



The Windsock

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Push To Talk

If you have been flying recently, you most certainly noticed how green the hills are. Thanks to the “Atmospheric Rivers” or the “Pineapple Express”, whichever meteorological label you want to use, we got a huge amount of rain here in California in December and January. This all makes for beautiful flying weather and clear air. Some use an old-time term to describe it – CAVU. I didn’t know what that meant until a few years ago when a fellow 99 used that term – Clear Air - Visibility Unlimited.

All this weather made for good teaching moments also, considering we haven’t had many examples of weather, outside of clouds and fog, in the last few years. We had some T-storms and lots of wind shear at different altitudes.

We have several events coming up, including fly-ins scheduled out for the year-but we still need members to organize them, Section meetings, and other fun things. Although by the time this is published the Flying Companion Seminar and the Winter Workshop will have already transpired.

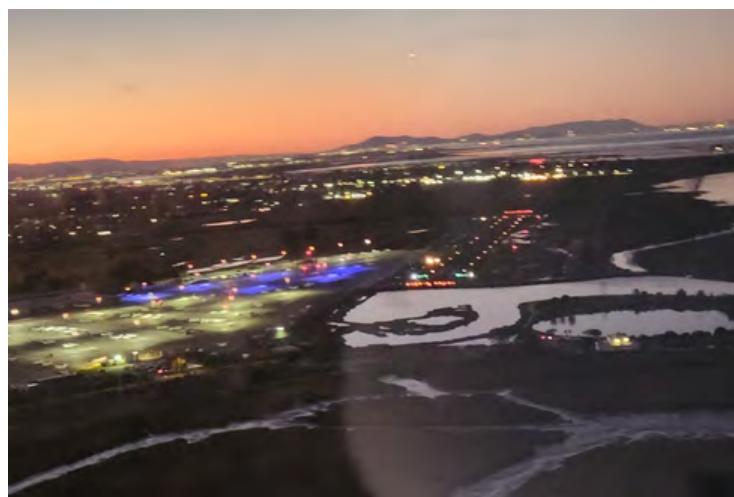
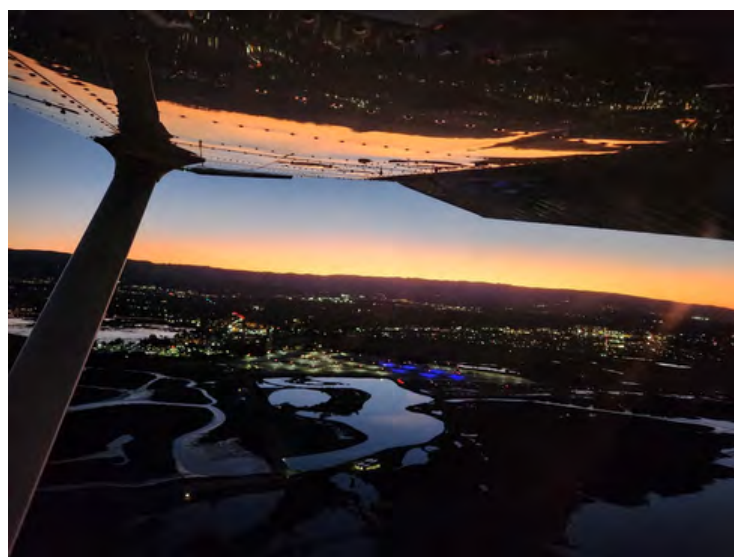
[\(Here is my request as published in prior Push to Talks\)](#)

Let us know what you are up to.

And remember we need all of you and your participation to keep our chapter alive and viable. When is the last time you volunteered to help at a monthly meeting, attended a flyout or planned a flyout, worked on or created a fundraising idea for the chapter? We are open to new and creative ideas for aviation related activities.

Sue Ballew
SCV Chapter Chair

Flying into PAO in January



CHAPTER DONATION LIST

If you wish, you can donate to the chapter. The chapter is currently accepting donations of \$15 for the 22-23 fiscal year.

