

Aviation Career Education Center

Alison Barker

Many Ventura County residents do not know that there's an aviation classroom at Camarillo Airport that offers free aviation classes to Ventura County High School students. It's called the Career Education Center. You may remember the concept, which back in the day was called ROP. However, when I was in high school they sure didn't offer any aviation classes at ROP!

Our VC99s member, Robin Sullivan, who is an Advanced Ground Instructor, is a teacher at the Career Education Center and she hosted us for the VC99s January general meeting. Even though there were torrential downpours that night and we were all soaked, we had an awesome time. We started off with homemade chili and cornbread and then went over to the aviation classroom. Robin gave us the history of the aviation program which is the result of a successful partnership between the Ventura County Office of Education, the

Oxnard Union High School District and the U.S. Department of Defense Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. It's also the first of its kind in the state of California, and we learned students are able to take the Private Pilot written test for no charge after completing the course.

The CEC Aviation Classroom contains rows of desktop simulators where students can fly all



different types of aircraft. All of us are pilots. However, most of us have never flown a desktop simulator before. Some of us were intimidated at first (me) and started off flying Cessna 172s etc.. But then as we got more comfortable . . . well let's try flying a King Air 350. Why not? What about a fighter jet? YES! Let me try this warbird now and let me try to land it!!! There were smiles and laughter and fun being had all

over the room. What an experience! Thank you Robin and the Ventura Office of Education Career Education Center for an enjoyable, fun and informative evening.

For more information about the Career Education Center, go to www.vcoe.org/cec





Judy McCarthy
Chapter Chairman

Skywriting

Wow, what a wild ride we have had weather wise. In between the rain the flying couldn't be better. Local vibrant green hillsides, Rainbows and the snow capped Topa Topa's in the background. Soon the wild bright yellow mustard and wildflowers will be out.

Unfortunately, our Valentine Fly-out to IZA was cancelled due to weather, so we are looking at new dates and places. Stay tuned for info through Yahoo Groups and the Message Board on the new website. The new website is the same address www.vc99s.org

Please check it out. One exciting part of the new website is a Message Board. As a member you will be able to post things like "I'm flying to SMX for lunch, anyone want to go" and post the details. Or looking for or have an empty seat and flying somewhere? It will be great way to communicate with each other.

It will be a continual work in progress to keep it fresh and exciting. Members will be receiving an email from Club Express asking you to join in March.

Our Newsletter will only be in odd months for the rest of the year. March, May, July, Sept. Nov.

The VC99 Pilot Proficiency classes are here! March 2 – May 22. The best value is a Season Pass! We have some amazing classes and instructors! <http://vc99s.com> or <http://ennect.com/e6924> for information and to register.


Have a wonderful Spring, now let's go Fly! 

New Entrance to the Viewport

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Have you seen the new entrance to The Viewport at Camarillo Airport? A new gate complete with an airplane on top and a new sign went in letting guests know they can enter the handicapped accessible walkway via the Viewport entrance which is on the left side of the Waypoint Cafe. When I was



there taking photos, I ran into this lovely 91-year-old being treated to a visit at the airport on her birthday. She was so thankful to be able to use the new handicapped accessible walkway. 



A New Chapter Member

We had our newest member initiated into the VC99s as a 49.25 at the February board meeting. Grayson Parker Engle let all of us take turns holding him until he was done with us and wanted his mommy back. Thanks to Jennifer Engle for letting Grayson visit and we hope he graduates to a full-fledged 49.5 someday. 



Thank You VC99s!

Stephanie Robinson



I am forever grateful to have been awarded the Student Pilot Milestone award from the Ventura County 99s! I recently completed my private pilot certificate in September of 2018, and the scholarship made an enormous difference as it enabled me to finish up my flight training in a timely manner. The scholarship money covered the costs of the final portion of my flight training, including my night flight, my solo cross country flights, and my checkride preparation with my instructor and mentor, Judy Phelps. The final payment - received after passing my checkride - has even started me on my tailwheel endorsement!

From the time I was a little girl, I was obsessed with aviation. I actually took my first lessons at age 12 (in the late 1980s), and dreamed of joining the Air Force as a pilot. However, I learned shortly after that - at that time - women were not permitted to fly in combat, so I abandoned my dreams until my late 30s. I relocated to Ventura County in the spring of 2017, and began flight training shortly after at CP Aviation in Santa Paula. At the same time, I opened up my own business in downtown Santa Paula, largely motivated by the fact that I was just down the road from SZP, if truth be told.

