


## Vons Foundation Awards Ventura County 99s Grant For Flight Scholarships

Lori Parker



Bob Ordas has been a friend of the 99s for many years. It started when a friend of his and Heidi's had lung cancer and needed money for a lung transplant. He asked that if he supplied the strawberries for the pancake breakfast, if the 99s could donate the proceeds from sale of the strawberries to their friend's medical fund. The VC99s said yes and had a friend for life. Bob, the manager at the Vons in Mission Oaks, helps get

Vons gift card donations for our silent auction and one year he even helped out in the silent auction booth! Recently, he suggested that the VC99s apply for the Von's grant to support our flight scholarship program. Member and previous scholarship recipient Traci Konas wrote the grant request and the Von's Foundation responded with a yes for \$3,000! We are forever grateful for Bob's sponsorship and love for the 99s. 

**Aviation Career Day** for Ventura County High School and Middle School students will be on Friday, October 25th. This is our 6th year showcasing careers in aviation to hundreds of our county's students. We will also continue the popular "Make Garbage Fly" competition with a chance for students to win cash prizes. Students can sign up with their high school counselors to

attend the event. We are always looking for aviation professionals to have a hands-on exhibit or booth to talk to students about their careers. There's no cost to be an exhibitor or to attend the event. It's easy to sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CareerDayExhibitor> We also need volunteers to help set up and be a part of the fun. Email WITH any questions at [vc99soutreach@gmail.com](mailto:vc99soutreach@gmail.com). 



**Alison Barker**  
Chapter Chairman

# skywriting

I feel so honored to be part of the Ventura County 99s. As you read this newsletter I hope you get a sense of our passion for flight and dedication to promoting aviation through education and scholarships. is a crazy busy month for us with all we do at Wings Over Camarillo, and it's great to see all the support from our members, future members, the aviation community and the public at all our events.

This year I was thrilled and surprised to be presented The Spirit of Service Award at the Robotics Competition in the STEM Pavilion at Wings Over Camarillo. This was our first year attempting the full field Robotics Competition and it was quite a feat to pull it off. I had the pleasure of working with a brilliant team of high

## Our Mission

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.


school robotics students and passionate team mentors in the very short window of 6 weeks to plan the event, and WOW we did it!!! I hope you all had a chance to experience the competition and see the amazing robotics programs at our local and surrounding high schools.

The kids also had a great time being at the airshow and are already looking forward to next year. Check out all the photos of the STEM Pavilion on the Wings Over Camarillo Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/WingsOverCamarillo/VC99](http://www.facebook.com/WingsOverCamarillo/VC99)



## R&R at Yolanda's

Judy McCarthy

After the a long weekend of Wings Over Camarillo Air Show (and the months of planning) 20-plus VC99s and a couple of 49.5s got together at Yolanda's in Camarillo to celebrate our success. Good food, Good Fun & Great friends! 





# Ventura County 99s Fall Scholarships

## For Student Pilots:

Milestone Awards for Female Student Pilots Flying,  
Living or Working out of Ventura County:

The VC99s are pleased to offer up to ( 2 ) Student  
Pilot Milestone Awards up to \$3,000 each.

\$3,000 could be yours towards your flight training  
costs! These scholarships are available to female  
pilots over the age of 17, who have at least 6 flight  
hours within the last 90 days. The awards are not  
based on financial need.

Deadline to apply is November 15, 2019

## For Licensed Pilots:

Karen Johnson Advanced  
Milestone Award for Female Pilots in  
Ventura County:

Have you thought about getting an  
advanced rating? IFR? Commercial rating  
or CFI? ATP? The Ventura County 99s are  
offering an advanced scholarship  
up to \$3,000 towards  
your advanced rating!

Deadline to apply is November 15, 2019

**You do not need to be a Ninety-Nine to apply.**

**Please visit our website at [www.vc99s.org](http://www.vc99s.org) for more information and application.**



## There's Always Someone to Congratulate in the VC99s



**Lindsay Hadley** passed her  
Private Pilot Check-ride in  
mid-July. She started taking  
lessons shortly after last  
year's Camarillo Airshow  
where her husband bought  
a gift certificate for an intro  
flight at the silent auction.



**Sophia  
Hillard**  
made her  
first solo  
flight on  
July 12th  
at Santa  
Paula  
Airport.



**Mindy Nye** completed her  
Instrument Helicopter rating.

*Congratulations  
ladies!*



## VC99s WINGS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### SCHOLARSHIP DONATION LEVELS

Pearl . . . \$500

Bronze . . . \$1,000

Silver . . . \$2,500

Gold . . . \$5000

Platinum . . . \$7,500

Diamond . . . \$10,000



## Well Deserved

Not only was our own Judy Phelps one of the great aerobatics performers at the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show, she was featured in both the VC Star (photos below) and on the cover of the VC Reporter!

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# Two VC99s Awarded Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships

Janeen Gaul

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to Ninety-Nines members from around the world for advancement in training and education in aviation and aerospace, as well as scholarships to complete additional pilot certificates or ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees and/or technical training. This year we are so proud to have two winners from the Ventura County Ninety-Nines.

