



The Windsock

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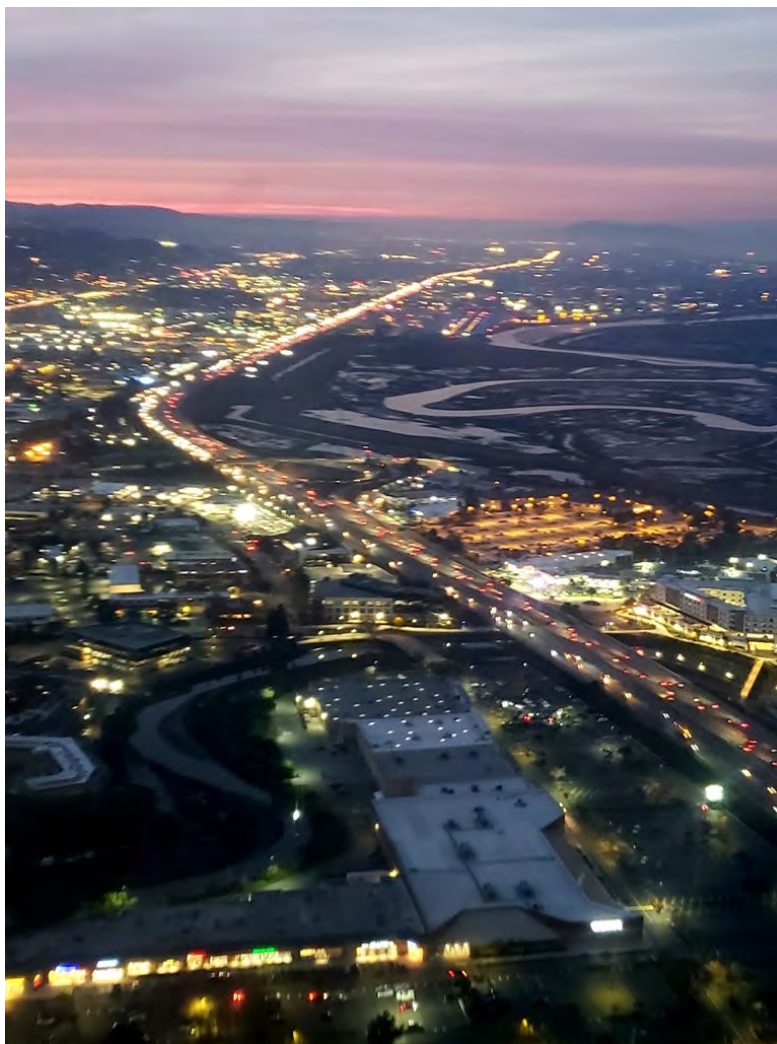
FLYING!

With the weather being consistently severe clear and awesome in the Bay Area and Spring just around the corner, it could be the perfect time to go flying!

When is the last time you went flying? How current are you? And if you are current, how proficient are you? Proficiency, not just currency is always something to strive for. Just like with anything our skills degrade over time without practice. As time goes on the rust starts to build up and is harder to shake. If you are out of currency/and or proficiency, go schedule a lesson with an instructor sooner rather than later.

Then once you get current go practice some takeoffs and landings. When is the last time you stayed in the pattern rather than just going somewhere and landing, then coming back? Everything gets washed out in the pattern and you learn very quickly at what level your skill is.

On that note, plan to fly to a section meeting (PHX in April) or one of our monthly flyouts (0Q5 – Shelter Cove in March). These are both great ways to practice your skills and have fun doing it. AND get to meet up with other pilots and tell amazing stories.



Evening Flight SQL

Sue Ballew
SCV Chapter Chair



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Our fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. The 2021-2022 chapter contributions are being accepted at \$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 June 23, 2021. 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

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Introducing New SCV Chapter Member Diane Gaskill



Diane and her Blue Bird. Leadville Airport, CO, 9934 feet.

Diane began her flying experience at age 8 in a J3 Cub on a dirt strip at Livermore and instantly became fell in love with flying. But her parents would not let her take lessons because it was “too dangerous.” After college, she joined the Navy, where she served as a Naval Aviator in a P-3 squadron (4-engine submarine hunter) for four years. Diane was not a pilot then, but had started flight training, and co-piloted the P-3 on several missions out of Keflavik, Iceland. Then she was transferred to Moffet Field in Mountain View CA, where served another four years as a senior aircrew instructor, teaching ground and in-air classes to new aircrew members.