To some of my friends, working on my private pilot certificate at the same time as getting through the start-up phase of a business seemed financially risky - and maybe it was a bit, but the scholarship money greatly eased my stress on that end. And...the risk was worth

it, 110%! Earning my private pilot certificate has been the most empowering thing I've ever done for myself. I've always been both driven and practically minded; getting my private rating is just the first step for me. My goal is to transition out of college teaching (I've worked as a college professor, both full time and part time, since 2001), and into full-time flight instruction. The student pilot milestone award truly made a dif-

ference in my journey to becoming a CFI - I'm so excited to continue my training and advance toward my ultimate goal. Additionally, I'm excited to be an active member of the VC99s, to deepen my friendships with other members, and to volunteer at our events! [VC99](#)

A promotional flyer for CP Aviation. At the top, it says "CP AVIATION" with winged logos on either side. Below that, a large box contains the text "Your Aviation Adventure Starts Here" and a starburst graphic that says "Introductory Flight Lesson Only \$99!". In the center is a photograph of a Cessna 172 aircraft in flight. Below the photo is a list of services: "Great Instructors", "Great Aircraft Rates", "Friendly People", "Great Weather", "Private Pilot, Instrument, Commercial, CFI and Tailwheel Training", and "& Emergency Maneuver Training". At the bottom left is a logo for "CP AVIATION" with the tagline "We Teach the World To Fly!". At the bottom right is the "Cessna Pilot Center" logo. The contact information at the bottom is "Santa Paula Airport 805.525.2138" and "www.cpaviation.com".

Captain Victoria Cabrera

Alison Barker

The 99s is an international group of around 5,000 women pilots. The Ventura County chapter hovers between 99-110 members. Our goal is to inspire the next generation of women pilots. We were treated to a success story at our last General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 19 at the Aviation Museum at Santa Paula Airport. VC99s member, Victoria Cabrera, captured our attention with her talk about her outstanding professional pilot career as a Unicorn.....(female airline captain).

Like many of us, as a young girl, she didn't think females could fly an airplane. Her first exposure to aviation was a trip to visit her grandparents in Mexico as an unaccompanied minor. She sat at the window and was enthralled by the flaps moving and flight in general. Having attended Port Hueneme High School, she did not have any role models in aviation however she learned about Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and set her sights on going there. Though it was expensive, she felt it was important to get a bachelor's degree and professional training to become a pilot, and it has paid off.

Her pilot career started as an Intern at Cape Air in the Boston/Nantucket area which involved flying in at night and in snow. She then moved to DFW for a job at American Eagle flying the ATR 72, which she flew 1 year and then went to a ERJ 145, 50 seat regional jet. AMR went bankrupt, but she was able to get on with SkyWest Airlines based out of LA.

Then one day she was flying over Point Mugu and learned about a company called Phoenix Air, which



holds the contract to fly Navy personnel from China Lake and Pt Mugu out to the Channel Islands in an EMB 120 Brasilia Twin Turbo-Prop commuter. She applied for the job and got it. Finally a flying job where she could be home every night with her husband and weekends off! She loves the quality of life offered by this type of flying job close to home.

But flying into the Channel Islands every day is challenging. Weather is often just above minimums. A missed approach or holds are common. There's strong winds, strong cross winds and turbulence. On the plus side she gets to talk to celebrities like Tom Cruise on the radio and see jet teams like the Blue Angels.

Recently she was introduced to the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. The PPLI is a 99s mentoring program that connects female pilots with

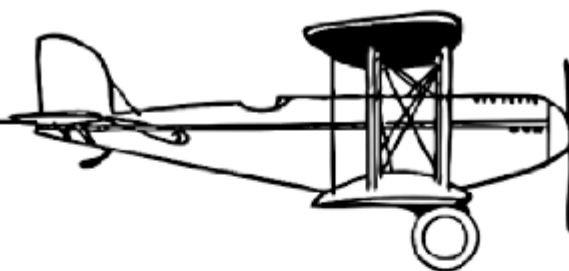
mentors. It helps pilots develop leadership skills and assists with strengthening career goals. With the PPLI program she has access to great advice and mentoring to pursue a higher position. She is paired with a mentor slightly ahead of her, career-wise. She has tasks to accomplish, which her mentor monitors. The program teaches how to set goals and become accountable to achieve them. Phase 3 of the program is giving back and mentoring another pilot who's a step behind her. She highly recommends the program to all professional 99s pilots. Thank you for sharing your amazing story with us!

For more info on the 99s' PPLI program: www.ninety-nines.org/professional-pilot-leadership-initiative-ppli.htm



Looking for Some Aviation Fun?

