsa wood airplane. Then, about a year after graduation from college, I started skydiving and working at the Antioch Sport Parachuting Center. A few years later the parachuting center offered flight lessons and I earned a Private Pilot Certificate in 1982. Flight training continued with earning an Instrument Rating in 1991 and a Commercial Pilot Certificate in 1993.

I joined the Bay Cities Chapter of the 99s in 1984, back in the days when a potential member had to be sponsored by a current member and be voted in by a chapter. I was eventually elected to be chapter Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

Over the years, I have been an Oral Historian for the Southwest Section and the International 99s. I've also been fortunate to attend several Southwest Section Meetings and International 99s conventions."

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**Nominating Committee:
Elaine LeCain (Bakersfield)**

"The 99s have been a vital part of my life since becoming a pilot in 2008.

It was my pleasure to serve as Chair for the Bakersfield Chapter 99s when we hosted the spring 2013 Section Meeting. That event gave me a great opportunity to meet many of you in person. I have served as Chapter Chair of the Bakersfield Chapter since 2010 and have met others of you in Irvine, Durango, No. Hollywood, Santa Maria and Reno Section Meetings. I know our section as having many wonderful, capable and talented women pilots, as a nomination committee member it would be my pleasure to help bring more new faces to the forefront of our wonderful organization. I believe I have the organizational and people skills to put together an outstanding state of officers for the Southwest Section. I would be honored to continue serving on the Southwest Section Nominating Committee."

**Nominating Committee:
Mary Anne Read (Reno Area)**

"I, Mary Anne Read, am seeking a position for the nominating committee for the Southwest Section for the 2 years (2016-2018). I'm currently a glider pilot. Air Sailing Glider port is my FBO, which is north of Reno, NV. I'm on the board of Air Sailing for 6 years as the Public Relations Liaison. Also, I'm President of Nevada Soaring Association; our club uses Air Sailing Glider port as its FBO. If I'm selected, I'm looking forward to recruiting 99s for positions that need to be filled for our continued success.

Fly Now Award Scholarship

The FLY NOW Award is a progressive award given to Student Pilot members with a need for financial assistance to become licensed pilots. The award provides up to \$3000 toward completion of the Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft. This award will be given progressively to winners AFTER they complete four milestones in their training.

- Applicant must be an official Student Pilot member of the 99s at least one month prior to the submission deadline.
- They must have a current medical certificate, if it is required for the pilot certificate sought and hold a Student Pilot Certificate.
- The applicant need NOT have soloed or passed the written exam.
- Each applicant who belongs to a chapter needs to request a recommendation from her chapter's Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship chairman. Each Applicant in a section without chapters needs to request a recommendation from her section Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship chairman.
- In addition, each applicant must have a Mentor, a 99 who will support her through the training process.

Click here to apply: http://www.ninety-nines.org/Fly_Now.htm

Updated information on the [Pilot's Bill of Rights](#) is now available here.

VOLUNTEER

***Your Southwest Section needs YOU!
See Letter from the Editor on page 2***



A Happy Birthday for the Woman Who Can Fly



Doris Lockness, aviatrix extraordinaire, turned 106 this month. Village Life photo by Krysten Kellum

At 106 years old El Dorado Hills resident Doris Lockness is a marvel and it's not just because of her age. Decades before the feminist movement Doris was a pilot, flying small airplanes during World War II until the brink of the 21st century. She was only the 55th woman in the world to earn a commercial helicopter license and went on to gain additional licenses to fly seaplanes, gyroplanes, hot air balloons and gliders.

Born in 1910, Doris was raised in Ohio and moved to California with her husband and young family during the Great Depression. They lived next door to a small airport. That location coupled with her fascination with the young aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart were key reasons Doris started flying in 1939.

"I wasn't young, but I had four children to take care of," Doris said during a recent interview. "Once they were all in school I'd do the fastest housework you ever saw and then hop on my bike to rush to that little airport."

When World War II began Doris' first husband was excused from enlisting because he had four children. "I was the patriotic one so I enlisted," she explained.