Since leaving the Navy, Diane has worked for several large companies (HP, Hitachi, Google, Cisco, Cadence, EBAY, Oracle, and others,) as well as several startups, where she wore many hats in engineering and related departments. During her many years in Silicon Valley, Diane worked on the development of many innovations, including the CPU, Ultrasound, CT-Scanners, Computer Aided Design, 3D Graphics for the PC, 5G wireless, and other inventions that are used by billions of people every day and that made Silicon Valley world famous.

On the personal side, Diane raised nine children, including seven stepkids, and has 10 grandchildren from 6 to 25 years old. She is a pilot and owns a 2005 Cessna 182, which she flies every weekend. She also flies BT-13 and AT6 WWII trainers and a Pitts Special aerobatic biplane. She hopes to be able to fly a jet someday. With her family, Diane still skis, water-skis, and goes camping and biking. She remodeled her kitchen and bathrooms by herself, installed air conditioning, built a pool and deck, and also built her own computer and network at home.

In addition to being a 99s member, Diane is also a member of AOPA, EAA, Young Eagles, WAI and CalDART. For several years, she volunteered her time as a Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, teaching teenage cadets about flying and aerospace topics. She is also a volunteer project manager at Rebuilding Together, Silicon Valley, and leads teams of volunteers to repair and rebuild homes owned by an elderly and/or disabled people who are not able to fix things themselves and cannot afford to have someone do it for them.

Chapter Flyin Planning for 2022

by Pat Gregory



At our January SCV business meeting we put together a framework for this year's flyins. We have identified a number of places to fly to, and listed the potential dates along with coordinators for each month. There are several openings for anyone who wants to run a monthly flyin so please feel free to volunteer.

Just notify Pat at plowers@pacbell.net and let her know what month you want to coordinate and what airport you want to fly to that month. Also, if you want a day other than the third Saturday, that's fine too. The list below is what we have so far. Please feel free to add to the list of airports - be sure it's a paved runway and there is food on or very near the airport. Also having fuel would be good since we all fly different sized planes.

We have also included a list of 'backup' places that are almost always accessible and easy to fly to in case the chosen one is not available that month. Please add your name and your suggested airports to our lists: send to plowers@pacbell.net

Airports:

Red Bluff
Willows
Minden
Ukiah
Sonoma Valley
Little River/Mendocino
Lampson Field/Clear Lake
Auburn
Fresno Chandler
Merced/Castle
Oceano
Sacramento Executive
Columbia
Woodlake
Booneville
Hollister
Shelter Cove
Pine Mountain lake
Kern Valley

Backup Airports:

San Luis Obispo
Harris Ranch
Paso Robles
Watsonville

Here is a list of who has volunteered so far (please add your name to this list) and send to plowers@pacbell.net

Date	Organizer
March 19	Pat Gregory
April 16	
May 21	Sue Ballew
June 18	
July 16	
August 20	
September 17	Louise Mateos
October 15	Laura Del Favero
November 12	
December 10	
January 14, 2023	Pat Gregory

Our next fly-in is March 19 to Shelter Cove (0Q5)

Shelter Cove happens to be featured in this month's newsletter from The Seabird Protection Network.



Sight 10: Find the Lost Coast

This year we're counting down our Top 10 Secret Sights only Pilots Can See from the Air, and first up is Shelter Cove.

The steep, rugged terrain of the northern coast is so difficult to navigate on land it was nicknamed the 'California's Lost Coast.' King Peak, the highest point at 4,088 feet, is only three miles from the ocean. Fortunately for pilots, it makes for a spectacular sight from the air.

The Seabird Protection Network, a program of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, partners with pilots across central California to help seabirds thrive.

