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NEWSLETTER FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE  
NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

## THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES

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### OUR MISSION

The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight, and to quote the 99s first elected president Amelia Earhart "TO FLY FOR THE FUN OF IT." Originally established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. are now represented in every area of aviation today.



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# Happy St. Patrick's Day

### Friendly Reminders

1. Starting in August, our Chapter meetings will be held at the FlyAway on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.
2. If you would like to be on the Board of Directors, please contact Lisa and the Nominating Committee at [lafusano@gmail.com](mailto:lafusano@gmail.com)
3. L.A. County Air Show is March 24 & 25 (Sat. & Sun.) from 9am-5pm in Lancaster. For more info, go to: <https://lacountyairshow.com>





## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi Ladies,

A little March Madness has begun with rain & mudslides. I hope everyone is well and not affected by it too much. We will also be Spring-ing Forward with the time change soon on March 11th - so mark your calendar. We will lose an hour, but gain more sunshine & hopefully a little more time to fly in the evenings.

This month we have the Girl Scouts Aviation Badge event on March 10th. The girls have had so much fun at prior events that this year we have hit max capacity for participants. Kim has done a fabulous job coordinating this event. Please let her know if you would like to help volunteer, we can't do it without all of you. Thank you to all who have already volunteered & continue to participate and help in our events. You are awesome!

I hope that many of you have already begun to use Election Buddy for our 99s International and Southwest Section Elections. It is so quick & easy to use. Our chapter nominating committee is getting our slate of candidates ready for our upcoming election. Please let them know if you are interested in participating on the board and making a difference in our chapter. We will be voting electronically for our chapter elections, as well.

The L.A. County Air Show is also this month on March 24th & 25 at KWJF - General William J Fox Airfield. Hope you get a chance to check it out!

See you all soon & happy flying,

*Alisa Liley*

SFV 99s Chairman



**Mar. 10, 2018 (Sat. 8:30AM - 3:30PM)**  
**Girl Scouts Aviation Badge Day @ WHP**

**Mar. 21, 2018 (Weds. 6:30PM)**  
**Board Meeting @ Maureen's house**

**April 2, 2018 (Mon. 7:00PM)**  
**Chapter business meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room @ VNY**

**April 7, 2018 (Sat. 8:45AM - 2:30PM)**  
**Girls STEM Day @ Mount Saint Mary's University (Chalon Campus)**

**April 8, 2018 (Sun. 10:00AM - 2:00PM)**  
**AV 99s Poppy Poker Run**

**April 18, 2018 (Weds. 6:30PM)**  
**Board Meeting @ Maureen's house**

**April 27, 2018 (Fri. 9:00AM - 3:00PM)**  
**Aviation Career Day at Van Nuys Airport**

**April 27-29, 2018 (Fri. - Sun.)**  
**SWS Spring 2018 Meeting, Bakersfield, CA**

**May 7, 2018 (Mon. 7:00PM)**  
**Chapter business meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room @ VNY**

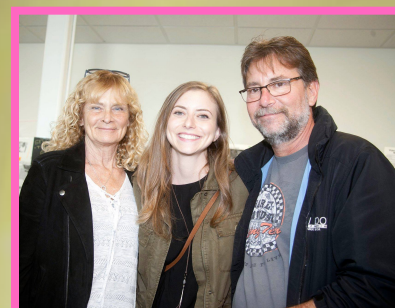
**May 23, 2018 (Weds. 6:30PM)**  
**Board Meeting @ Maureen's house**

**June 4, 2018 (Mon. 7:00PM)**  
**Chapter business meeting, Airtel Hotel, Earhart Room @ VNY**

**June 9, 2018 (Sat. 11:00AM)**  
**Awards Banquet**



# **SFV99s TURNS 66 PARTY EVENT** **FEBRUARY 10, 2018**



# SFV99s TURNS 66 PARTY EVENT CONTINUES



# SFV99s TURNS 66 PARTY EVENT WITH MEMORABILIA



## REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPRING BOARD MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

By Jeanne Fenimore

Paula Sandling and Jeanne Fenimore attended the Spring International Board Meeting on February 2nd & 3rd in Oklahoma City.

There were about 40 of the most amazing women from the US and Canada.