Since many American men were overseas, the Women's Air Force Service Pilots was formed as part of the U.S. Army Air Forces to ferry aircraft and to test new aircraft. Of the 25,000 women who applied to join, only 1,074 were accepted, including Doris.

She may have been proud of her job but said the service men who were assigned to fly with her and the other female pilots weren't as happy. "They wouldn't get in," Doris said. "The men wouldn't ride in the planes with us."

She flew for the WASP until it disbanded in 1943.

After the war Doris continued to work as a flight instructor, sightseeing pilot and she performed in air shows for decades all across the country, most memorably in her Vultee-Stinson war bird, "Swamp Angel," which she bought at war surplus and had until she was 90.

"I loved that little plane," Doris said. "I decided I wanted to buy it back and they wanted to charge me double."

Doris reflected on the countless thrill rides she experienced high up in the sky. "The loop-to-loops were the best," she said.

She remembered one time when things got a little too wild, even for her. "I was flying over Big River in Washington. There was no visibility and I couldn't get high enough," she said. "I did a lot of praying sometimes."

Her flying was a source of contention with her husband and they divorced.

Doris married Robert Lockness and the two would be married for 52 years. "He encouraged me to fly and he complimented me a lot too," Doris said. "That was important to me."

When Robert died 15 years ago, Doris followed her son Dave Rhodes, 83, to the Sacramento region. She has lived in El Dorado County for seven years. She was living independently until a few months ago. After a fall, she now lives in a private assisted living residence in Serrano.

Thrills run in Doris' family. Two of her sons, including Dave, were Olympic cyclists. Dave competed in the 1952 and 1956 Olympic games. He said he only flew with his mom "once or twice" because "she liked to fly and I liked to cycle," he explained.

Her need for speed carried over to cars too. An avid Jaguar enthusiast, Doris is an honorary member of the Sacramento Jaguar Club. She sold her last Jaguar to her doctor when she was 103.

Her 106th birthday on Feb. 2 was a subdued affair, but Doris still likes to talk about the mega-party she had for her 100th at Serrano Country Club. She co-piloted a Robinson 44 helicopter at Cameron Park airport as her 100 guests looked on. "It was fun; we did some rolls," she said.

Though Doris called flying "all together different now, there are so many more instruments." She would ride again if she had the chance. "I probably would if I could get in," she said.

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Doris said there are no big secrets to her longevity. "Nothing dramatic," she said. "I'd have a glass of wine, never smoked and have always been active ... maybe the flying kept me young."

"Doris never starts the day with a complaint," her caregiver Daria Selifanov said. "Whenever I see her, the first thing she says is, 'I'm doing great.'"

Whatever it is, Doris mused, "I've had a wonderful life."

Doris Lockness has been honored for her contributions to the promotion and public acceptance of women as pilots in general aviation by the Ninety-Nines, OX-5 Pioneers and the National Aeronautic Association. On the Women in Aviation International website it states, "Lockness' aeronautical achievements have inspired many to set higher goals and stretch to reach them, encouraging countless women over more than seven decades to put on their wings and fly."

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www.villagelife.com/news/a-happy-birthday-for-the-woman-who-can-fly/



Julie Clark and Doris out for a flight to celebrate 100 years, 2010.



The Ventura County Ninety-Nines unveiled their new museum display at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula on September 15, 2015. Having begun as the Santa Paula Ninety-Nines in 1973, it was a homecoming. Portions of the exhibit are permanent, while others will be updated to reflect our ongoing community outreach programs. The exhibit is geared to museum patrons of all ages, with photos and write-ups of the various kinds of flying, trivia questions, and a touchable instrument panel.



Yellow Bird Flies from West Coast to East Coast

In 2015, Barbara Boot sold her beloved C152 to Donna Wilt, from Sebastian, FL. Barbara is a member of the Mt. Shasta 99s, and EAA Chapter #1148, North Valley Flyers in Corning, CA. Donna belongs to the Florida Spaceport 99s Chapter, and also EAA Chapter # 1288 in Valkaria, FL. Donna was a recent guest at Boot's home while taking the 3 week LSRM course from Rainbow Aviation.