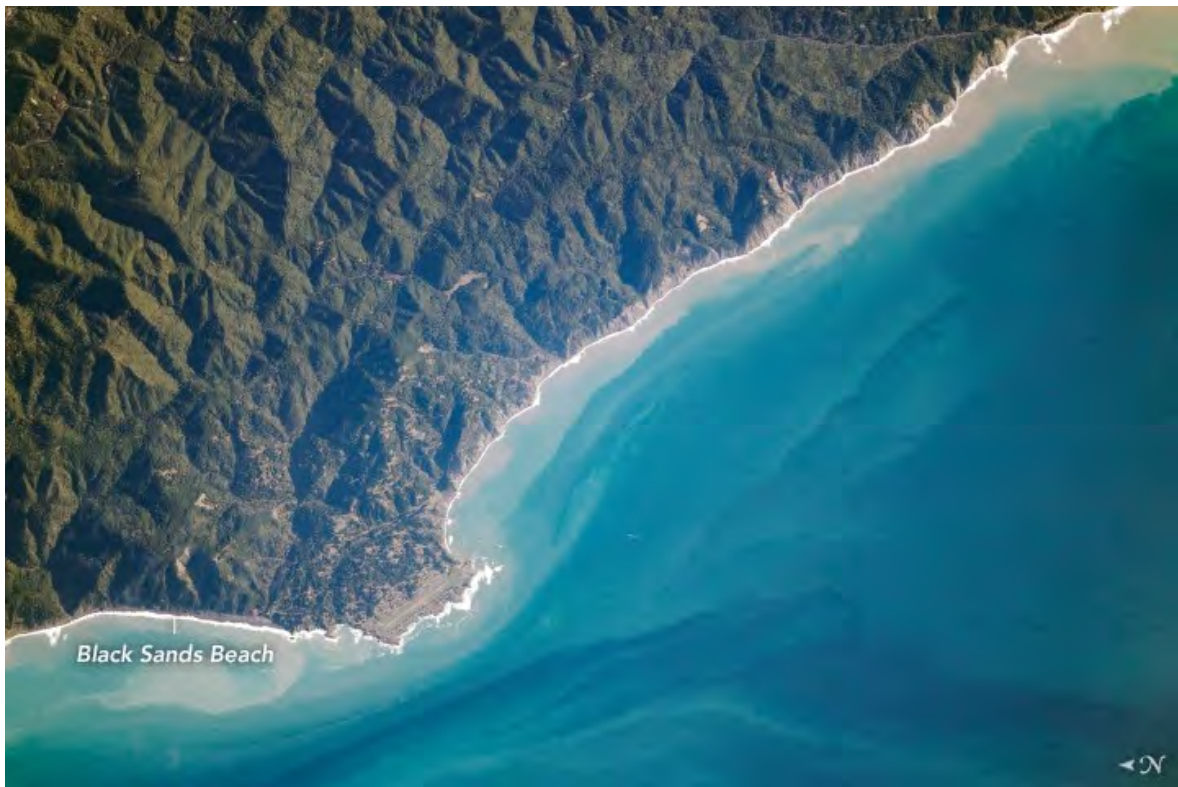


Photo Credit: NASA



Join us for our

SOUTH WEST SECTION SPRING MEETING

Hosted By The Phoenix 99s

Join us as we take in the sights, smells and action of the beautiful Sonoran Desert in bloom, inspiring us to focus on our own personal "super blooms."



April 7th – 10th, 2022

Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort

In Person Cost: \$150 until 2/28 | \$200 after 3/1

Virtual: \$5

For details on activities, seminars, & registration visit:

sws99s.org/events/

HAYWARD AIR RALLY



Bend

Redding

Hayward



Sport Pilots Welcome!

***New this year:**
Half-rally
Practice Option

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- The 58th annual Hayward Air Rally is a day of skill, aviation & fun!
 - The Rally is a ~500-mile VFR cross-country challenge, flown in two legs. It is NOT a speed event; fuel management and navigation skills determine your score. *
 - After a day of Bend's Sunday activities, pilots enjoy an awards party with great food, trophies and awards.
 - All types of piston aircraft are accepted. All certificated pilots and guests are welcome. A great opportunity to test your flying skills for prizes and trophies or just have fun and enjoy the camaraderie.
 - Rally proceeds fund up to three EAA Air Academy Scholarships for deserving students.