The International and Section elections are underway, but only 50% of the membership opted in for this year's election. For the 1,400 Southwest Section members, there were only 700 eligible to vote online, the rest of the members received paper ballots. Our chapter will have to make a decision to use Election Buddy or go with paper ballots for this year.

There was lots of talk about the International Conference in Philadelphia. There will be a career fair with some of the largest airlines and aviation schools, There will also be seminars on "Fast Tracking a Career in Aviation," tours of the area, and a trip to New York to see the Broadway show "Home from Away." Luckily there will only be one minor Standing Rule change during the business meeting.

Our legal counsel, Cecile Hatfield, gave a report on the many issues involving the 99s, including a student pilot who got a DUI and lost her certificate and of course her medical. Several other legal issues were discussed. We are lucky to have a legal counsel who is willing to work pro bono.

The Governors gave reports on their sections. Some sections have serious problems and others, like us, are the shining examples of how Sections should run.

Jeanne gave an updated report on the 2020 Conference in Long Beach which will be held on the Queen Mary. Everyone is looking forward to spending time on the Queen.

Jacque Boyd, an Amelia Earhart trustee, gave an extensive report on the AE Scholarships and the Fly-Now Scholarships. A lot of her talk was about keeping these gals engaged in their chapters. There was also talk about giving new members a job, find them a committee to join and get them involved. It created a lot of discussion.



03/02 Ceci Stratford

03/11 Kathy Smither

03/21 Linda Worden

03/21 Jan Archibald

03/24 Sylvia Sanderson

03/30 Maureen Kenney

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



*Happy Anniversary!*



03/1956 Jan Wood

03/1974 Michele Albiez

03/2001 Linda Hernandez

03/2003 Marilyn Perna

03/2004 Linda Worden

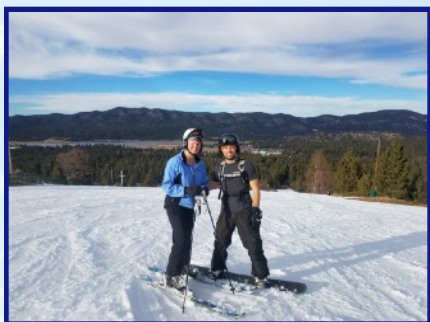
03/2012 Charlotte Kaber

03/2016 Jenna Lohneis



One of the joys of learning how to fly is being able to take your grandson to Big Bear for a ski/board day without the winding roads and traffic...in 45 minutes!

God blessed John and me with very calm weather in flight and good conditions on the slopes! The day ended with a beautiful sunset at L35.



Two homeschool families, who are friends of mine, came to WHP for an airport day field trip. They enjoyed a visit to the tower and learning about the airplane at my hangar. Ricky in the tower was excellent with the kids!

Flying some Young Eagles and Eagles at Whiteman Airport in February. In the first photo is Aubrie in the copilot seat. She joined our Aviation Explorers the next week! Another woman pilot in the making!



One of our Aviation Explorers, Beth Wilke, received her private pilot certificate in January! Our Aviation Explorers alumni, Nick Meyer, was her instructor and she was his first student as CFI. Beth also received her tail wheel and high-performance endorsement in February. Hooray for another woman pilot!

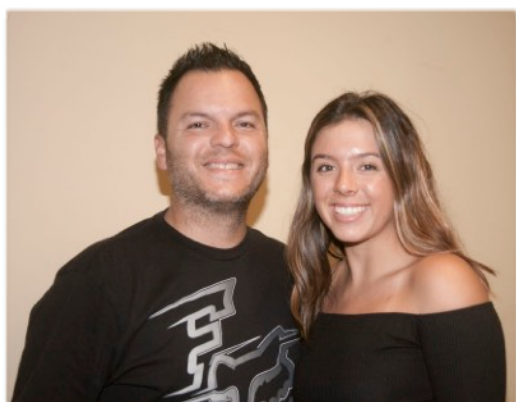


# ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SFV99s CHAPTER MEETING

## March 5, 2018



LISA FUSANO, STEPHANIE WEIER, AND RUTH LOGAN  
WITH THE AVIATION EXPLORERS



New member Lexi Gonzales  
and her father James Gonzales



Kim handing cash to our  
50/50 raffle winner Lexi Gonzales

Photography By Lilian Darling Holt



## VOTE NOW: THE 99s 2018 INTERNATIONAL ELECTION AND THE 2018 SWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Vote now: The 99s - 2018 International Election



The Ninety-Nines Inc International Organization of Women Pilots <invitations@app.electionbuddy.com>

Wed 2/23, 4:14 PM  
You

Reply

### Vote now: The 99s - 2018 International Election

You are invited to vote in the The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots 2018-International Election.

