



The Windsock

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Push To Talk

Thanks to Sue Ballew for her many years of service to our Chapter! I'm honored to follow her as your new Chapter Chair.

Now, for a little about me.

The first word I spoke, on my first birthday upon observing the activities at SJC from the observation deck, was "avion" (airplane in French—my mom is from Quebec). So, I guess I was meant to eventually fly. After earning an MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics, and getting a job, I proceeded to learn to fly at RHV, completing initial training in 1989. I followed up with an instrument rating in 1992, but hung up my wings for the most part while navigating children (three girls), a career in aerospace, US Army Reserve duty, etc. Fortunately, the children grew up and I was done with the army, so I found time to start flying again in 2015. I now fly for the Civil Air Patrol, own a C182, and do some Angel Flights as well. Since I've retired from paid employment, I'm looking forward to completing a Commercial certificate and CFI.

In my happy place:



Becoming a CAP pilot:



One of my motivations for starting to fly again was to be able to be part of a community of people with some interests in common. This was also one reason I had for joining the 99s.

I look forward to helping our Chapter reach out to female aviators in our area, share our common interests, and find some things we can do together and for our community. Feel free to reach out to me at any time and for any reason!

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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.

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nowasabiplease@gmail.com

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER INFORMATION

CHAPTER BOARD 2023-2025

Chair	Louise Mateos
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Secretary	Collene Melvin
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Introducing the 2023-2025 SCV Chapter Board

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** The board is discussing the vacant Vice-Chair position and will update the chapter when they have identified a candidate.



LANDING

I'm pretty sure I saw that word somewhere between "gear down" and "parking"...





SCV99s Annual Potluck Picnic in the Park

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

4 pm to 8pm at Portal Park in Cupertino

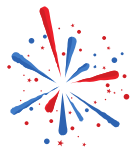


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It's time for our annual potluck picnic at
Portal Park

Join us Thursday, August 17 at Portal Park.
Bring your family and friends, bring some food and
drinks to share, and enjoy a summer afternoon
with your fellow 99s

**RSVP to Pat Gregory
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JULY FLY-IN TO MINDEN-TAHOE AIRPORT



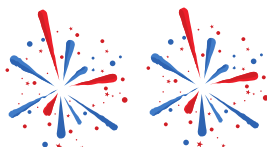
Nancy Sliwa is hosting a fly-in to the Minden airport (KMEV el. 4724) on Saturday, July 8 at the Taildragger restaurant. Arrival 11:15-11:30 am is recommended as Taildraggers is a very popular local restaurant, and while they know we are coming and I've asked for accommodation, they don't actually reserve tables. This earlier arrival (and subsequent departure) also helps with expected weather patterns coming and going over the Sierras. VFR passage to/from the Bay Area is usually easy over KTVL and Kingsburg Grade (VPKGB).

Please **email (nancy@sliwa.com) or text (509-637-4553) if you plan to come** so I can let the restaurant know a reasonable number to expect, and also please contact me if you decide at the last minute not to attend. If winds are terrible or IFR conditions prevail, I will cancel and let you know.

Some members of the RNO99s who live in the Minden/Gardnerville area also plan to join us.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Nancy



Chapter Fly-in Schedule



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

Month	Airport	Host
July 8	Minden-Tahoe (MEV)	Nancy Sliwa
August	TBD	TBD
September 17	Lampson Field (Clearlake) (1O2)	Louise Mateos
October	Shelter Cove (0Q5)	NEED A HOST
November	Santa Inez (IZA)	Mary McEnroe
December	Willows (WLW)	NEED A HOST
January 13, 2024	Watsonville (WVI) - annual whale watch	Pat Gregory



May Fly-in to Auburn

By Pat Gregory

On a beautiful, sunny day (May 27), seven planes departed from various airports around the SF Bay area and headed to Auburn (KAUN) in the Sierra Mountain foothills. The airport is located at 2000 feet along a lovely mountain slope. Easy to find and land at, we all made it safely to one of our favorite lunch spots.

Nineteen people showed up in 7 planes and 2 cars. Planes came from as far away as Santa Fe, New Mexico, Minden, CA, San Jose, Palo Alto, San Carlos, and Tahoe. What a delightful time we had catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Marcie and Pat arrived early in 735ZA, along with Susan Larson and Amy E. in 99C. Soon we were joined by Laura, Maki, and Caroline in 8MK, Nancy Sliwa with Alona and Susan in 546PA, Louise and Miguel Mateos in 3KP, Bogdan in OWA, and Diane and Chuck in 14L. Tom and Lynn Meadows, and Kristen drove over from Tahoe and local Ed Strauss also drove in. Nineteen in all.