You may pay via PayPal or by check. Make check out to SCV99s. Email Treasurer Maki Honda for PayPal instructions or mailing address: nowasabiplease@gmail.com

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 January 11, 2023:

Carol Munch****

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Laura Del Favero

Lisa Corsetti**

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER INFORMATION

CHAPTER BOARD 2021-2023

Chair	Sue Ballew
Vice Chair	Louise Mateos
Secretary	Patricia Gregory
Treasurer	Maki Honda
Director	Debby Cunningham
Past Chair	None
Nominating Committee	Mary McEnroe Carol Munch Laura Del Favero

CHAPTER COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Hospitality	OPEN
Forest of Friendship	OPEN
Flying Activities	Pat Gregory
Legislative	Penny Blake
Membership	Mary McEnroe
Newsletter	Laura Del Favero
Scholarships	Debby Cunningham
Social Media	Maki Honda
Student pilots	Mary McEnroe
99s News reporter	Carol Munch
Website/Google Docs	Brittany Sabol



Chapter Board Elections - Spring 2023

The SCV Chapter nominating committee is looking for a few chapter members to volunteer to help keep our chapter running for two more years!

This is a great opportunity to get involved in helping shape the future of our Chapter, the monthly meeting program, and Chapter activities. If you have ideas for increasing membership and participation, please consider running for the board.

Our board has five members (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director) as well as several nominating committee members.

Our current board term ends on May 31, 2023. The new board term will run from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2025.

If you have even a slight interest in learning more about our board positions or would like to apply for an office, please contact the current nominating committee members:

Mary McEnroe mmmcenroe@yahoo.com

Carol Munch camunch@comcast.net

Laura Del Favero ladelfavero@gmail.com

Chapter elections will be held in March. If you have not done so already, please opt-in for electronic voting on the international website.

To do this, you will need to log into the member's only section on ninety-nines.org

Navigate to **Update Information**

Members Area

- > Directory
- > Friends of 99s Directory
- > Job Opportunities
- > Library
- > Bylaws and Standing Rules Information
- > Member Benefits
- > Amelia Earhart Scholarships & Awards
- > International Trusts & Committees
- > Straight & Level
- > **Renewal/Donation**
- > **Update Information**
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Then, scroll down until you see
Online Voting.

Click 'yes' if you would like to vote online rather than by mail.

Online Voting

Online Voting: "Would you like to vote online (versus physical mail)?"
☒ Yes ☐ No

Chapter Fly-in Schedule 2023



Come Fly With Us! Help plan and participate in our chapter fly-ins!

Our February fly-in will be on SUNDAY, FEB 12 at Paso Robles (PRB). Meet at PRB at noon for lunch at Joe's One-Niner Diner. Please contact Louise Mateos if you plan to attend or need a ride - louise.mateos@sbcglobal.net

At our chapter meeting on January 19, we planned our fly-ins for 2023. Here is the draft schedule - please use it as a guide and add your name and preferences to any open month. We need a host for each fly-in; dates can be changed by whoever is hosting. So, what is a 'host'? It's the person who decides where we will fly, and when; they report in the Windsock (and to Pat Gregory). Please include the following: Airport name and identifier, frequencies, date and time, restaurant name if we're having lunch, and any pertinent information for those flying in. We tried to keep the airports within 1 1/2 hours of flying from the bay area and avoided mountain flying in the winter.

Look through this list; check out the airports and sign up to host one that says NEED A HOST. Let Pat know which one you chose (plowers@pacbell.net) and then be sure to check with the airport to see if the restaurant is still open, and if there are any issues we need to know about (i.e., noise abatement, flooding, runway lengths, etc. If there is a month you like but you want to go to a different airport, that's fine, just let Pat know. Also, it's good to have an alternate in mind in case the weather gets weird again or wildfires kick in. We hope to see every one of these hosted. Pat will help with advertising them.

Cheers, your flying committee

Month	Airport	Host
February 12	Paso Robles (PRB)	Louise Mateos
March	Fresno Chandler (FCH)	NEED A HOST
April	Columbia (O22)	NEED A HOST
May	Auburn (AUN)	NEED A HOST
June 10	Trinity Center (O86)	Laura Del Favero
July 8	Minden (MEV)	Nancy Sliwa
August	Camarillo (CMA)	NEED A HOST
September 17	Lampson Field (Clearlake) (102)	Louise Mateos
October	Shelter Cove (0Q5)	Pat Gregory
November	Santa Inez (IZA)	NEED A HOST
December	Willows (WLW)	NEED A HOST
January 13, 2024	Watsonville (WVI) - annual whale watch	Pat Gregory



New Year's Day provided a break in the storms and was a great day to fly!