The voting deadline is May 02 2018 12:00 am GMT +00:00, UTC.

We are using an online election system to tabulate our votes. You have been assigned a unique access key which can only be used to vote once, and your voting choices will remain anonymous. Do not forward this email. Do not reply to this email to vote, as your vote will not be registered.

If you have election questions, feedback or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please email Laura Ohrenberg at [homanager@ninety-nines.org](mailto:homanager@ninety-nines.org)

Vote now: Southwest Section, International Women Pilots Organization - SWS Board of Directors Election 2018



Southwest Section International Women Pilots Organization <invitations@app.electionbuddy.com>

Thu 2/1, 12:04 AM  
You

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If you have election questions, feedback or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please email Alice Talback at [atalkack@comcast.net](mailto:atalkack@comcast.net)

Ladies, make sure you checked your emails. You all should've received two different emails to vote electronically. One for the 99s International Election and the other for the Southwest Section Board of Directors Election.



## 2018 Aviation Explorers' Gala On May 5, 2018 at Angeles National Golf Club 6-9 pm, Sunland, CA

Aviation Explorers Post 747 is making new pilots! Post 747 is where youth of San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys go to have their aviation dreams supported through donations and fundraisers. Explorer Post 747 is open to all young men and women from ages 14-21 years of age with an interest in learning more about careers in the ever-growing and demanding field of aviation. Post 747 has helped 27 young people earn their private pilot certificates, two air traffic controllers, one airport manager, and one A&P mechanic since its inception.

- Educates future Pilots
- Provides Scholarships
- Builds Confidence and Team Skills
- Opens up career options in Aviation
- Non-Profit so get a Tax Deduction

Contact us to donate,  
buy tickets to the Gala  
or sponsor!

[bizcaptain@gmail.com](mailto:bizcaptain@gmail.com)

We also are looking for 99s to help support us for ticket sales, donations, and sponsorships.  
Please contact us if you're interested.



# AttaGirl



WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING OUR  
SFV99s TURNS 66 PARTY  
SUCH A SUCCESS

KIMBERLY CHAN  
SARAH WEISS  
PAULA SANDLING  
LILIAN HOLT

VISTA @ WHP  
JEANNE FENIMORE  
ALISA LILEY  
NINA YATES

GREAT JOB LADIES!

# did you know?

**The annual US usage of jet fuel is more than 20 billion gallons.**

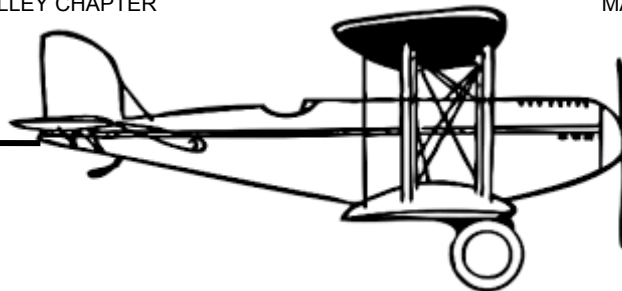


## TRIVIA

1. A pilot in command (PIC) of a civil aircraft may not allow any object to be dropped from that aircraft in flight
  - a) If it creates a hazard to persons and property.
  - b) Unless the PIC has permission to drop any object over private property.
  - c) Unless reasonable precautions are taken to avoid injury to property.
2. In a rapid recovery from a dive, the effects of load factor would cause the stall speed to
  - a) Increase.
  - b) Decrease.
  - c) Not vary.
3. Fog produced by frontal activity is a result of saturation due to
  - a) Nocturnal cooling.
  - b) Adiabatic cooling.
  - c) Evaporation of precipitation.