ANTELOPE VALLEY 99s
29th Annual Poker Run & BBQ
W.J. Fox Airfield in Lancaster
"Poppy Poker Run"



DATE:

Sunday, April 14, 2019

TIME:

9:00 a.m. – Card envelopes available at airports

12:00 p.m. – Santa Maria-style Barbecue served

11:00-12:30 Spot Landing Contest

(touchdown on the "Double Bars" to be eligible – 1 attempt, no bounces)

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 & ranked & prizes awarded

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

NOTE: We strongly urge you to register before the event, so we can plan the food.

On Poker Run Day, BBQ tickets will be sold based on food availability.



The Antelope Valley 99s is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization number 95-4198649

Proceeds from this event are used for A&P scholarships, new pilot flight training, and activities that promote flying.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/antelope-valley-99s-poppy-poker-run-tickets-55530646479?aff=flyer>

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\$22 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, PO Box 5131, Lancaster, CA 93539 (please postmark before Monday, April 1)

For additional info – Lynne Hsia at (626) 484-2898 or LKHsia@aol.com

Catching up with Marikay

Marikay Lindstrom



I have been dubbed “bi-chapteral” since I divide my time living and flying out of Santa Paula and Big Bear City, but my membership continues with the Orange

County 99s. I would like to share this achievement with the Ventura 99s.

“There’s a new face that has garnered a lot of attention in Big Bear politics. Marikay Lindstrom received the most votes in the hotly-contested Big Bear Airport District Board of Directors full term election on November 6.”

The above is a direct quote from The Grizzly, the local Big Bear newspaper.

I awoke the day after the national primary election last November to the news on my phone. Surprised, humbled and exhausted would best describe my spirits that morning.

I campaigned enthusiastically giving speeches, handing out flyers and hot pink buttons stating “Throttle forward up and away, Vote your ballot for Marikay”. Big Bear Valley was cluttered with political signs, mine were different. Instead of the traditional red-white & blue, they were hot pink and not very big. Got a lot of slack but they were obviously effective.

History with Big Bear goes way back including the first time I landed my little pink Cherokee at this high-altitude airport. So excited, I stopped right in the middle of the runway and began to cry—good tears—then someone radioed perhaps I wasn’t in a real safe place and had better taxi to parking.

That was the beginning. Since then I worked the Unicom, flew 135 Operations in and out of Big Bear carrying passengers, cargo and bank checks throughout Southern California, most of the flights beginning at 3:00 in the afternoon returning home around 11:00 p.m. What an incredible opportunity and learning experience. Then one late night it began to snow, I did get safely home. It was so cold and dark. I still had to tie up the airplane. The ropes were frozen, I was freezing and said to myself, what am I doing? Are you “nutz”? So I said bye to flying in a snow storm and continued for many years working at Big Bear Airport which included being named Chief Pilot.

Big Bear Airport is home to Mercy Air, a new air ambulance service ready to transport a critically ill patient immediately to wherever they need to go. If disaster strikes and roads are closed, it is the only uncompromised way in and out of the Valley. It is a staging ground and communications center when fire or other disaster threatens. It is a high altitude training facility for military flying operations. It is a wonderful general aviation place to fly.

Come up and see me, as well as my picture on the airport wall.

What an honor to have been elected for the Big Bear Airport District Board of Directors. I look forward to being the best I can be for the airport I love so much.

I have been an Orange County Ninety-Nine since 1983 when I first learned to fly out of Meadowlark in Huntington Beach and then Long Beach. I served as SWS Secretary, participated in the Air Race Classic and several other races including Palms to Pines.

Just a footnote: recently becoming a member of the Flying Octogenarians” I got a call asking if I would consider be on their Board of Directors. “Why would you want me?” I asked. “Well, you are one of the younger ones,” was the reply.



“It is the greatest shot of adrenaline to be doing what you have wanted to do so badly. You almost feel like you could fly without the plane.” Charles Lindbergh

Ventura County Ninety-Nines 19th Annual Pilot Proficiency Classes • 2019



The Ventura County Ninety-Nines return for the 19th annual season of Pilot Proficiency Classes with the new classes and instructors you asked for! The classes are open to all pilots, student pilots and instructors. You can register as well as find detailed information about the classes and instructors at www.vc99sclasses.com or <http://ennect.com/e6924>.