Nancy Sliwa and her husband Steve flew from Falcon Field in Mesa, AZ to Jacqueline Cochran Airport in Thermal, CA to meet Wendy and Bill Whitsell. Wendy is a member of the Columbia Cascades Chapter whose parents live in nearby Indian Wells. The couples had lunch at Enzo's in the quaint town of La Quinta, walked around a street festival, and visited the small local museum. Nancy is still trying to get familiar with her new Cirrus SR22T.





Flying Companion Seminar

by Brittany Sabol

On Saturday, January 21st we held our "Annual" Flying Companion Seminar. I put annual in quotes because due to the pandemic, this is the first time we have held the seminar since 2019! It was great to come back together to share our love of flying with people who fly in the right seat.

We had 11 companions join us - some come from flying families, some have a student pilot in their life and haven't been in a small plane yet. Some are even pondering getting their own license one day!

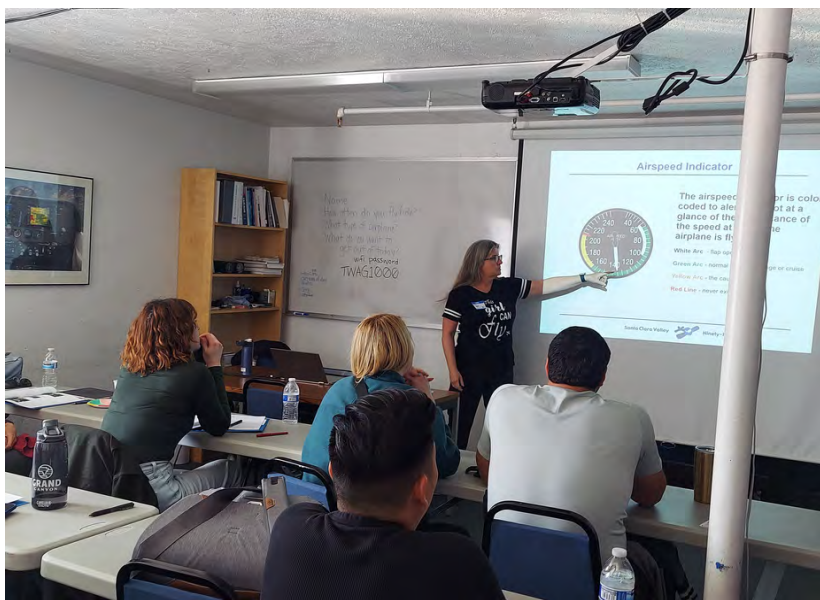
I want to offer a huge thank you to all of the people who helped make the day possible.

- Trade Winds once again generously hosted our event.
- Maki Honda, Marcie Smith, Louise Mateos, Pat Gregory, and Mary McEnroe helped on the day with presentations or demonstrating a pre-flight.
- The Reid-Hillview Tower was having a busy day, but their team was still able to cover things so Daniel could come over and talk with our group.
- Debby Cunningham baked goodies, which received rave reviews!
- Sue Ballew donated a demo flight for our raffle.
- Thank you as well to anyone who helped spread the word!





Flying Companion Seminar





Cookies for the Tower

by Mary McEnroe

On December 17th, the Santa Clara Valley 99s held its annual Cookies for the Tower at Reid Hillview Airport (KRHV). Organized by Mary McEnroe, the event was attended by five members of the Chapter, including Diane Gaskill, Maki Honda, Collene Melvin, Leslie Ingham, and Mary McEnroe. Mary & Diane brought along their husbands and Collene's dad joined as well. In exchange for plenty of treats, staff in the KRHV tower provided a tour to the attendees, where everyone had a chance to see how the tower operates and ask lots of questions.

Everyone had the opportunity to climb out on the catwalk around the outside of the tower and watch planes land and take a few photos, which are not allowed inside the tower. It was a great opportunity to learn more about what goes on at the other end of the radio, especially for our student pilot member and those who have never toured an air traffic control tower before. As always, the controllers expressed gratitude for the treats and were happy to have the Chapter and their guests visit.





