

## Chairman's Chatter Box

By Becky Davies

At the risk of stating the obvious: ISN'T SPRINGTIME WONDERFUL?! What we have here is fabulous flying weather! I am continuing to deal with the FAA to get their medical people to agree with me. . .

At our last meeting, we chose Chikara in Yuba City as the venue for our April meeting. Oops, they had a fire and remain closed. I tried to call to get a date when they might reopen, but no one is answering their phone. Not a good sign. So, plan B. . .

One of the newer restaurants in town is Pete's. I've been there once and enjoyed it. The menu offers a little of everything, and they have assured me they can put us in a space where we will be able to hear each other! So. . .noon on Saturday, April 14! Address is 866 West Onstott Road. It's the frontage road on the west side of 99, between Sunsweet Blvd and Colusa (20). Hope to see lots of you there! Watch for the regular email.

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### Part II: Building a Toolbox

By Willa Young

*The Northern California Aerospace Initiative (NCAI) wanted to host a Girls Aircraft Toolbox Build to help get local high school girls exposed to and interested in a little of what it takes to build an airplane. Becky and I volunteered to first take a class of our own to learn this process so we could then be a mentor to the girls.*

*This build teaches the basic use of tools and materials that is used in building an airplane. All students were girls in high school and all mentors were women in aviation. Other mentors we worked with were from Beale AFB and worked in different areas of aerospace. Classes were offered over a 2 month period and we volunteered on the Saturdays available. These tool boxes were built in 4 hours. It was very rewarding to help and over see these girls doing something they never thought they could do. They*

*were so proud of their finished product!*



*For you Facebook gals look up and follow this page "Yuba Sutter LSA Teen Build". NCAI has sponsored a group of very dedicated high school boys and one girl together with mentors that are building a VANS RV-12 at Sutter County Airport. This build has been ongoing for about 18 months. They expect to have it completed and flying this summer. This is an amazing project that will propel these students into a career if they choose. What an experience it is to watch them.*

*Becky and I had a great time doing this. I am sure the opportunity will be available again and they will want the 99s to be a part of it.*

## MARY IS A RECIPIENT OF A 2018 AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FOR HER CFI!!!

### THE AMAZING NEW JOB!

By Mary Fairbanks

King Airs are a world unto themselves. So iconic, these versatile twin turboprops have been flying people and all their supplies around the globe for over 50 years. In King Air world, you meet other pilots flying King Airs, and you study King Air "stuff", and the next thing you know you are fully immersed in a world you didn't even know existed.

A little over two years ago, I entered this realm, flying Charter in a C90B, head over heels I fell for this airplane! The power, the room, the capability.... it even has reverse! So naturally when this opportunity came up to fly a Super King Air B200, and with a person I absolutely adore? Well, some things are just meant to be.

This is what's known as a corporate job, flying owner partners, their businesses, and their families. No uniforms, just dress nicely. I immediately ordered two 99s polo shirts, and have two more on the way. Thanks Willa!

Here's a few cool facts about the B200. It's powered by two Pratt & Whitney PT6A-42 free turbine reverse-flow 850 hp engines, we cruise close to 300 knots, and that obscure little reg about not flying over 250 kias under 10,000 feet is quite relevant these days. It seats up to 15, and full of fuel and pax weighs 12,500 pounds. Oh, and she'll stop on a dime, and give you some change.

Love and miss my sweet Sisters and hope to see you soon! I'll bring our newest member Darla, who is a waitress in Lincoln. Go figure

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### MY LIFE IN THE "LUCKY LANE"

By Jacquie Warda

I think I am blessed with a personality that developed due to time spent with friends over the last 30 years. Other people enrich my life by sharing their stories, their lives, their loves and their heartaches. We all take a little something away from each person we make contact with—good and bad. Most of the things

I'd learned about the kind of person I don't want to be has been through watching others. I grew up without the typical role models so I looked for others to lead the way for me. I took as much good from those around me and vowed to never emulate the bad things I saw. That was an easy task as I had been taught well the difference between right and wrong. The rules were simple for me.

Developing the courage to be strong, to do the right things, was a struggle at times. I didn't always make the right choice, but through that struggle came the strength to try harder next time. I found that by the time I was 25, doing the right thing had become an instinctive thing for me. I had developed enough inner strength to try harder next time. I found that by the time I was 25, doing the right thing had become an instinctive thing for me. I had developed enough inner strength to be mostly good.

I've been more fortunate than most over the years to meet and spend time with people who are much happier and more successful than I've been, but who taught me to stop comparing myself to others. I decided to set my goals and measure myself only against those parameters. If I could dream it, I could do it, I believed, so I got started living and working on having some stories to tell when I got old.

I have loved and been loved deeply. I have wanted for very little in my lifetime and been able to provide for myself all my life, on my own.

The good things that have happened to me in my lifetime are overwhelming to think about sometimes. I know I have touched the lives of others and I am thankful for the strength to be who I am and live up to what I was born to be. I do not live in fear—I walk to the front of the line, first to volunteer, first out of the batting cage and first in the water—always.

When I leave this earthly world, I will leave my friends behind, but they will speak highly of me and will remember being touched by me and that will make them feel good. They will remember my smile and remember having looked into my eyes and liked what they saw. I have soared with the eagles, but on my own wings!

SB meeting April 14, at Pete's in Yuba City  
SW Section April meeting April 27-  
28/Bakersfield  
July 4-8, International Conf. in Philadelphia  
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