**ANTELOPE VALLEY 99s**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run & BBQ**  
**W.J. Fox Airfield in Lancaster**  
*"Ponny Poker Run"*



**DATE: Sunday, April 8, 2018**

**TIME: 9:00 a.m. – Cards available at airports!**  
**12:00 p.m. – Santa Maria-style Barbeque served!**  
**11:00-12:30 Spot Landing Contest**  
 (at the beginning of the "Double Bars" past the threshold of the runway)

**CHECK IN: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fox BBQ Hangar with unopened envelopes**  
**No envelopes accepted after 1:00 p.m.**  
**Poker Prizes awarded at W.J. Fox after lunch**

**STOPS & CARD LOCATIONS: Fox@MH Aviation, Mojave@Voyager Restaurant, Tehachapi Muni@gas pump, Inyokern@office patio, Cal City@Restaurant, Rosamond@old FBO**

**Fly to 1-6 airports in any order. Special PIC recognition for pilots flying to at least 3 airports.**  
**Instant Play: If you don't make it to all airports, all airport cards are available at the BBQ.**

*Rain or shine, it's party time – If weather is not VFR, there will still be a BBQ!!*  
*Poker hands will be opened and ranked & prizes awarded*

**AVIATION RELATED PRIZES INCLUDING:**  
**Overnight Stays, Free Meals, Flight Reviews & Many More !!!**



**NOTE: BBQ tickets SHOULD be purchased before Thursday, April 6.**  
**On Poker Run Day, BBQ tickets will be sold based on available food.**  
**REMEMBER: WE SELL OUT!**

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**\$20 for a Poker Hand Combo (A combo includes 1 BBQ meal. Sorry, no separate meal purchases, a CA State raffle rule)**  
**\$15 for each extra Poker Hand -- OR -- \$25 for every 2 extra hands**

**# Combo Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**# Extra Poker Hands \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please list the names of **everyone** included on your purchase (**they each get their own entry**)

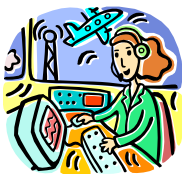
**Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make your check payable to Antelope Valley 99s and mail to:**  
**AV 99s, P.O. Box 5131, Lancaster CA 93539** (please postmark before Wednesday, April 4, to ensure that it arrives in time)  
**Pre-paid registration is available through mail or on the web at Eventbrite**  
**For additional info – Call Lynne (626) 484-2898 – or – [antelopevalleyninetynines@gmail.com](mailto:antelopevalleyninetynines@gmail.com)**

**The Antelope Valley 99s is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization number 95-4198649**  
**Proceeds used for scholarships, new pilot flight training, and activities that promote flying**

## VFR Traffic Advisories – aka Flight Following

Ever asked for “flight following” on a VFR flight? What you most likely got, at least around here in the SoCal airspace, was “VFR traffic advisories”. These are provided to VFR pilots based on the controller’s workload (important caveat!). Actually, in the FAA’s terminology book, these are really 2 different things. Of course phraseology being what it is, and general conventions being what they are, nobody gives it a second thought, because everyone knows what is meant. And also, it’s become such a convention that I think even the FAA might admit it has lost the battle of trying to keep these terms separate. Just recently, a tower controller asked me if I wanted “flight following”. So for the purposes of this article, we’ll assume they mean the same thing.



Now that we’ve got that straight, 😊 we can go on to see just what this useful service provides for you, and what it doesn’t. Of course, this article assumes that you are not one of those pilots who avoid talking to ATC whenever possible. There are various reasons for this, but those folks are missing out on some good help that ATC can give them. The basic equipment needed in your aircraft: a transponder and a radio, which I’m willing to bet that all of us have in the planes we fly. ;-)

### What you DO get:

- discrete transponder “squawk” code and data block for your radar “blip” so that the controller will be able to tell other planes where you are, and hand you off when you cross into another controller’s airspace (though a handoff is not guaranteed),
- traffic advisories IF the controller has time, his/her workload permits, and the traffic appears on their radar scope (some things don’t),
- vectors, if you ask for them, for traffic separation or to avoid someplace you don’t want to be, (such as TFR airspace, or maybe the Hollywood Bowl) or to someplace you can’t find, (e.g., “vector for Fla-Bob airport”)
- implicit permission to enter Class C airspace, since you will be in two-way communication (the controllers will tell you to stay clear if they don’t want you in there),
- instant communication should an emergency arise (God forbid!) – no frequency to look for, just start talking,
- a track of your flight on the radar tracking recording tape that could be followed if something were to happen to you (this is where the idea of “following” comes in). Please note that this service does not take the place of a VFR Flight Plan. Of course, these days, you can just put your N number into FlightAware.com and see your flight path.

