



The Windsock

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Push To Talk

As we near the end of our fiscal year of May 31, 2023, my term as Chapter Chair will be coming to an end. I have actually served two consecutive terms of two years each, in addition to serving two consecutive terms starting back in 2007.

The World as well as the Chapter has gone through an extreme amount of change since that first Chapter Chair position in 2007. That was the year the Santa Clara Valley 99s held our Section Meeting in San Francisco. And what a meeting it was during Fleet Week! One of the highlights was a boat ride in the Bay with the Blue Angels flying their precision patterns directly overhead. That was 16 years ago.



In that time, the organization has established an online presence with new and updated websites, social media campaigns, participation with other aviation groups, career and professional pilot options, and many new programs to expand the organization. Our international presence has also expanded greatly with many new sections, chapters, and conferences in far-reaching countries.

With all of that said, this will be my last Push to Talk. Although I will no longer be the Chapter Chair, you will see me at our Chapter Meetings, flyouts, Section Meetings, and International Meetings. After all, the 99s is a fabulous organization and has been a big part of my life since I joined. I hope you continue to make it a part of yours.

Sue Ballew
Chapter Chair

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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Kristen Tarabetz*

Laura Del Favero

Lisa Corsetti**

Louise Mateos ***

Maki Honda

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May McEnroe

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Tiffany Chao*

Sue Ballew*

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



Volunteer Needed

Chapter elections are overdue because we need a candidate for Vice-Chair!

The board discussed the lack of interest in the position at the last chapter meeting and decided to modify the Vice-Chair duties.

The Vice-Chair will no longer be solely responsible for planning meeting programs. Instead, the Vice-Chair will head a committee of chapter members to plan meeting topics.

The 99s is a volunteer-based organization that relies on our members to keep the chapter running.

Please help support our chapter by volunteering.

Contact the Nominating Committee for more info.

Sincerely,
your Nominating Committee

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SCV99s Chapter Meeting

May 25, 2023, 7:00 PM



West Valley Flying Club, Palo Alto Airport



Be prepared to go WOW when Greg Savidge - CFI and aerobatics pilot extraordinaire - speaks to our group on the joy of aerobatic flight.

In addition to instructing, he competes regularly in his Extra 260. We will have the opportunity to view his fabulous airplane after his talk, right outside at West Valley Flying Club.

Chapter Fly-in Schedule 2023



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

Our May fly-in is to Auburn! Please let Pat know if you are able to host this fly-in.

The list below shows the fly-ins planned for 2023. We still have a few fly-ins that will need a coordinator.

Month	Airport	Host
May	Auburn (AUN)	Pat Gregory
June 10	Trinity Center (O86)	Laura Del Favero
July 8	Minden (MEV)	Nancy Sliwa
August	TBD	Louise Mateos
September 17	Lampson Field (Clearlake) (102)	Pat Gregory
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

**Caroline, Marcie,
Pat, and Penny at the
Chapter Flyout to
Columbia, April 15.**





Sightseeing over Maui with a Fellow Ninety-Nine

by Mary McEnroe

In early February, I finally achieved a dream I've had since I first started flight training in 2016. It wasn't a new rating or an endorsement. It was flying around on the island of Maui. My parents are from Maui and my extended family of cousins, aunts, and uncles all live there, so until the pandemic, I made a trip back "home" every year. These trips usually centered around family events – high school graduations, weddings, baby showers, first birthday luaus, and also funerals. When I started flight training, I always wanted to take a flight around the area to see the beautiful landscape from the sky, but weather was always a challenge, or there was no availability on the day I had free time.

When my aunt passed away, I took a week off work and headed to Maui to help my cousins with the planning and arrangements. I found myself with one morning free in the schedule and asked my adventurous cousin if she would like to take a flight if I could find someone available and she was up for it. I recalled seeing a post by Leslie Caubbe of Fly Maui in a Facebook group where she offered a \$25 per hour discount to group members and to all Ninety-Nines. I had saved the information, so I reached out to her and she happened to be available.

Leslie, a fellow Ninety-Nine from the Maui Chapter, suggested three different route options, all of which sounded wonderful. After conferring with my cousin, we decided to see how things worked out the day before the flight. Fast forward to the day before the flight when her younger sister got very nervous about her taking the flight due to news about small plane crashes, so my cousin called it off. I let Leslie know that it would just be me and we made plans to do a route toward Hana and out to the Seven Sacred Pools and back. With the recent rains, the waterfalls were really flowing and I didn't know if I would ever get the opportunity to see so many of them like that, so I jumped at the chance.



We met at the airport at 8:00 am where Leslie had already completed the pre-flight. I signed the waiver and we went over some details and I decided I wanted to try handling the radio communications initially. It was a good opportunity to practice in an environment different from my home airport. We would be flying over open water so Leslie showed me where my life vest was and we got ready to go. Leslie provided a fantastic "cheat sheet" for radio communications out of OGG and once cleared for takeoff, we headed out over the water to follow the coast. The scenery was stunning! I love flying the Monterey Bay and Carmel area, especially when taking people up for their first flight, as it is beautiful and this was even more breathtaking. The waterfalls were flowing in full force and there were so many of them!