Donna bought the airplane in May, returning to Corning in July to fly Yellow Bird from Corning to Florida. Her husband, Dennis Wilt was co-pilot. Dennis is the President of EAA #1288.

The flight was a distance of 2622 nautical miles.



Pilots, set this date aside, June 24, 2016 for departure to Reno Nevada Stead Airport (KRTS)

The Air Rally announces this year's air rally dates and 2016 EAA Air Academy Summer Camp Scholarships. <http://www.airrally.org/>

The Air Rally, sponsored and organized by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., is celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2016, departing from Hayward, California (KHWD) to a new destination: Reno Nevada Stead Airport (KRTS).

Over the 51 year history of the Air Rally, the event has been a single day of flying and competition. The exception was the 2014 50th anniversary flight to Oshkosh, which took three days.

The Hayward Air Rally gives aviators a chance to test their flight planning, navigational skills, pilotage skills and to have a fun day of flying. The Air Rally is an approximately 500-mile VFR cross-country challenge that is flown in two legs. This year the ultimate destination is Reno, Nevada, Stead Airport (KRTS). The two legs are Hayward, CA (KHWD) to Redding, CA (KRDD) and then Redding, CA (KRDD) to Stead/Reno, NV (KRTS). The Air Rally It is NOT a speed event or a race. Scoring is determined by fuel management, time management and navigational skills. This year's Air Rally will be held on 23 June through 25 June 2016. All types of aircraft types are accepted including Light Sport Aircraft.

On Thursday 23 June pilots and their aircraft will check in at the Hayward Airport between 12:00 and 16:00 hours. Aircraft are then fueled and impounded. After an aircraft is impounded and the pilot and crew have been checked in, they will be given a Rally Course POH. The Rally Course POH contains a detailed description of the Rally route and the procedures to follow while participating on the Rally course. With the Rally Course POH in hand, pilots and crews will then begin to

plan their route including fuel and time. The pilot may plan to fly any route so long as she or he finds the check points in order as described in the Rally Course POH. A mandatory flight briefing is also held at 16:00 hours on Thursday. All participants must attend. Each aircraft will have a GPS tracking device on board.

Friday 24 June is the day of the Rally. At 08:00 hours pilots and crews have their pictures taken in front of each participating aircraft. Aircraft begin taking off one by one between 8:30 hours and 10:00 hours weather permitting. There are usually one to two minutes between departing aircraft. The Rally Course POH has detailed instructions on departure from Hayward.

The first leg of the Rally course ends at Redding, CA (KRDD) where fuel usage is measured by a calibrated fuel truck and a lunch break can be had if desired. Timing for the first leg is done over a fixed spot as described in the Rally Course POH a few miles before KRDD. The second leg finishes the Rally at Reno, Nevada, Stead Airport (KRTS) where fuel usage is again measured by a calibrated fuel truck. Timing for the second leg, like the first leg, is done over a fixed spot as described in the

Rally Course POH a few miles before KRTS.

Saturday 25 June can be spent enjoying the greater Reno Tahoe area or just hanging out enjoying the local area. Early evening is the Air Rally banquet. Pilots, crews and guests are welcomed to an evening of great food, trophies, awards and door prizes. The Air Rally hotel this year is the Siena hotel in Reno. The Siena hotel has a block of rooms set aside at special rates for The Rally participants.

<http://www.sienareno.com/>

For most, Sunday is the trip home although some may stay to enjoy the Reno Tahoe area.

Rally proceeds this year go to fund two EAA Air Academy Scholarships. The Scholarships are available to qualified applicants as defined on the Air Rally website. Click on www.airrally.org for more information and to download an entry form.

The Air Rally is operated by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., a not-for-profit California public benefit corporation recognized under IRS 501(c)3.

