

The Windsock

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Push To Talk

by **Sue Ballew, Chapter Chair**

Our chapter survived another holiday season with a festive party at The Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. Thanks to Betty Bucci who did a great job with the entree selections, gift exchange, and a good turnout.

Our flyout in November was to the very far-away (35nm from Palo Alto) Watsonville. Many 99s sisters joined us at Ella's at The Airport for a delicious lunch, as usual. They came from as far as the Ventura, Bakersfield, and San Luis Obispo chapters, with many local chapters represented including Monterey Bay. With friends and significant others, we must have had close to 40 in attendance. I showed up with two very excited students. After the low overcast in the morning burned off, we had almost perfect flying weather! We should do these joint flyouts more often.

We have some fun and different flyouts planned for 2020 as we just had our flyout planning meeting at Joyce Willis's house. Check out the schedule and don't hesitate to volunteer to organize any open destinations. It's a good excuse to fly and you may remember why you got your pilots license.

BIG EVENT: (again) Our Spring Section Meeting hosted by The Santa Clara Valley 99s, is right around the corner, April 30 – May 3. Remember to participate as we are still in need of volunteers. We have a great location at Los Gatos Lodge in Los Gatos, organized tours, tasty food, and lots of goodies in the silent auction and Fly Market...can't wait!

Sue

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2019-2020 Membership Contributions

Our fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. The **2019-2020** chapter contributions are being accepted, \$15 per year. Please indicate the year(s) for which you are contributing. An asterisk by your name confirms your contribution for the following year(s) as well.

The following list is current as of October 23, 2019. Make check out to SCV99s, and email our Treasurer, Brittany Sabol, for mailing address:
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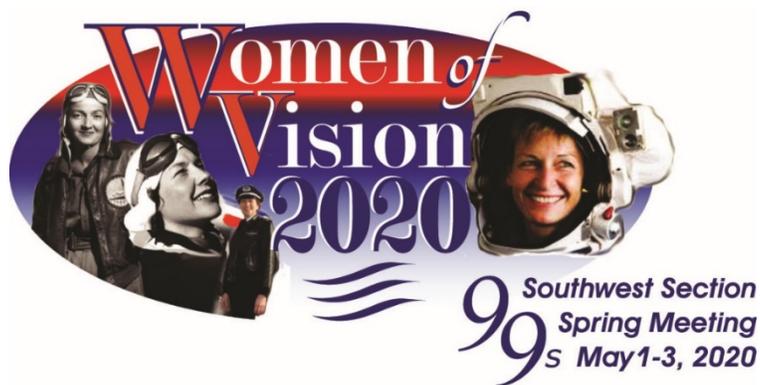
New Windsock Schedule

The Windsock will now be published six times a year: January, March, May, July, September and November. I kindly request that content be submitted by the 20th of month.

Spring 2020 Section Meeting

Fellow Santa Clara Valley Chapter Members,

Your Spring Section meeting planning committee has been hard at work. The framework for our upcoming Section meeting is set, the program evolving, and now is the time for EVERYONE to become involved! We need members to sign up as volunteers for numerous tasks in the days just ahead of and during our Spring Section meeting on May 1 - 3.



Please choose what you would like to volunteer for from the following list and send an email with your choices to me at: camunch@comcast.net. All tasks are in 2 hour shifts unless otherwise noted:

Registration: Friday, May 1 9am - 5pm, Saturday, May 2 from 7:30am - 8:30am.

Welcome at San Jose and Reid-Hillview airports: Thursday, April 30 1pm- 5pm, Friday, May 1 from 9am - 5pm and maybe on Saturday May 2 before 7:30am for RHV.

Set-up of Silent Auction area: Thursday April 30 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm; manning the room Friday May 1 from 9am - 5pm and Saturday May 2 from 12 noon - 5:30pm, and 8:30pm - 9pm for pickup of items after raffle and silent auction.

Hospitality Suite management: Friday May 1 from 9am - 5pm and Saturday May 2 from 12 noon until 5pm and clean up on Sunday May 3 from 9:30am (after debrief) until finished.

Transportation to and from SJC and RHV from Thursday April 30 through Sunday May 3 at noon - probably not in shifts, but as needed. Ask 49 1/2s to help here, access to large vehicle is desirable, but not imperative.

Transportation to SJC tower for 49 1/2s Saturday while 99s are at Business Meeting Saturday May 2 between 9am and noon - not in shifts, and preferably 49 1/2's.