99s at the Women in Aviation conference

by Rhonda Glennon, 99s/WAI trade show committee chair



The Ninety-Nines will be at the 2023 Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference, which is February 23-25 in Long Beach, California. If you're planning to attend WAI 2023, drop by our booth in the exhibit hall, and be sure to send any prospective members our way! We'll be in booth #217 near the main entrance.

In addition to our booth presence, we're also hosting an information session and social for the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 pm in Room 102 B. The PPLI is the Ninety-Nines' mentoring program for career pilots.

WAI is one of the Ninety-Nines' major outreach and recruiting events of the year, and we hope to see you there!

Garmin GTN 750 For Sale

Asking \$13,000. Removed for avionics upgrade. New in 2018. Fully tested. Comes with 8130-3. Includes mounting tray, installation kit and Garmin certified SD card. Does not include antenna. Has firmware version 6.72. 436 hours logged.

If you are interested, contact Debby Cunningham
debrcunningham@aol.com

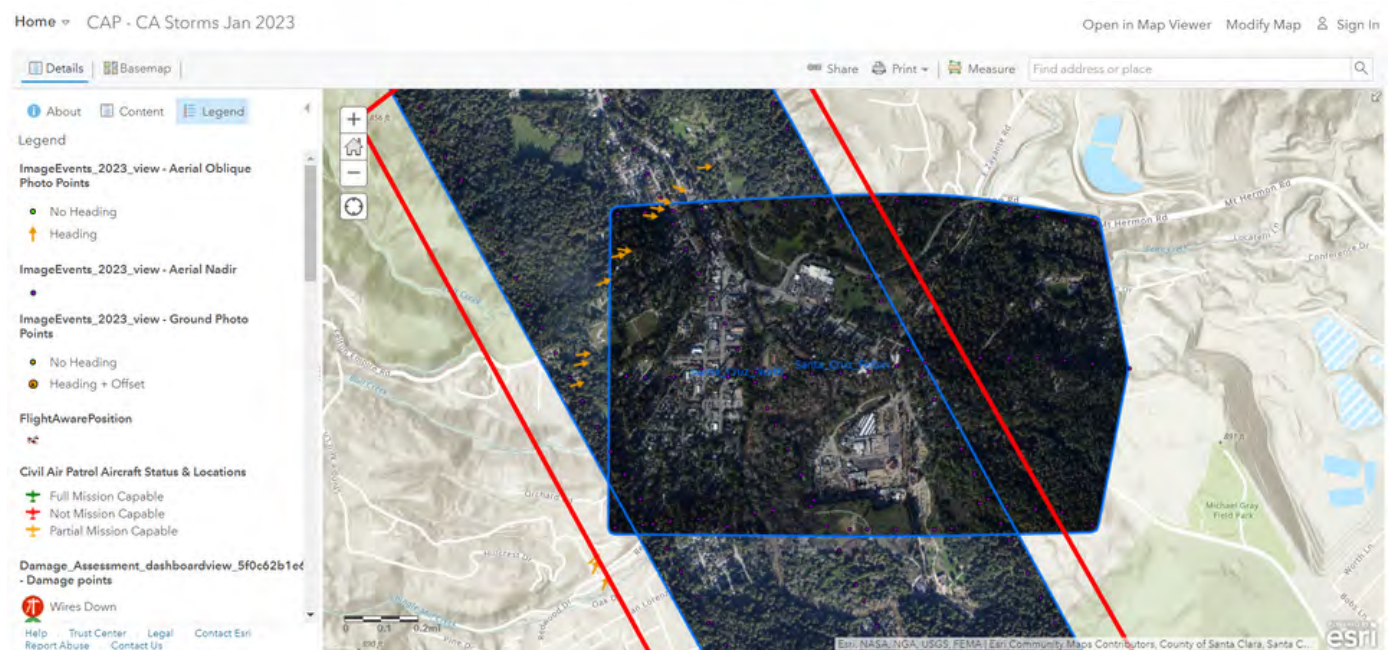
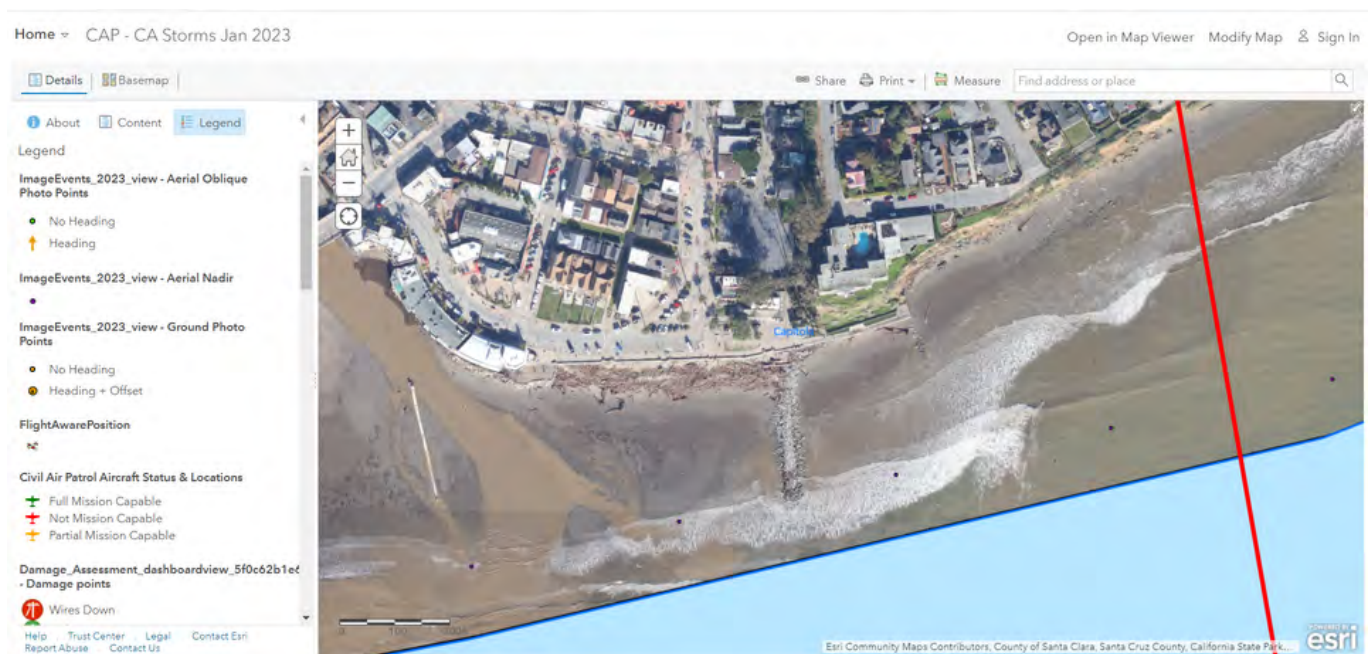