For more information visit:
www.hwdairrally.org



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HAYWARD AIR RALLY June 3-6 2022



Annual January Whale Watch Flight

by Pat Gregory



The Annual Whale Watch flyin took place on Saturday, January 15. We flew from Monterey down the coast to Point Sur, then out a mile and back up to Monterey. Laura and Pat flew in 618MK, Debby Cunningham and her sisters flew in her 210.

The weather was wonderful and the sea relatively calm, and luckily, we all saw a few whales. After watching for a while, we landed at Watsonville for lunch at Ella's Cafe. They serve the best tomato bisque soup I've ever had along with their 'very berry salad'. Healthy and delicious. We are all hoping next year to see many more of you on this inspiring first flight of the year.





February Flight to Red Bluff

by Pat Gregory



It was a perfect day for a delightful flight to Red Bluff (RBL) to complete some required recurrent training for Marcie and Nancy. Skies were clearer than usual and temperatures above normal as Nancy, Marcie and Pat departed Hayward Airport in the Cirrus Vision Jet for a climb to 16000 feet and headed northerly.

With Marcie and Nancy at the controls of this marvelous aircraft, we embarked on a most delightful trip. Joining us at Red Bluff were Louise, and newest SCV member Dianne each in her own Cessna 182. It was the first time Dianne had flown so far north since starting her instrument training at West Valley out of Reid Hillview Airport.





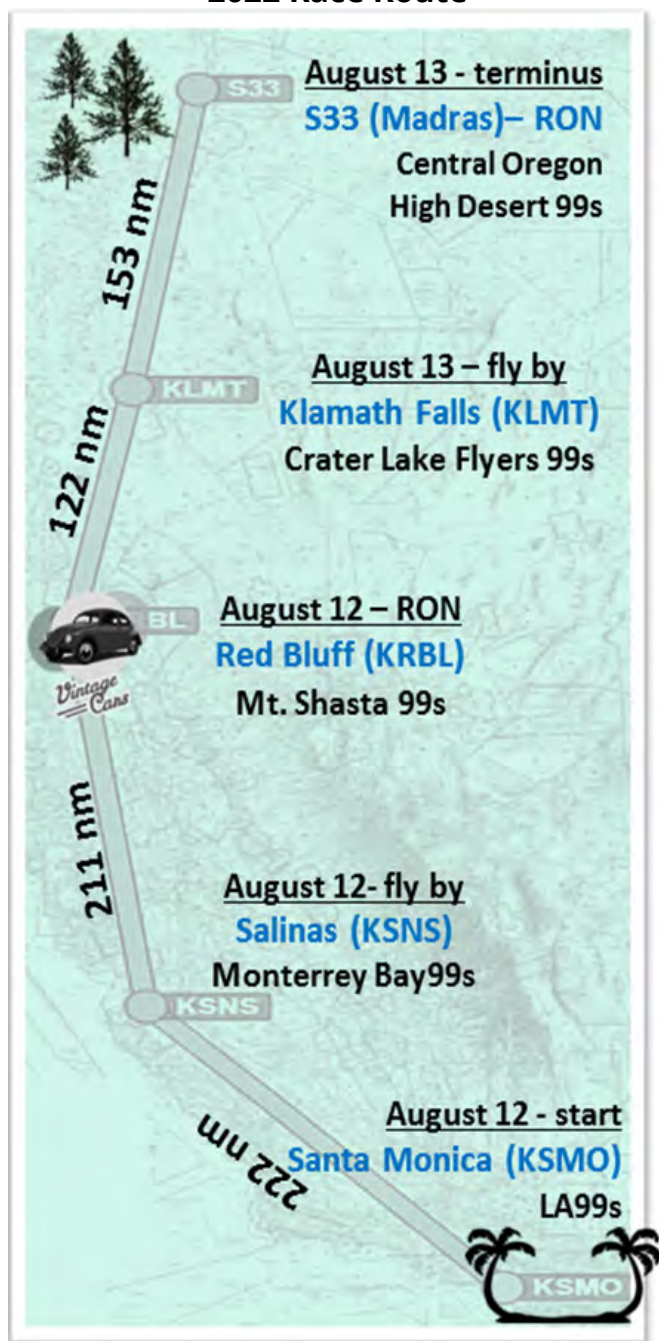
Palms to Pines Air Race 2022

The LA99s are dedicated to honoring our oldest tradition – air racing; and we could not be more excited to bring back Palms to Pines in 2022!