SAT Mar 2	9:30am-4:00pm	Annual Pilot Refresher with Judy Phelps	\$70
WED Mar 6	7:00-9:30pm	A Test of Your IFR Knowledge with DPE Alan Johnson	\$35
SAT Mar 9	9:30am-4:00pm	IFR Refresher Clinic with Michael Church	\$70
WED Mar 13	7:00-9:30pm	Preparing for The Unexpected: Do the Right Thing! with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
SAT Mar 16	9:30am-Noon	The Art of Flying IFR: Situational Awareness with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
SAT Mar 16	2:00-4:30pm	Risk-Manage or Succumb with DPE Doug Stewart	\$35
WED Mar 20	7:00-9:00pm	Benefits of Home-Based Simulators with Gary Schank	\$35
WED Mar 27	7:00-9:30pm	ForeFlight and iPad Basics with Judy Phelps	\$35
SAT Mar 30	9:30am-3:30pm	Fatal Pilot Errors and How to Avoid Them with Barry Schiff & Brian Schiff	\$70
WED Apr 3	7:00-9:30pm	Flying VFR Through/ Around LAX and SAN Class Bravo Airspace with Michael Phillips	\$35
WED Apr 10	7:00-9:00pm	Anticipating Engine Failure After Take Off in a Single Engine Aircraft with Barry Schiff & Brian Schiff	\$35
SAT Apr 13	9:45-11:30am	Introduction to Soundings with Bill Frank	\$35
SAT Apr 13	1:30-4:00pm	Safely Managing Weather Encounters on X-Country Flights with Bill Frank	\$35
WED Apr 17	7:00-9:30pm	Understanding Airplane Systems with Clay Phelps	\$35
WED Apr 24	7:00-9:00pm	ForeFlight Long X-Country Flight Plan: Destination AirVenture Oshkosh! with Mike Jesch & Brian Schiff	\$35
SAT Apr 27	9:30am-3:30pm	ForeFlight VFR with Mike Jesch & Brian Schiff	\$70
WED May 1	7:00-9:00pm	Tips for Preparing for the Private Pilot Practical Test with DPE Joe Justice	\$35
WED May 8	7:00-9:30pm	Anticipating Inflight Emergencies with Mike Jesch	\$35
SAT May 11	9:30am-3:30pm	ForeFlight IFR with Mike Jesch & Brian Schiff	\$70
WED May 15	7:00-9:30pm	Airline Techniques for GA Pilots with Mike Jesch, John Ringel, Gary Schank & Brian Schiff	\$35
WED May 22	7:00-9:00pm	Tips for Preparing for the Instrument Practical Test with DPE Joe Justice	\$35

Please register early, and no later than 24 hours in advance for any class to make sure you get a seat and any course materials. There is a fee for all classes. There are several discount pricing options and Season Passes for 99s and immediate family members, active full-time military, CFIs and those who want to attend multiple classes. Early Bird pricing is available for those who buy Season Passes by March 27, 2019. We welcome walk-ins on a space-available basis.

All classes meet at
555 Airport Way
In the upstairs meeting room of
the Dept of Airports at KCMA.
Ample free parking for
your car or airplane

Advance On-Line Registration and Payment Recommended

Many of our classes require you bring materials to class. For class details/requirements as well as complete presenter information, please go to www.vc99sclasses.com or <http://ennect.com/e6924>

READY TO FLY?

Ventura County Flight Training Center at Oxnard Airport

If you're looking to become a professional pilot or enhance your capabilities as a pilot, California Aeronautical University's Ventura County Flight Training Center provides professional pilot degrees and flight training at Oxnard Airport.

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- Year round flight training and education
- Study online, fly locally
- Financial aid to those who qualify
- Direct pathway to airline cadet programs

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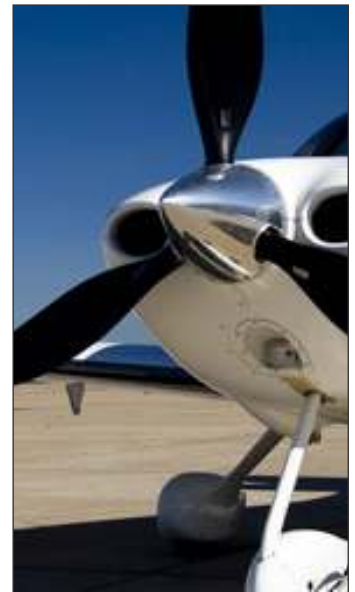


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Future VC99s' Meetings

- Mar 7 **Board Meeting** • 5:30, Dept. of Airports, CMA
- Mar 19 **General Meeting** • 5:30, Aviation Museum SZP Guest Speaker: Wilma Melville, is a VC99, Founder of NDSDF and Author of "Hero Dogs"
- Apr 4 **Board Meeting** • 5:30, Dept. of Airports, CMA Budget requests due.
- Apr 16 **General Meeting** • 5:30, CAU @ OXR Progressive Hangar Dinner
- May 2 **Board Meeting** • 5:30, Dept. of Airports, CMA Budget finalization to present to Membership
- May 21 **General Meeting** • 5:30, Dept. of Airports, CMA "MEMBERS ONLY" Budget Approval and Elections Results



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www.vc99s.com



The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.