In spite of it being a holiday weekend, and the Wings Grill restaurant being short-staffed, we were treated royally. A table to accommodate us was set up and the service was excellent. Also the food.

It was a thrill to see so many of our members, including student pilots, join our fly-in. We are really coming out of the horrible covid stupor and starting to embrace life again.





June Fly-in to Harris Ranch

By Pat Gregory

Our monthly flyins are being very well attended lately and we're quite thankful for everyone who is participating. We are fortunate to have interested student pilots and very lucky to have seats available for them.

In June, several of us flew to Harris Ranch for lunch. It was June 24 and 4 planes carrying 13 people showed up. We even had one little tyke, Zuko, 6 months old who delighted us all with his cuteness.

In 8MK were Pat, Laura, Ewelina, and Nob; in 5ZA were Marcie, Carol, and Bruce; Diane brought Caroline in 14L and Louise came in 7VT with Yue, Yi, and Zuko. This is a great way to get our student pilots involved and to show them some of the local airports they can use for their solos. It also gives them a good idea of how to fly at uncontrolled airports.

We all had a wonderful time and plan to do much more flying this year. Please join us for our next flight, which will be to Minden, NV, and will be a good opportunity to practice mountain flying.



Angel Flight 2023 Endeavor Awards

By Marcie Smith

On June 9, Laura Del Favero and I flew to Santa Monica to attend the annual fundraising event for Angel Flight West – the Endeavor Awards. The organization gives a few free tickets out to volunteers and somehow, I was on the list this year. It's a black tie optional affair with the serious business during dinner when they have an auction. The dinner is very cool, it's at the California Science Academy and the dinner is underneath the retired space shuttle Endeavor.

Laura and I flew down in my C182, flying IFR since it was 2000 overcast at both PAO and SMO and there were some clouds over the hills so we got some actual IMC enroute as well. As usual, the LA basin was a zoo and we got a late descent and had to reduce speed 20 kts but we landed fine. SMO is not a welcoming airport since the city is trying to shut it down, but that meant we were the only ones in the tie downs and we had no trouble getting the fuel truck to come in the morning (which was nice given the price of fuel there!) We Ubered over to our hotel, which was near LAX; this was the hotel the AF staff was at and it allowed us to share their bus to the event that night. We had fun dressing up for the event – if you know me, you know I usually don't wear anything but jeans!

On the bus, we met some of the special guests – passengers who were there to tell their story and an AF leader from Maine who came to honor one of his pilots. The cocktail party was in the rose garden at the California Science Center – a lovely time for roses. There were at least 5 astronauts there chatting with everyone; we met a couple and heard some stories. They had a flyover by 4 aircraft (sorry didn't get the type but maybe you recognize them from the picture) and two skydivers who came in with sparkling trails.