This race does not involve daredevil stunts, nor is it a race for prize money. Our vision for this race is to focus on the fun and skill of flying, the camaraderie and sisterhood we share as women pilots. This race will center on piloting safe aircraft, employing the use of good navigation skills, effective radio communications, situational awareness, and proper concern for the safety of our fellow pilots, property and each other's well-being.

2022 Race Route



August 12 and 13, 2022
Impound August 11, 2022

For a comprehensive list of the Rules and Regulations, please refer to the Palms to Pines 2022 Race Kit. General Rules include:

- Women pilots only
- Sport pilot certificate or higher & a minimum of 100 hours of total flight time
- 2 Minimum per plane (pilot + co-pilot; or pilot + passenger)
- Stock planes only 100-300 horse-power
- Daylight hours, VFR conditions
- Handicapped



FAA, Industry Chart Path to Eliminate Lead Emissions from GA by the End of 2030

GA Pilot Community:

Today, the FAA and our industry partners announced a safe path toward an unleaded general aviation future. You probably have many questions on what this means for your aircraft, what the timing is, and how the FAA will support the diverse group of piston engines operating today.

We want you to hear it first and directly from us. Here are the facts:

WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED

A new initiative that outlines how the FAA and our aviation stakeholders can safely eliminate the use of leaded aviation fuel by the end of 2030 without adversely affecting the existing piston-engine fleet. This isn't a mandate. It's a way that we can safely make this transition.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS

There are four pillars to this partnership between government and industry:

- **Develop Unleaded Fuels Infrastructure and Assess Commercial Viability:** Industry stakeholders will coordinate the production of commercially viable unleaded fuels and create the necessary infrastructure and distribution channels to support widespread usage of these fuels.
- **Support Research & Development and Technology Innovations:** The FAA and industry stakeholders will support research and testing of piston engine modifications and/or engine retrofits that may be necessary for unleaded fuel operations.
- **Continue to Evaluate and Authorize Safe Unleaded Fuels:** The FAA will address fleet-wide authorization of unleaded aviation fuels of different octane levels. The Piston Aviation Fuel Initiative will continue to evaluate, test and qualify high-octane aviation unleaded fuels with the objective to ultimately transition the fleet to unleaded aviation fuel. Learn more at faa.gov/sustainability.
- **Establish Any Necessary Policies:** The EPA is evaluating whether emissions from piston-engine aircraft operating with leaded fuel contribute to air pollution that endangers public health. The EPA plans to issue a proposal for public review and comment in 2022 and take final action in 2023, which can lead to EPA regulation of lead emissions from piston-engine aircraft. The FAA will subsequently publish regulations that certify piston engine modifications, new piston engines that do not require leaded aviation fuel, and regulate fuel components for aviation fuels.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

As our work progresses, we will keep you and your pilot associations informed about key issues such as unleaded fuel evaluations, infrastructure development, decisions about engine modifications and retrofits, and changes in regulations. We will work on getting every member of the GA community involved so that the transition away from leaded fuel will keep you flying safely.

If you have comments, you can email the FAA at EAGLE@FAA.gov.

Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) Initiative

Sincerely,
The FAA



Calendar of 99s Meetings & Conferences

Dates	Meeting	Location/Host
April 7-11, 2022	Spring SWS Meeting	Phoenix Chapter
July 6-11, 2022	International Conference	Charleston, South Carolina
CANCELLED September 14-21, 2022	African Section Meeting	Rwanda
Fall 2022-Pending	Fall SWS Meeting	Air Hearts, Utah
Dec 2022	India Section Meeting	Delhi
January 2023	Winter Workshop	LA 99s
April 2023	Spring SWS Meeting	Long Beach
Spring 2023-Pending	International Conference	Jordan
Fall 2023	Fall SWS Meeting	Ventura Co.
Summer 2024	International Conference	Vancouver
Fall 2024	Fall SWS Meeting	Hawaii
Summer 2025	International Conference	New England

Upcoming SCV99s Meetings

We have resumed in-person chapter meetings at a new location, the West Valley Flying Club on the 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 next meeting is Thursday, March 17.



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
- Due date for articles is the 20th of odd numbered months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov)

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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