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The Ventura County Ninety-Nines have a monthly business meeting and speaker on the evening of the third Tuesday of the month. Check this publication for the next meeting, or at our website for locations.

We also meet socially for breakfast at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month at Flight 126 at Santa Paula Airport.

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, it is printed from an electronic file and can be found--in color--at our website. You can register to get an email reminder of The Flyer via email at this site.



2017 Aviation Career Day

Alison Barker

Our 4th Aviation Career Day for Ventura County students was on Friday, October 20. This was our biggest year yet! We had 528 students from 22 middle and high schools in Ventura County, along with a handful of home schooled families. The weather was absolutely perfect! The Santa Ana winds gave us a break and the foretasted 20% chance of rain never happened.

Our goal was to add more hands-on exhibits and things for the students to do and experience (to prevent the dreaded standing around looking bored on their phones). We received a generous donation of drones that the students we able to fly. There were 2 building stations where students could make a paper airplane or balsa wood glider to test fly. CP Aviation's Rochelle Oslick had engineering demonstrations to teach students about aerodynamics. California Aeronautical University brought their popular Mobile Simulator Experience bus. The Marines had a pull up bar and a flight simulator. Figure One Foundation had a corn hole toss game. The Society of Experimental Test Pilots brought real test pilot gear for students to try on and had a paper

airplane folding challenge. The Department of Airports put on a water demonstration with their ARF Crash Truck, and the CAF's P51 Mustang "Man O'War" did several impressive fly-overs. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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MEETING
NOVEMBER 21**

2017 Aviation Career Day

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We also had a record breaking 44 entrants in the "Make Garbage Fly" contest where students make a glider from recycled materials and bring it to Career Day for the fly off. This year we added a "twist". The glider was required to make a 360 degree roll in order to qualify. Students from Oxnard High School won the first and second place trophies and a student from West Lake High School won the 3rd place trophy. Parker Aerospace donated the \$500 1st place prize, the VC99s and Beverly Holland donated the 2nd place \$250 prize and Camarillo Recycling donated the \$100 3rd place prize.



The who's who of aviation volunteered their time to share their knowledge and love of aviation and aerospace with the next generation. Airshow performer and air racer Vicky Benzing signed autographs. We had exhibitors from NASA JPL, NASA Armstrong, NASA SOFIA, USAF, US Marines, US Navy, Civil Air Patrol, CAP, Sheriff's Air Unit, American Airlines, Skywest, Piedmont, and GoJet

Airlines, Sun Air Jets, NOAA, flight schools and universities such as California Aeronautical University, Embry

Riddle, CP Aviation and Channel Islands Aviation. Non-Profit organization such as The Boy Scouts of America, who want to start a local Aviation Exploring unit, the Latino Pilots Association who came all the way from Seattle, Figure One Foundation, The EAA, the CAF, and of course the VC99s. Ceci Stratford had her own table sharing tips on how to get a pilot license and how to win scholarships. We also had industry professionals such as Bruce Wright of Wright Stuff Creations, the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association and Camarillo FAA Controllers. Students also learned about aviation specific programs and classes available in our county such as the Ventura County Career Education Center's Aviation TECH Classroom and Drone Program, Royal High School's AFJRC Program and Oxnard High School's Aviation Academy. PLUS students got to talk to living pilots of WWII and learn about Aviation and Military History from the Wings Over Wendy's veterans group.

We also had so many raffle prizes we almost ran out of time! Discovery Flights, Simulator Sessions, Drones, Aircraft Models, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



2017 Aviation Career Day

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T-Shirts, Hats, and more. A big shout out to Todd McNamee for being our fabulous MC and announcer. Also a big shout out to Pizza Man Dan's for feeding all those hungry, hungry kids, volunteers and exhibitors. Bryan Scofield provided the best pastries ever from his new french restaurant in Ventura, Café Ficelle.

This event takes about a year to plan. A HUGE Thank You to the hardworking team of sponsors: Ventura County 99s, Commemorative Air Force SoCal Wing, Ventura County Career Education Center, California Aeronautical University, Ventura County Department of Airports, Channel Islands

Aviation and CP Aviation. As well as 99s volunteers: Paula Heinz, Judy McCarthy, Rochelle Oslick, Peggy

Watson-Meinke, Mary Lou Johnson, Stephanie Russell, Pia Bergquist, Diane Grizzard, Carolyn Brown, Mary Troup, Victoria Cabrera, Sheila Collier, Jen Engel and her dad, Ceci Stratford and Lilian Holt (hope I didn't forget anyone!!)

More pictures: www.facebook.com/vcaviationcareerday
Highlights: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCDTJyr3pwQ



Skywriting

Judy McCarthy
Chairman

Fly With Attitude!

Here Come the Holidays!

When I think about how fast this year has flown by (pun intended) it's a little scary. Here we are already beginning November...Yikes!

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about our Holiday Awards Dinner. For those of you that can't attend our Board meetings or Business meetings, here is what was decided.

We did a little Survey Monkey, with 3 questions, December or January? Saturday or keep First Sunday? And type of place to have the event. The

results were: December, First Sunday and the 'where' was all over the place.

Our Committee, which consists of your Board, finally made a decision. First, we will have the Holiday Awards dinners in East County one year and West County the next. Of course if we can find middle ground in the future we will do that as well. With that said, it is in East County this year.