The federal tax-exempt identification number is 87-0789500. Donations of cash, products, and services in kind may be deductible as a charitable contribution - please consult your tax advisor.





Michael E Blackstone
Fullerton Chapter
October 23, 1947 – August 19, 2015

By Denise Jennings

Mike was my partner, my co-pilot, and my soul mate for over 20 years. He flew his last flight on August 19, 2015.

His passion for flying started at a very young age and never wavered. He had his pilot's license at 17, then instrument, commercial, and CFI in short order. By age 20 he was teaching out of General Aviation right here at Fullerton Airport. At the age of 23, Mike was hired by World Airways to fly the 707. While at World he flew troops in and out of Viet Nam right up to the fall of Saigon. Air Cal hired him to fly the 737 where he flew routes to SFO and back several times a day. He'd say his flight plan was simply "keep the water on the left, the land on the right then stop at the first big town". Air Cal merged with American Airlines and Mike went on to fly the DC- 9, 757, and 767. He retired in 2007 at the age of 60 (thrown under the bus as he liked to say). He would have flown for free and felt he never worked a day in his life.

Flying for the airlines kept him busy several days a month but it wasn't enough. In the early 80s he bought a Pitts and began Blackstone Aerobatics. He fashioned a primitive camera system so his customers could take home the experience on a tape. Occasionally, a friend of his would meet up with him in the practice area and challenge him to a dogfight. Mike thought others might find the thrill of aerial dogfighting entertaining, so he purchased two SIAI Marchetti SF- 260s with the help of a wealthy aviation enthusiast and Air Combat USA was born. When the word got out to the media the business took off.

Over 50 years of flying and 35,000 hours logged, Mike was what I would call a natural-born pilot. His passion was evidenced by how he inspired others: never judging but sharing his flying techniques in simple terms. I learned something every time I flew with him.

But there was a personal side to Mike that I loved. We took golf lessons together and spent many wonderful hours on the golf course trying to break 100. We laughed and made several new friends along the way. We brought our families together for holidays and made a warm and welcoming home for friends and family alike.

Mike and I traveled in the Mooney to Alaska with our friends Jim and Linda Armstrong, Mexico with Liga International and whale watching trips. We made several trips to Bandon Oregon to visit my family and around the U.S including seven pilgrimages to Oshkosh for EAA Air Venture over the years: most recently in 2014 with our dear friends Pat & Claude Savage. These wonderful memories will sustain me. Mike will always be my co-pilot reminding me on take-off not to make power

reductions under 500 feet, keep your nose low in the turns, and keep the shiny side-up.

Charles Lindbergh summed up Mike when he said: "...it was the love of the air and sky and flying, the lure of adventure, the appreciation of beauty. It lay beyond descriptive words of man--where immortality is touched through danger, where life meets death on an equal plane; where man is more than man, and existence both supreme and valueless at the same instant."



Patricia Sue (Rector) Fry
San Diego Chapter
June 7, 1928 - July 8, 2015

The family of long time San Diego Chapter member Pat Fry announced her death on July 8, 2015. She was 87 years old.

Pat was a very active member of the chapter for approximately 40 years and was chairman of the CFI's gold validation clinics. She worked at the San Diego Air and Space Museum for 25 years as a publicity person and would represent the Museum at many events while promoting the 99s.

Pat started as a glider pilot and then went on to get her powered airplane license. Her last activity as a 99 was as a delegate at the International Conference in Kona, Hawaii, July 2010.

She leaves one son, two daughters, three grandchildren, and many, many friends.

Submitted by Frankie Clemens



Pat Brinnand
Reno Area Chapter
August 17, 1935 - August 12, 2015

We are sorry to report our long time member, Pat Brinnand, succumbed to breast cancer on August 12, 2015.

Pat was born in England and immigrated to the U.S. with husband John and two young daughters in 1964. She had two more daughters before becoming interested in flying in 1988. John gave her a Christmas gift to start. She earned her Private SEL certificate and joined the Reno Area 99s in August of 1993. Pat served in many positions within the chapter and worked the Reno Air Races. Her health had curtailed some activities the past few years.