Sightseeing over Maui with a Fellow Ninety-Nine (continued)

by Mary McEnroe

As we started along our route, there were a lot of position reports to make as tour helicopters and others fly the route, so I handed communication over to Leslie so I could focus on flying and looking at the scenery. On the way out, all the views were on the right side of the plane, but on the route back, they were all on my side and I had Leslie take the controls several times so I could get photos. Cell phone cameras are good, but they don't do the view justice. There is no way to zoom in to see those waterfalls and still get a high-resolution photo. You just have to experience it for yourself.

On the way back, I asked Leslie if we could circle Paia, the old sugar mill plantation town where three generations of my family grew up. It's what brought my family to Maui from the island of Madera and Ukraine back in the late 1800s. While the mill is no longer operational and the old camp town is gone, the mill still stands as a landmark, as does Holy Rosary Church which my family attended for generations. I was able to get photos of these landmarks to share with family before we headed back in for a landing. Once on the ground, I realized we hadn't taken a photo together, so we snapped a "selfie" in the wind. It was a wonderful experience to finally fly to Maui and see the area where my family lived for generations from the sky. I will treasure the experience and the photos for years to come, and the next time I am "home" visiting my family on Maui, I plan to reconnect with Leslie to fly another one of her recommended routes. Hopefully, next time my cousin will be able to join me.



2023 International Conference Registration



2023 International Conference
October 27 – November 2, 2023
Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa (Sweimeh, Jordan)

The 99s Conference registration is OPEN!

- Early registration begins May 31
- Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa
- Tours: October 29 - November 2 (See the LODGING/TRAVEL tab on the Registration page)

Early Registration begins now...visit www.99sConference.org.

For details, check out the 2023 99s Conference web page at <https://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.htm>

For questions, contact Vice President Minnetta Gardinier.

We look forward to seeing you in Jordan!

Minnetta Gardinier, 99s Vice President
Alia Twal, 99s Arabian Section Governor



99s Webinar

Wednesday, May 10, 8:00 pm Eastern
SIGN UP TODAY!

Travel to Jordan
With Nancy Wright
Reflections from an American Ninety-Nine....



In 2019 Nancy Wright traveled to Jordan to attend the Arabian Section meeting. Join us as Nancy shares her experiences visiting this intriguing country.

(Also, don't miss our July 12 webinar discussing The 99s Conference to be held in Jordan in 2023)

[Registration](#)

Online Series of ForeFlight Workshops

Captains Brian Schiff and Mike Jesch have teamed up with Robert Meder for a series of online 90-minute interactive ForeFlight workshops, beginning at 5 PM PDT on May 1 and continuing on the first Monday of each month through December 2, 2024). These workshops will offer comprehensive hands-on training on using ForeFlight for flight planning, weather, and in-flight navigation.

ForeFlight is the aviation industry's most well-known and widely used electronic flight bag (EFB) and flight planning application. Whether you are a new or long-time ForeFlight user, you won't want to miss this chance to sharpen your ForeFlight skills.

You can register for all the workshops at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316781119553/WN_6SU3o4B2TCewODg5aNaA7A



2023 to Mark Final Year for National Championship Air Races at Reno-Stead Airport

Posted on March 9, 2023

Today, the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) and the Reno Air Racing Association (RARA) announced that they have reached an agreement for 2023 to be the final year the Reno-Stead Airport will host the National Championship Air Races. The Reno Air Racing Association's final Reno-Stead Airport event is set to take place from September 13-17 and will feature the seven classes of air racing plus extraordinary military and civilian demonstrations that fans have come to love as well as a celebration of the event's almost 60 years in northern Nevada.

"We want to celebrate six decades of partnership, competition and airmanship which has brought our local community and aviation enthusiasts from all over the world together in this one-of-a-kind celebration of innovation and history," said Daren Griffin, President and CEO of RTAA. "While it's a bittersweet moment for our community and the RTAA, we are committed to working with RARA to ensure this year's event is a tremendous success as we close this historic chapter for the event in northern Nevada."

The National Championship Air Races are a one-of-a-kind event that has called northern Nevada home since its founding in 1964. However, RTAA's concerns around challenging economic conditions, rapid area development, public safety and the impact on the Reno-Stead Airport and its surrounding areas are some of the contributing factors towards the final year of the National Championship Air Races.

"The National Championship Air Races have become synonymous with Reno and, while we are disappointed that this will mark our final year at the Reno-Stead Airport, we are proud the past ten Air Race events have attracted more than one million spectators, generated more than \$750 million for the local economy and contributed significant aviation related education and outreach to schools and non-profits all around the area," said Fred Telling, chairman and CEO of the Reno Air Racing Association. "We are thankful to the RTAA for the opportunity to celebrate and share this event's storied history with the community and their commitment to work with us to make this year's event one of the best ever. We are in discussions with other venues to explore our options to continue the National Championship Air Races well into the future. We hope to see all of our dedicated fans and many new and familiar faces at the event later this year."

The 2023 event is set to return with more than 150 planes and pilots as well as several 'hands-on' displays and experiences including the GRADD-NVBAA STEM Education Discovery Zone, heritage displays military demonstrations and static displays and more. The event will also mark the third year of competition for the STOL (Short Take-Off and Landing) Drag which has become a phenomenon both in the skies and on social media. To learn more about the event's final year or purchase tickets, visit <https://airrace.org>.

Source: <https://airrace.org/news/2023-to-mark-final-year-for-national-championship-air-races-at-reno-stead-airport/>



Upcoming 99s Meetings & Conferences

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

See registration details on page 8.

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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