Food for hospitality suite: The Los Gatos Lodge does not allow home baked or homemade items; they must be prepared by a certified kitchen. Please let Judy Stark or Debby Cunningham know what you can contribute and on which days.

We may have a group session to compile table decorations, time TBD. This is in addition to, not in place of the above tasks.

As time gets closer, **I will assign tasks to each chapter member** if you do not volunteer for specific duties so sign up now! Other tasks may come up as plans become finalized and I will ask for more volunteers.

We want to make this an excellent experience for our fellow Section members!

Carol

New Horizons

Obituary for Mayetta Behringer

by Carol Munch



Mayetta was born May 20, 1918 was raised in Wisconsin and at 16 was given her first airplane flight in a Stearman. She was hooked! Although she wanted to learn to fly that had to wait until after college and marriage to her high school sweetheart. Flying lessons came while her husband was in the Pacific in 1945. She received her Private certificate in February, 1946 two days before her husband's plane was lost over the Philippines.

Flying became more important

to her then and she obtained many ratings, became part owner of a 50hp Taylorcraft (which she flew all over the country) and joined the Wisconsin 99s. In 1947 she acquired a faster plane, a Cessna 120, which she flew solo to a 99s meeting in Denver where she met Pat Gladney who convinced her to visit California. She did, returned to Milwaukee and finished her commercial and instructor ratings then in January 1949 packed her plane and flew to Palo Alto, CA. She took a job at Moffett field in the technical library, joined the Bay Cities Chapter and began instructing. Soon she met a young Navy Pilot, Bill Behringer. She finished that year by flying her C120 to Reno with Bill where they were married.

More moves were in her future during which Mayetta became associated with 8 chapters of the 99s over the next 20 years. During this time, she flew to every one of the contiguous 48 states. While stationed in Texas she flew in two Powder Puff Derbies and one International Air Race. The first PPD was flown with Pat Gladney in a Cessna 170 while pregnant with her second daughter! The crew of the Blue Angels polished her plane before that race. In 1953 she placed seventh in the International Air Race., then moved to Long Beach where she became an active speaker about flying. She flew in her third PPD while there. Next it was off to Moffett again where she joined the newly formed Santa Clara Valley chapter of the 99s. She applied for and was accepted as the only woman to fly in an F9F as a member of the press and she was thrilled to break the sound barrier wearing a "g" suit. The pilot

allowed her to take the controls of the jet which she described as slipping through the air soundlessly in a machine responsive to the slightest touch. She loved it!

1963 brought an assignment with the Naval Mission in Chile. Mayetta packed their Cessna 180 with three children in the back seat and her son in the luggage area and flew to Chile with Bill, narrowly avoiding a revolution in Guatemala. In three and a half years she flew all over South America never encountering another female pilot and was usually the first female pilot to land at the South American airports. Following the Chile tour came a three-year posting to Washington, D.C. where she experienced a ride with the Blue Angels. Then came a year in Ann Arbor, Michigan, after which she and Bill returned to the Bay Area where Mayetta became a full-time flight instructor and Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron 114 in San Jose. In the 1980s she garnered more ratings with over 6,000 hours of flight time. She was awarded the 99s Pilot of the Year in 1981 and 1987 as well as numerous Service Awards. She was Chapter Chair for four years while performing Wings proficiency checks, Biennial flight reviews and Instrument Competency Checks. In 1987 she assumed the Editorship of the SCV Chapter newsletter "the Windsock" for the ensuing 27 years. In 1994 she was inducted into the Forest of Friendship.

Mayetta began the 21st century flying for an aerial photography company and received another 99s Service award. In 2006 she was honored by the FAA with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for over 50 years of safe flying. She has donated flights for charity, served as a mentor for students in high school interested in flying, and has contributed her services to numerous committees for our chapter. A knee replacement in the early 2000's didn't keep her grounded for long and until the age of 94 she flew locally at least weekly as well as to visit her children in various parts of the US. By the time she stopped flying she had accumulated over 10,000 hours of flight time.

Mayetta has been a role model for me and for many others. She has always had something to give: a smile, a positive outlook, a view towards the future, the future of aviation in particular. She left us at the age of 101 on January 13, 2020 with shoes that cannot be filled. She is surely flying high now and I as well as everyone who knew and loved her will miss her greatly.