Several chapter members were able to attend her celebration of life on August 17, which would have been her 80th birthday. She will be missed by all.

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New Horizons



Pat Orcutt

Reno Area Chapter

March 5, 1926 – August 17, 2015

Former member, Pat Orcutt, succumbed to recurring cancer on August 17th after “returning” to the Sierras in June. Pat joined the 99s in Nebraska in 1968 after learning to fly so she could travel to golf

tournaments. Though an avid golfer, flying became her number one focus. She moved to Hawaii. She earned an ATP, single and multi-engine land along with a private glider rating. Her first flying job was as a charter pilot for Dillingham Marine. She also flew tours of the state of Hawaii and taught instrument procedures to Army helicopter pilots. She ultimately became and retired as an FAA inspector there.

Pat and her husband, Ken, spent more than 10 years in retirement at the Dayton Air Park, east of Carson City, where they established a scholarship that has sent more than 15 Dayton High School Students to college. She moved to southern California due to Ken’s ill health.

Pat served in many positions in the Aloha chapter and Reno Area Chapter and built a ¾ scale P-51 while living at Dayton. She was instrumental in developing our Girl Scout programs and was seen as a mentor to many.

We have missed her the past few years and will continue to do so as we remember all she did for our chapter, its members, and many of the less fortunate in her communities.



Tookie Hensley, 80

Don Hensley, 84 (49 ½)

Rio Colorado Chapter Arizona

Tookie Hensley, and her beloved 49 ½ of 62 years, Don, passed away in a small plane accident Oct 8, 2015 in the mountains near Hope, Idaho. The accident also claimed the life of their dear friend, Pam Bird.

When Don was thinking of retiring in 1973, Tookie was afraid he would be bored and she bought them both flying lessons for Christmas. And so began a 42 year love affair with flying, instructing, and air racing.

Tookie went on to become a flight instructor with over 30,500 hours and taught thousands of people in the southwest regions of California and Arizona to fly. Tookie was a commercial pilot with airplane single engine land, airplane multiengine land, with tailwheel endorsement, and certified flight instructor CFI and CFII, a ground instructor, and a Designated Pilot Examiner for several years. Co-owner of Tookie’s Flying Service in Mohave Valley, she did flight instruction while husband Don

Hensley was the commercial pilot for their Part 135 operations, offering charter flights and tours.

Tookie was a 40+ year member of the Ninety-Nines. Tookie was instrumental in chartering both the Inland California Chapter in Riverside CA in 1974 and our local chapter of the Rio Colorado 99s in AZ, and has served in every capacity as officer and champion of women pilots.

Tookie was awarded the prestigious Amelia Earhart Scholarship in 1985 to advance her training by adding Certified Flight Instructor to her ratings so she could begin her 30 year career of sharing with her students her joy of flying. “What else,” she asks, “can you do that you love, and get paid for it?”

In 1988 Tookie was inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, KS. Don Hensley was also honored by being inducted into the Forest of Friendship in 2009.

For the past 6 years, Tookie & Don have been Safety Judges for NIFA competitions. As the ink was just drying on her pilot’s license, Tookie discovered air racing! She was entry 99 of 102 in the 1975 Powder Puff Derby with Gloria Huffman, flying out of Riverside CA to Boyne Falls MI. What an adventure for a new pilot. Her love for air racing continued and she and Don participated in hundreds of the local races of the time, like the Pacific Air Races, and Shirts n Skirts, and Jim Hicklin Air Rallye. Tookie continued to ace in women’s air races; the Palms to Pines Derby and the Powder Puff Derby, which evolved into the Air Race Classic after 1977. Tookie has participated for 24 years in the Air Race Classic, finishing in the Top 10 at least nine times. In 2002 Tookie won the Air Race Classic with Anne Honer. She served on the board of directors from 1985-1991, with offices including President Elect.