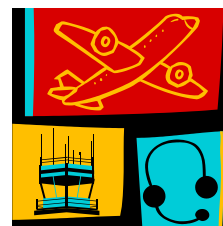


### What you DON’T get:

- separation from other traffic – that’s for IFR traffic, which is the controller’s primary job – VFR Advisories are on a “workload permitting” basis
- absolution from your VFR responsibility to “see and be seen”,
- information on every aircraft in your vicinity (the controller likely has several other higher priorities),
- a guarantee that the controller in the next sector or radar facility will accept your aircraft for continued traffic advisories,
- initiation of emergency procedures should you suddenly fail to respond to the controller,
- implicit permission to enter Class B airspace (that, you gotta ask for!),
- automatic VFR flight plan closure when you’re handed off to a tower (that’s IFR only).

As long as you know the limitations, “flight following” can be a very helpful service. In radar sectors where the controllers aren’t too busy, in my experience, they are always very helpful about pointing out traffic and handing me off to the next sector. They also know my altitude and where I’m going, so they can make their traffic plans accordingly and also let other pilots know what they need to know to avoid me. And, in these days when people are jittery about security, a pilot who is professional and cooperative is known not to be any sort of threat.

So, how do you ask for this service? Well, the first thing you need (if you’re in the air) is the correct TRACON or Center frequency for the area you’re in. You can find it on your VFR sectional or terminal area chart. Then you need to accurately determine your position. That’s REALLY important to the controller. Another thing to keep in mind is that controllers don’t like talking any more than they have to. The trick is to give them just enough and nothing extra – just like professional pilots are accustomed to doing. It’ll also increase the chances of your getting what you want.



Your initial call to ATC should contain the following information – nothing more, nothing less: “SoCal Approach, Cessna 456 (give your short call sign initially so the controller doesn’t have to remember it ALL) over XYZ (some major navaid, prominent landmark or airport) with VFR request”. If you’re on the wrong frequency, the controller will know it and be able to give you the right one without lots wasted conversation. If you’ve got the right frequency and they tell you to go ahead, then it’s simply, “Cessna 177CF (now use FULL callsign), Cessna 177 slant golf, over XYZ, three thousand five hundred climbing to 9 thousand 5 hundred, request ‘VFR traffic advisories’ (or “flight following” if your habit patterns are fixed in that way) to Podunk Airport.” If the controller has time for you, you will be given a squawk code and you’ll be all set.

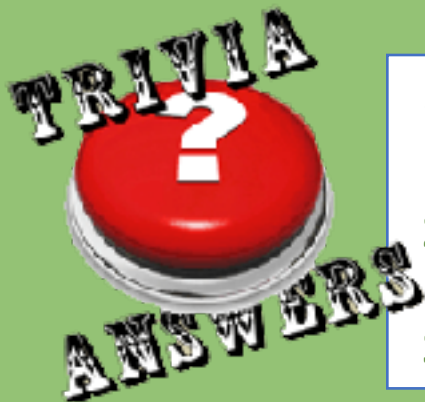


Much of this information is based on some email conversations a while back with a controller at CMA. He has worked at SoCal, and also at an Enroute “Center” facility (very few controllers have done all 3). One caveat from him: don’t call up a controller for the *first time* and say “Cessna 321 is *with you*”. This causes some initial confusion, and then a lot of irritation because the controller is then forced into a game of 20 questions – and LOTS of talking, which they don’t like to do because it keeps them from doing other higher priority things.

So, now you know how to get another set of eyes to help you find your traffic when you’re on a VFR flight!

Fly Safely!

Claudia Ferguson  
Safety Chairman  
San Fernando Valley 99s  
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1. a) If it creates a hazard to persons and property.
2. a) Increase.
3. c) Evaporation of precipitation.