Watsonville Fly-in Report

by Sue Ballew



We had a great turn out for our flyout to Watsonville on Nov 16th. Our 99s sisters at Ella's at Watsonville today, with friends and significant others we must have had close to 40 in attendance. Members came from as far as the Ventura, Bakersfield, and San Luis Obispo chapters with Monterey and Bay Cities chapters represented as well.

After the low overcast in the morning burned off, we had almost perfect flying weather, and of course the lunch was delicious! I flew with two students, Robert, and Sarah in the picture to the far left. We should do multiple chapter flyouts more often.



2019 Holiday Party

by Pat Gregory

Our Annual Holiday Party was held December 8, 2019 at the Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian Street in San Jose. Thirty-two people were regaled with live music from Eloise and Sue Pelmulder as they entered the hall. It was a very festive occasion with good music, good food and wonderful camaraderie. Betty Bucci hosted the event and ran a very successful and enjoyable gift exchange. Most people also brought toys and canned good for those less fortunate than ourselves. Marcie Smith took charge of getting the donated items to a worthy charity. It was a wonderful evening of catching up with friends, meeting new people and dining in style. Save the date for next year – it’s usually the second Thursday in December – and join us for a fun and festive time.

January Whale Watch Fly-in Report

by Pat Gregory



January 11, 2020 was a beautiful day with scattered puffy clouds and blue skies. Perfect for flying, and that’s what 28 pilots and passengers did as we all flew to the coast to watch the majestic beasts migrate along the Pacific Ocean. Most of us saw actual whales while flying down the Monterey Coast toward Point Sur at 2000 ft agl. In each of the ten planes a pilot did all the flying and watching for other planes while passengers photographed the whales gliding by below.

We all met for lunch at Ella’s on the Watsonville Airport, taking up almost the entire patio portion of the restaurant. Much ‘hangar flying’ ensued. We were also met by several members of the Monterey 99s, including a wonderful display booth outside the restaurant with items for sale to help support the upcoming Queen Mary 99s meeting.

What made this day even more special was my 79th birthday – January 11, 2020. Also, in our plane (618MK) we had an adventure. Having had our audio panel worked on recently, everything seemed to be functioning just fine. We departed our home base, SJC with fully working radios, flew to the coast, watched the whales (we saw three) and we on our way to WVI from Monterey for lunch when our JPI started acting weird. First it showed three solid horizontal lines at the bottom of its screen, then it just went blank. I decided to engage the autopilot so I could focus on the problem, however it was unresponsive and wouldn’t turn on. Then the GPS (Garmin 650) screen started flashing strange lines and finally the entire radio panel went blank.

At that time, I was talking to NORCAL. I recycled the avionics switch, got the radio back on, made a quick call to NORCAL and told them I was headed to WVI to land and my radios were acting up, and at that point the radio stack went blank again. I recycled the switch a few more times and each time with the same result. So, I turned it off and flew to WVI and landed very carefully without radios, parked at Ella's and went in for lunch.

There was much discussion about what to do. First, I called NORCAL and told them I had landed safely and asked them to relay that information to Monterey and the NORCAL controller down there. Then I called SJC tower and discussed options with them for getting the plane back to San Jose. There were no issues with the engine, the flaps were working, the fuel gauges worked so it was not a complete electrical failure – it was confined to the radio stack. I made arrangements with another plane to escort me back as a flight of two with him in the lead. We made it back to SJC just fine, and by the way, when I started 8MK back up after lunch everything worked just as normal – radios were on and all instruments functioning – all the way back to SJC. I have no idea what happened, but luckily my co-pilot Brittany was on the ball and took video of the instrument panel while all the weird stuff was happening. Plane is now in the shop along with an explanation and good video. Stay tuned for a diagnosis when we get it.

This is just another good reason to bring other pilots and passengers along on our whale watching flights. It was a very exciting, and fun birthday for me and I plan to do it again next year (with a fully functioning radio stack!).



February 2020 Fly-in

For February, we have agreed to join the many 99s who will fly to Pine Mountain Lake (E45) on Saturday, February 22 for a weekend of fun and food. Several 99s have homes on this delightful airpark in the Sierra Foothills (not far from Columbia) and are offering to host those wanting to stay over Saturday night. The plan is to have folks fly up on Saturday, and bring some pot luck food; some BBQ items will be provided. There will be a showing of the 99s movie in the evening and the world's best waffles for breakfast Sunday morning.

You must register for this so they will know how many beds are needed and how much food to prepare. Please contact Lynne Orloff no later than February 8 ladyryanpilot@yahoo.com to sign up and ask questions.