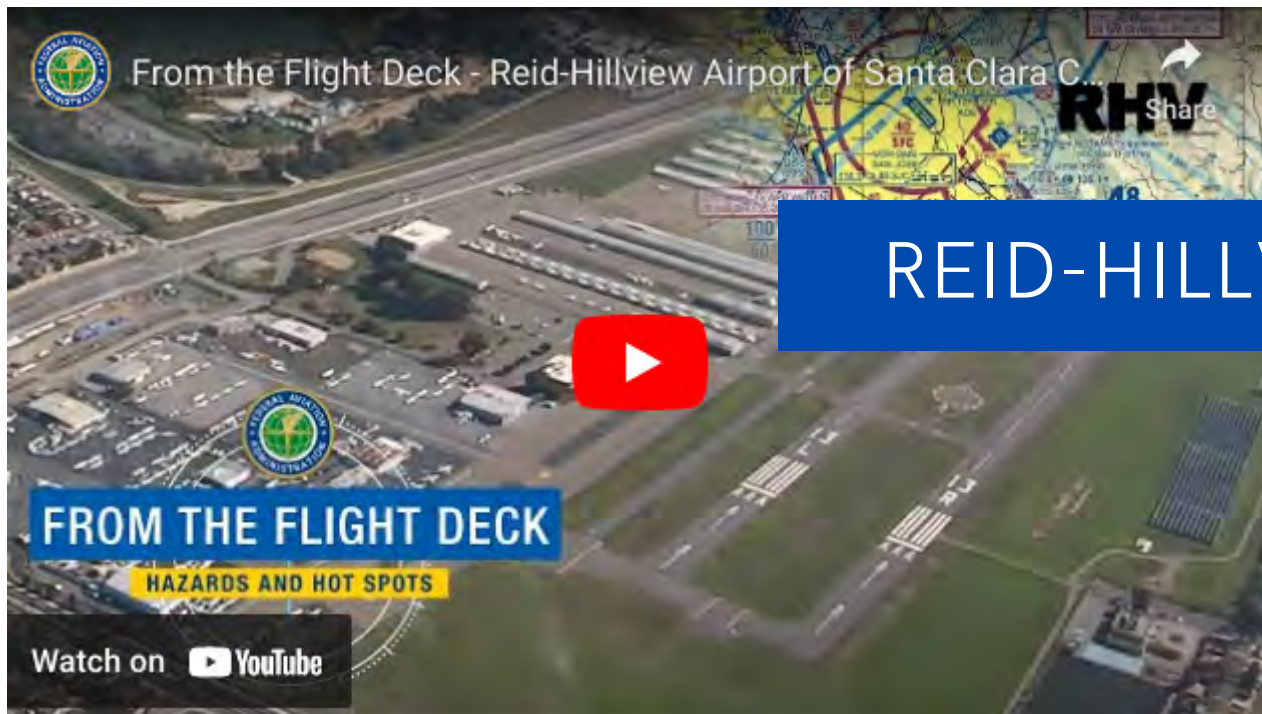
CAP Captures Images of Storm Damage for FEMA