The Rio Colorado 99s chapter has dedicated their Havasu 600 Air Race to their memory, and are racing to honor them. Proceeds from the race are funding the Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will award flight instruction to a worthy individual. One of Tookie’s great joys was being a flight instructor, “I still love being able to make someone’s dream come true!” What better way to honor her, than to continue to give the dream of flight in her and Don’s name.

Tookie and Don’s other joys include boating, traveling, in the air or in the motorhome, riding motorcycles, but best of all, enjoying their family – 5 grandkids and 14 great grandchildren.

Their zest for life is unmatched, and an inspiration to all of us that knew them to live life to its fullest. The lives they touched and enriched are too numerous to count. Blue skies and tailwinds, Tookie and Don.

ANTELOPE VALLEY 99s
 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day
 Poker Run Flight!
 W.J. Fox Airfield in Lancaster



DATE: ♣ **Sunday, April 3, 2016** ♣

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – Cards available at airports!
 12:00 p.m. – Santa Maria-style Barbeque served!
 11:00-12:30 Spot Landing Contest (at the beginning of the “Double Bars”)

CHECK IN: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fox BBQ Hangar with unopened envelopes
No envelopes accepted after 1:00 p.m.
 Poker Prizes awarded at W.J. Fox after lunch

STOPS & CARD LOCATIONS: **Fox@BBQ** hangar, **Mojave@Voyager** Restaurant, **Tehachapi Muni@gas pump**, **Inyokern@office patio**, **Cal City@terminal**, **Rosamond@old FBO**

Fly to 1 or 6 airports in any order. If you don't make it to all airports, you may get cards at Fox Field. Special PIC prize for each participating pilot flying to at least 3 airports.

*Rain or shine, it's party time – If weather is not VFR, there will still be a BBQ!!
 Poker hands will be opened and ranked & prizes awarded*

AVIATION RELATED PRIZES INCLUDING:

- ♣ Overnight stays ♣ Free meals ♣ Flight reviews
- ♣ Many more fabulous aviation prizes !!!

NOTE: BBQ tickets SHOULD be purchased before Thursday, March 31.
 On Poker Run Day, BBQ tickets will be sold based on available food.
REMEMBER: WE SELL OUT!

The Antelope Valley 99s is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization number 95-4198649
 Proceeds used for scholarships, new pilot flight training, and activities that promote flight

Name(s) of all _____ # Combo Tickets _____
 Attendees _____

_____ # Extra Poker Hands _____

Address _____ Email _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

\$20 COMBO for 1st Poker hand (includes 1 BBQ meal)
 \$15 for 1 Extra Poker Hand OR -- 2 hands for \$25

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ANTELOPE VALLEY 99s AND MAIL TO:
 AV 99s, P.O. Box 5131, Lancaster CA 93539
 For additional info – Call Lynne (626) 484-2898 or Barbara (661) 948-0577

SWS Meeting Rotation

Vice Governor, Alice Talnack

Over the past year, Governor Barbara and I have presented a draft of a rotating Southwest Section meeting schedule. Modeled after what other 99s Sections are doing to conduct business, we presented it at each of the SWS meetings this year.

At the Spring SWS Meeting in Temecula the attending delegates gave me the green light to put the schedule into action. As it stands at this point it gives us, the SWS, a flight plan to follow. As we progress through the schedule it will give us an opportunity to work together to schedule hotels, speakers, dates, and make adjustments well ahead of time. Below is the working plan for the schedule.

As your Governor and Vice-Governor we have not taken this task lightly. We appreciate your thoughts and support for the continuation of our future as the high performing Southwest Section of the 99s that we are.