Electronic Voting

There are two elections coming in Spring 2020, one for the International Board and one for the Southwest Section Board. In order for you to receive an electronic ballot for either of these elections, you must opt-in. If you do not opt-in, you will receive a paper ballot.

To be able to vote electronically, please click the link below, log in, and select the "Yes" option to enable online voting and "opt-in" to receive your ballot electronically. Note: You will have to log in to the Members Area to reach this link.

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/VotingOptInOut.htm>

Log in to the Members Area

Click on "Update Information" on the right-hand side

The screenshot shows the Ninety-Nines website's Members Area. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ninety-Nines logo and the tagline "Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929". The navigation bar includes a search box and social media icons. Below the navigation bar, there is a menu with options: "Who We Are", "What We Do", "Resources", "Join 99s", "Donate", "Contact", "Scholarships", "Friends of The 99s", and "Sponsors". The main content area is titled "Members Area" and includes a welcome message for Laura Del Favero. Below the welcome message, there are sections for "NOTAMS", "990-N Reminder to all U.S. Sections and Chapters", and "Instructions for Filing the IRS Non-Profit Form 990-N". A red arrow points to the "Update Information" link in the right-hand sidebar menu.

Scroll down until you see “Online Voting”. You may opt-in for electronic voting here:



Fly Now Awards

The Fly Now Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate, have been an official Student Pilot Member three months prior to the application deadline, have logged 5 hours in the six months prior to the application deadline and show financial need.

The spring application deadline is April 1.

If you are a 99 student pilot please check the website ninety-nines.org for more information or contact Debby Cunningham at debrunningham@aol.com for questions.

Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service Sunsets

As part of the FAA’s efforts to modernize and streamline service delivery, Flight Service will discontinue the Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service (HIWAS) in the contiguous United States, effective January 8, 2020.

HIWAS is a legacy service with a continuous recording of inflight weather advisories broadcast over a limited network of VORs that provided pilots with meteorological information related to hazardous weather.

The FAA instituted Flight Information System Broadcast, FIS-B, as a replacement for this system that provides a broader range of aeronautical information products often in a graphical format, which is not available via HIWAS. For pilots who choose not to equip their aircraft with this new technology, a Flight Service Specialist is still available over a radio outlet.

SCV99s 2020 Fly-in Schedule

Each month an announcement will be sent with updated details for that month.

Feb 22-23—Pine Mountain Lake

RSVP Lynn Orloff – see announcement on Page 8

Mar 18 – Santa Rosa

RSVP Joyce Willis willis_joyce@yahoo.com

Apr 18 – Grass Valley

RSVP Brittany Sabol topomissus@gmail.com

May 30 – Ukiah

RSVP Sue Ballew sue@skytrekker.net

Jun 13-14 – Tin City (KPRB)

RSVP Marcie Smith marcie.smith.home@gmail.com

Aug 22 – Santa Barbara

RSVP Pat Gregory plowers@pacbell.net

Sept 19 – Castle

RSVP Louise Mateos louise.mateos@sbcglobal.net

Oct 24 – Quincy

RSVP Laura Del Favero ladelfavero@gmail.com

Nov 14 – Solvang (KIZA)

Dec 12 – Half Moon Bay

RSVP Penny Blake pennyblake@sbcglobal.net

July – International Conference Long Beach

Upcoming SCV99s Meetings

Feb 20 – Advantage Aviation, Palo Alto.

The business meeting starts at 6:30pm, general meeting at 7:15pm.

Mar 19 – Advantage Aviation, Palo Alto.

The business meeting starts at 6:30pm, general meeting at 7:15pm.

Apr 16 – Advantage Aviation, Palo Alto.

The business meeting starts at 6:30pm, general meeting at 7:15pm.

Upcoming 99s Conferences 2020

May 1-3, 2020: Spring SWS meeting: Los Gatos Lodge, Los Gatos. We are hosting!

July 8-12, 2020: 2020 International Conference: Long Beach, CA, on the Queen Mary. Hosted by Southwest Section.

Sep 11-13, 2020: Fall SWS meeting: Tucson, AZ.



The Windsock Information and Deadlines

We need your articles and input!!

To our members, please give me your ideas and most of all...articles and photos for all to enjoy.

Article Due Dates:

- The Windsock is delivered bimonthly:
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Aug, and Nov
- Due date for articles is the **20th** of the month.

Content Format

Please provide to me with Word docs (preferred) or text within an email. Graphics as .jpg preferred.

Thank you,

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