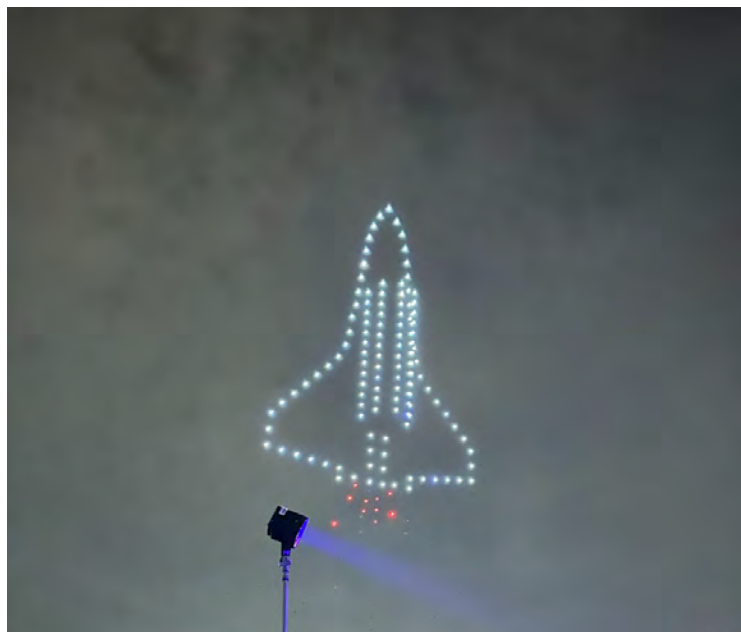


The dinner was delicious and well served and the auction raised more than \$100,000. Three awards were given. The Inspiration Award was given to the founders of Angel Flight, the men and women who started AF 40 years ago. Several of them were there and they must have been pretty proud of the fact that their idea (which flew 14 missions in the first year) is now flying ~5,000 missions each year and will fly its 100,000th mission this year. Two Endeavors Awards were given to Stephen and Joanna Bobko-Hillenaar from Angel Flight West who have flown over 600 missions, and Shakeel Mozaffar from Angel Flight East who has flown over 58,230 miles to help people.

The emcees were two astronauts: Garrett Reisman and Mike Massimino. They have a podcast: 2funnyastronauts.com and were very entertaining. The patient stories were inspiring. If you don't know about Angel Flight, please check in to it – they need pilots!

After the dinner, they had a drone show celebrating the 40th anniversary. It was my first drone show and it was really fun to see them drawing out airplanes and space shuttles that flew around the sky.

The next morning we flew back IFR again; still fog over the LA basin and clouds along the coast. A great adventure!



Santa Monica Pier on departure



Congratulations Maki on your Commercial ASEL!

My Commercial Checkride

By Maki Honda

On June 7 in Watsonville with DPE Jon Thornton, I passed my Commercial Checkride!

I left Reid-Hillview nice and early, but the dense morning fog was lingering that day. I couldn't find a way to fly over the hills since I wasn't instrument current, so I made a stop at San Marin (E16) to wait it out. After an hour, I was finally able to make it over and got to KWVI just 5 minutes before my 12 pm checkride.

The oral portion was standard, we basically went through the ACS and there were no surprise questions. Afterward, I ate a sandwich that I brought from home and pre-flighted the plane. Jon has a usual flight plan that he follows; start the XC flight and have the applicant identify Hollister airport, do maneuvers and go to Salinas for landings, then back to Watsonville. He even told me this was the plan, when we left. But with the low clouds, our plans changed as soon as we took off. I changed my XC flight plan in-flight, mid-climb and, flew south to avoid clouds. We then did some maneuvers as planned but the DPE instructed to go to San Martin for landings. The changes had me flustered and to make things more interesting, E16 had gusting crosswinds! After a few landings we finally went back to Watsonville, did the short field and power off 180.

Overall, Jon was a very casual DPE to chat with and fly with. It was a nice checkride.



The ATC Challenge

By Debby Cunningham

Last summer I was coming back from a day of water skiing up north and since SJC has one of the most expensive fuel prices around I usually will fill up at the lowest price on the route I'm on. This day it would be University, EDU.

After fueling up I headed towards Embassy Suites, then would descend to either right or left traffic for 30L or 30R. I always prefer the left runway as I park on the west side.

"Cleared for right traffic to 30R". Oh well, just a little more taxiing once on the ground-but not yet..."do a right 360 and re enter right downwind". "Cleared to land 30R". But no....."cross overhead the airport and enter left downwind for 30L. Cleared to land, you are between 2 Southwest jets". On short final "61N go around". Good thing I practice go arounds regularly! Then "fly straight out" "now go to the Apple campus and circle until I call you". I did 2 circles and was cleared to land again on 30L. This time I actually got to land! While rolling out I got a "thanks for your help" (did I have a choice??)

I'm sure glad I stopped and fueled up!!

2023 Fall SWS Meeting



Fly to the Gold Coast • Ventura, California
September 28 - October 1, 2023
Hosted by the Ventura County 99s

Celebrating the VC99s' 50th Anniversary
at a special Friday Night Welcome Reception

Tours to:

**Channel Islands National Park &
National Marine Sanctuary
Ventura Botanical Gardens
Commemorative Air Force Museum**

**Four Points Sheraton
Ventura Harbor Resort
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Ventura, CA 93001**

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for discounted rates



Upcoming 99s Meetings & Conferences

Sept 28-Oct 1, 2023	Fall SWS Meeting Ventura
Oct 17-Nov 2, 2023	International Conference Amman, Jordan
January 2024	Winter Workshop Sacramento
Spring 2024	Spring SWS Meeting Reno
July 3-7, 2024	International Conference Vancouver, BC
Fall 2024	Fall SWS Meeting San Luis Obispo





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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