SOUTHWEST SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE						
				# ACTIVE		WINTER
DATE	CHAPTER	LOCATION	PRIOR	MEMBERS		WORKSHOP
Fall 2015	Monterey Bay	Santa Cruz	F 2000	37		2012
Spring 2016	SWS Joint /Flabob EAA #1	Riverside				
Fall 2016	Antelope Valley	TBD	F 2003	40		
Spring 2017	Bay Cities	TBD		46		2011
Fall 2017	Mount Shasta Redwood Coast	Redding		25/10		2010/2013
Spring 2018	Bakersfield	Bakersfield	S 2013	32		
Fall 2018	San Gabriel	TBD		40		
Spring 2019	Sacramento Valley	TBD		26		
Fall 2019	San Luis Obispo County	TBD		27		
Spring 2020	Santa Rosa	TBD		29		
Fall 2020	Ventura County	TBD		100		2015
Spring 2021	Placer Gold	TBD		18		
Fall 2021	Rio Colorado	TBD		13		
Spring 2022	Sedona Red Rockets	TBD		21		
Fall 2022	Reno High Sierra	TBD	S 2000	46		
Spring 2023	Long Beach	TBD	S 2001	38		
Fall 2023	Tucson	TBD	F 2002	48		
Spring 2024	Santa Barbara	TBD	F 2004	32		
Fall 2024	Las Vegas Valley	TBD	F 2005	11		
Spring 2025	Santa Clara Valley	TBD	F 2007	75		2016
Fall 2025	Imperial So-Lo	TBD	S 2008	13		
Spring 2026	Coachella	TBD	S 2008	17		
Fall 2026	Utah	TBD	F 2008	24		
Spring 2027	Phoenix	TBD	S 2009	76		
Fall 2027	Sutter Buttes	TBD	F 2009	25		
Spring 2028	San Joaquin	TBD	S 2010	23		
Fall 2028	Orange County	TBD	F 2010	69		2017
Spring 2029	San Diego	TBD	S 2011	106		
Fall 2029	San Fernando Valley	TBD	S 2012	60		

OTHER CHAPTERS:						
Disbanded	Lake Tahoe			13		
Disbanded	Los Angeles Palms			13		
Disbanded	Mount Diablo			2		
Disbanded	Yavapai			11		
Inactive	Embry-Riddle/Prescott			0		
Inactive	Hi-Desert			0		
Fewer than	Borrega Springs	Contact		1		
15 members:	Fresno	Contact		10		
Volunteer	In-Land Empire	Contact		6		
Status:	Redwood Coast Flyers	Help with F 2017		10		
	Palomar	Help with S 2015		13		
	Alameda County	No response		13		
	Marin County	No response		15		

Back to Basics 8

1. Abbreviations and Symbols

Which V-speed represents maneuvering speed?

- A - VA
- B - VLO
- C - VNE

2. General Definitions

With respect to the certification of aircraft, which is a class of aircraft?

- A - Airplane, rotorcraft, glider, balloon.
- B - Normal, utility, acrobatic, limited.
- C - Transport, restricted, provisional.

3. Aviation Weather Forecasts

To determine the freezing level and areas of probable icing aloft, the pilot should refer to the:

- A - Inflight Aviation Weather Advisories.
- B - Weather Depiction Chart.
- C - Area Forecast.

4. Stable and Unstable Air

What would decrease the stability of an air mass?

- A - Warming from below.
- B - Cooling from below.
- C - Decrease in water vapor.

5. Magnetic Compass

What should be the indication on the magnetic compass as you roll into a standard rate turn to the right from a south heading in the Northern Hemisphere?

- A - The compass will initially indicate a turn to the left.
- B - The compass will indicate a turn to the right, but at a faster rate than is actually occurring.
- C - The compass will remain on south for a short time, then gradually catch up to the magnetic heading of the airplane.

6. Service Available to Pilots

Basic radar service in the terminal radar program is best described as:

- A - safety alerts, traffic advisories, and limited vectoring to VFR aircraft.
- B - mandatory radar service provided by the Automated Radar Terminal System (ARTS) program.
- C - wind-shear warning at participating airports.

7. Airport Marking Aids and Signs

The numbers 8 and 26 on the approach ends of the runway indicate that the runway is orientated approximately

- A - 008 and 026 true
- B - 080 and 260 true
- C - 080 and 260 magnetic