Louise Mateos, who many of you know is a Captain with the CA Wing of the CAP, flew several photo missions for CAP in January to capture images of the storm damage in the Bay Area.

<https://cap-gis.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=38700f6e38d04aea9dc1258ada078604>



RUNWAY SAFETY VIDEOS



REID-HILLVIEW

FAA's From the Flight Deck video series provides pilots with actual runway approach and airport taxiway footage captured with aircraft mounted cameras, combined with diagrams and visual graphics to clearly identify hot spots and other safety-sensitive items.



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AOPA FIRES BACK AT SANTA CLARA COUNTY AMID 100LL FUEL BAN DISPUTE

CLAIMS VIOLATION OF FEDERAL RULES AND OUTLINES REPORTS OF UNSAFE FUELING EVENTS CAUSED BY AIRPORT'S ACTION

January 12, 2023 By Niki Britton

<https://aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/january/12/aopa-fires-back-at-santa-clara-county-amid-100ll-fuel-ban-discourse>

AOPA and other stakeholders cited several inaccuracies in Santa Clara County's motion to dismiss, or resolve in the California county's favor, a Part 16 complaint submitted in October that warns of unsafe practices at Reid-Hillview Airport.

In the initial complaint, AOPA and co-complainants asserted that Santa Clara County is violating grant assurances, risking safety, and imposing undue hardships on aircraft owners, operators, and business owners at Reid-Hillview and San Martin airports with the ban of the sale of 100LL fuel before a fleetwide 100-octane unleaded fuel solution is identified and commercialized.

In response, Santa Clara County filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, claiming, among other things, that AOPA and other complainants did not make any attempts to negotiate with the county. Alternatively, the county offered arguments as to why the complaint should be resolved in its favor, such as the county having no obligation to make fuel available for every aircraft that might land at its airports. The county also added that the decision to ban the sale of 100LL was not solely based on a public health concern, but also on market demand.

Currently, there is no commercially available and viable unleaded fuel option for aircraft that require 100-octane fuel.

In response, AOPA and its co-complainants cited multiple examples of attempts to negotiate with the county to informally resolve this issue that received little to no response. Further, AOPA and fellow aviation advocates alleged the county was violating its grant assurances, citing a recent FAA statement that "a ban or restriction on the sale of 100LL at a federally obligated airport is inconsistent with Grant Assurance 22."

In the original complaint, AOPA shared its concern regarding unsafe operations that could arise as a direct result of the banning of the sale of 100LL before 100-octane unleaded aviation fuel is widely available, and reiterated this concern in the most recent response to the county's motion. This time, AOPA included an affidavit from Reid-Hillview Airport business owner Niknam Nickravesh, who confirmed that misfuelling occurred at Reid-Hillview, and indicated that the lack of 100LL availability contributed to an aircraft accident. AOPA contacted the FAA inspector participating in the accident investigation, and awaits a response.