Mark your calendar for December 3, cocktail hour starts at 5:00pm, at the Best Western Posada Royale, Simi Valley. It will be a Buffet with appetizers, two carving stations, side dishes and a dessert assortment. Cost is \$45 per person Pre-paid Reservations Only.

An Evite email invitation (same as last year) will be sent out November 5 with all the information. The deadline for Reservations will be November 20.

At our last Membership meeting we decided on Samaritan Homeless Shelter in Simi as our charity to support. I'll post a list of needs in the Evite. 'Tis the season to help others.

We get to dress up, catch up with each other and, of course, give away a couple of flying scholarships too! YAY!



We Love Our Fire Fighters

Luz Schaible

Our October VC99s General Meeting was held at the Camarillo Airport Firehouse #50. Six fire crew, Fire Captain Joe Dullam, female fire fighter Alex Johnson, Sean Davy, Aimin Alton and Rod Zierenberg joined us for a yummy lasagna dinner where we shared many stories. We learned about



the three Ventura County Fire Chiefs that went with their teams and 8 fire engines to join the Sonoma fire fight. We also heard about the one chief and crew that went to Puerto Rico to assist but couldn't land, so the Air Force opened an airport so they could land and provide the much needed help. Also at the fire station is a Hazmat officer, a Division Chief and an Investigator.

We got the grand tour of the fire house which included the Paramedic Squad, the fire engine, and an enormous Hazardous Materials truck which is a converted NASCAR trailer that has its own



weather station. The Hazmat is part of a Regional team that includes Ventura City, Oxnard, Camarillo and the Federal Team. There is also a Crash Rig which we decided to rename the "Non-standard Landings of Aircraft" Rig. This rig carries 1,500 gallons of water and foam and has nozzles that are controlled by joysticks from inside by the operators. As with our pre-flight checklists, the firemen and women use a checklist before using their trucks to make sure they are ready for when the call comes in. A curious tidbit I do have to mention, the fire house has an outside patio that includes a fire pit with a "Pitts" in the middle and a replica of the Camarillo Airport runway and taxi ways on the floor.

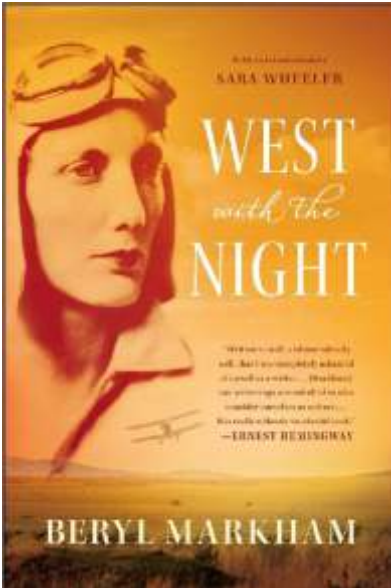


Since we love our fire fighters so much, six of the VC99s visited the station the week prior as part of a Camarillo Airshow silent auction winner certificate that supports our scholarships. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and get to know these wonderful and fearless fire fighters. We left there with a better understanding of what fire fighters do on a day to day basis and gained an even higher level of respect. ✈️

Beryl Markham

New VC99s display at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula

Angelee Conroy



author, horse breeder, trainer and racer, skilled

The first Sunday in November, the 5th, the VC99s will showcase the new opening of our 99 display at the KSZP Aviation Museum on the life of Beryl Markham. A woman who has been largely lost to history, Beryl Markham was an accomplished

aircraft mechanic, and in 1936 the first woman to fly solo from East to West across the Atlantic. At the age of 34, she crossed the Atlantic in 21 hours and 25 minutes, a distance of 1,800 miles, against the headwinds, in her small monoplane, The Messenger. The aircraft suffered a fuel malfunction a mere 25 miles off course from her New York destination. We look forward to the VC99s visiting our new display to learn more about the fascinating Beryl Markham, a woman who was never content with the ordinary!

VC99s Museum Display Committee: Lindsey Bell, Angelee Conroy, Marybeth Martin and special mention: Katy Bars, Aviation Museum Director of Operations.



There's Always Someone to Congratulate In the VC99s



On Wednesday, October 18th Mignon Gery (the VC99s wonderful membership chair) passed her Commercial check-ride. Congratulations Mignon!



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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 Board meeting, 5:30, DOA

Nov 21 General Meeting, 5:30, AMSP

First Sunday of each month

99s Social Breakfast at Flight 126 Café (8:30am)
and Santa Paula Airport Open House (10am-2pm)

DECEMBER

Dec 3 Holiday Awards Dinner

Dec 7 Board meeting, 5:30, DOA

No General Meeting in December

OTHER AVIATION THINGS:

EVERY First Saturday of the Month at 9am
EAA Young Eagles Flights at EAA Hangar, CMA

EVERY First Monday at 7PM, Camarillo City Hall
Aviation Advisory Commission meets

EVERY Second Thursday at 7PM, Camarillo City Hall
The Aviation Authority meets

EVERY Second Saturday (except December)
The Camarillo Chapter of the Experimental
Aircraft Association (EAA) meets at the EAA
Hangar, CMA

ARTICLE and PHOTO SUBMISSION ADDRESS:

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Deadline to receive: 25th of each month

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