According to Nickravesh, the accident aircraft, a Piper PA-32, came to him for an extensive annual and had about 15 gallons of fuel in each tank. Historically, this aircraft would arrive in need of refueling before its annual and the pilot would fuel the aircraft at Reid-Hillview before departing. Nickravesh and his team worked on the aircraft for approximately four months. When the aircraft was complete, Nickravesh said that he personally observed the aircraft had little to no fuel remaining in the left tank as a result of the engine run ups.



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Nickravesh said, “It is my understanding that the operator of the aircraft was aware of the Aircraft’s fuel status but was not able to obtain 100LL fuel at RHV” and that the pilot planned to fly to neighboring San Jose International Airport to obtain 100LL. “As a result, the Aircraft departed RHV with little to no fuel remaining.” After the crash, Nickravesh says, he was told by an NTSB accident investigator that the aircraft had run out of fuel.

The county claims to offer owners and operators the option to apply for a self-fueling or emergency self-fueling permit, which would allow pilots to potentially use fuel obtained from the source of their preference with no assistance from the county. Harry Freitas, a civil engineer and the county’s director of roads and airports, stated in a declaration to the FAA that “no Complainant has applied to the County for general aviation self-fueling permit.” The county also claims to offer a commercial self-fueling permit, but as AOPA and its co-complainants pointed out, this permit requires the fuel to be purchased from the county, which does not sell 100LL.

AOPA cited an affidavit from San Martin Airport tenant and aircraft owner Paul Marshall that stated he applied for a self-fueling permit for 100UL and after three months of no response and with no viable 100UL option available, abandoned his application. Marshall said, “I have never requested a self-fueling permit from the County for 100LL as I understand that they would refuse such a request. County staff has communicated to me quite clearly that 100LL fuel will not be permitted on the airport.”

A source that wished to remain anonymous confirmed to AOPA that he was asked to assist with fueling two aircraft on two separate occasions that had arrived at Reid-Hillview Airport below fuel minimums and in need of 100LL. On both occasions the source used his personal property to purchase and transport fuel from nearby Palo Alto airport to Reid-Hillview to assist these marooned aircraft. AOPA verified this account with the leader of a San Jose aviation nonprofit organization.

AOPA explained that the provisions of the self-fueling permit make it an unrealistic and unaffordable option. Permittees must pay the county a self-fueling flowage fee and must purchase specific equipment like a minimum 20-gallon tank. Permittees must also find somewhere off airport to park their fuel transport vehicle, comply with all federal, state, and local laws concerning transport, storage, and dispensing of flammable liquids, and obtain expensive insurance naming the county as additional insured. These requirements are especially burdensome with the anticipated switch to 100UL once it becomes commercially available.

AOPA will continue to work with the FAA and public-use airports until a safe and viable transition to an unleaded fuel option is available.



Upcoming 99s Meetings & Conferences

May 5-7, 2023	Spring 2023 Southwest Section Meeting, Long Beach
Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2023	Fall 2023 Southwest Section Meeting, Ventura County
Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2023	International Conference 2023, Amman, Jordan
Winter 2024	Winter Workshop, Sacramento Valley
Spring 2024	Spring 2024 Southwest Section Meeting, TBD
July 3-7, 2024	International Conference, Vancouver BC, Canada

2023 International Ninety-Nines Conference Amman, Jordan

October 27-November 2, 2023
Hosted by the Arabian Section

Arabian Section Governor Alia Twal is busy finalizing details for our 2023 International Conference. We anticipate that Conference activities will be consolidated over October 27-28. Tour activities under consideration include travel October 27 – November 2 to the Dead Sea resort area, the Wadi Rum desert camp area, Petra, and Amman. Mark your calendars now, but hold off booking flights until we have activated a conference registration page with full details.

SCV99s Meetings

Monthly chapter meetings are at the West Valley Flying Club at Palo Alto Airport. Chapter meetings will begin at 6:30pm with a business meeting followed by the general meeting at 7:00pm. We will host the chapter meetings in a hybrid online/in-person format.



The Windsock Information and Deadlines

To our members, please send me your ideas and most of all...articles and photos for the newsletter.

Article Due Dates:

- The Windsock is delivered bimonthly
- Due date for articles is the **last day** of even numbered months (**Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, and Oct**)

Preferred Content Format:

- Please provide articles in Word docs or as text within an email
- Photos as picture files (not in document or body of email) preferred

Thank you,

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