Mindy Nye, a VC99s member since 2015, has been awarded a scholarship for her helicopter instrument rating. The instrument rating will help her to achieve her goal of becoming an Emergency Medical Services pilot.



Carly Shukiar has been awarded an academic scholarship toward her degree in commercial aviation from the University of North Dakota. Carly is well on her way to realizing her dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot.



Congratulations Carly and Mindy! We are all so proud of you!

Applications for the 2020 Amelia Earhart Scholarships are due January 1, 2020. The Fly Now Scholarships are semiannual scholarships for student pilot members. The application deadline for the fall 2019 Fly Now Scholarships is October 1, 2019.

You will find a link to these scholarship applications on the VC99s website, VC99s.org. Please contact your VC99s Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships Chairman, Janeen Gaul if you are interested in applying for either of these scholarships. Let's have more winners from our chapter!

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Peggy Watson-Meinke


I was honored to be asked to speak on a panel at the International Ninety-Nines Conference back in July at Dayton, OH. The topic of the panel was FLYING WITHOUT WINGS, and was initially planned with two hot air balloon pilots and a gas balloon pilot. However, upon arrival to the conference center with Martha Molina, Chapter Chair for the Arkansas Chapter, we met up with a woman that seemed to be standing off by herself. Well, if you know Martha, that did not last long. Martha invited her to dinner with a group of us and we soon got to know Adrea Deyling. When Martha asked what she flew, to the surprise of us all she said she flew the GOODYEAR BLIMP....! We decided right then and there that she had to be on our panel as well. The next day we introduced Andrea to the other panel presenters and they agreed that she would be a great addition. So we whipped up her Power Point presentation in about

30 minutes before the panel was set to begin!

Our panel presentation was done after the General Meeting on Saturday. Kathy Lester-Ross presented on the history of ballooning from 1783 to present. It was a lot of fun information that I had never even heard before! Then I presented on what it takes to become a Private LTA Pilot, a Commercial LTA Pilot, and what a Commercial Balloon Pilot can do and get paid for vs a Private Pilot. Next was our Gas Balloon Pilot, Barbara Fricke. Gas ballooning is a completely different sport from Hot Air. It was very interesting to hear of her 3 to 4 day-long flights from Albuquerque, NM to Canada, as well as from France, to England, then landing in Finland!! Amazing stories. Then last was our new addition, Andrea, that spoke on how she got started flying blimps 18 years ago (she started as a fixed-wing instructor), and what it is like now flying the

Goodyear Blimp.

It turned out to be an awesome panel and we had a lot of good discussion and questions.

If any of you are interested in seeing the presentations, I have each of them and would be happy to email them to you to read. 



# Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes

Carolyn Brown

Well we did it again! Another year of fabulous Pancakes. We lost some of our regular supporters this year due to other obligations, brought back some past participants, and had a few new players. I

have to say I am always amazed at how well everything runs. All of our ladies and gentlemen know what to do and they do it. It makes me ecstatic to see everything come together so well. I

think we should have a TV show – Ok, it would only be two shows each year but it would be worth it. Look out Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives, here we come.

Bill Barclay and his Batter Boys – Kevin Grizard and Jeff Gery kept us current with pancake batter and even washed the dishes. These guys are keepers! Joshua Vincent flipped pancakes both days with my Grandson, Zac and friend Kelsey flipping on the other griddle and my daughter Stephanie flipping on Sunday. The pancakes were works of

art. My 49 ½, Greg cooked sausages both days and still smells really good – like breakfast! Sharon Vincent called out the orders like an auctioneer with Mary Troup keeping the milk and OJ poured as needed and the syrup cleaned off the tables. Aileen

Johnson, Julia Rajchel, Diane Grizard, Paula Heinz, Luci Galgano, Marybeth Martin, and Wendy Lascher put fingers at risk plating pancakes and sausages

with incredible speed to keep up with the orders. Lori Parker and her girls up front – Mignon Gery, Michelle Liephardt of the Santa Barbara Chapter (we have no limits), and Angelee Conroy

took orders and most importantly, collected money.

I had my trusty crew of Leni Malherbe, Carol Vautin, and Greg, who make all of this magic happen.

This could not happen without their support. Carol gets up before dawn is even awake and starts our most important product – coffee. Each pot takes 1 hour 15 minutes to cook and

she cooks all morning as it disappears quickly when moved out front. Leni shops with me, does the heavy lifting, sews the burkah, and is there for all of the set-up and tear down. Greg is always there helping with all of this. He is where ever I need him and as he is taller, he gets the

top of the burkah chores. Mary and Aileen helped with the teardown and packaging of leftover supplies which is much appreciated.

We sold 813 plates of food which included 1745 pancakes, 1320 sausages, 349 cups of coffee, 44 glasses of milk, and 128 bottles of water. This does not include all of our team which we feed. These are just the recorded numbers.





# Wings Over Camarillo

A Photo Essay by Marybeth Martin




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## Tid Bits:

Did you happen to catch Martha Phillips and Alison Barker on the KEYT Morning New on August 14th? Watch it at <https://www.keyt.com/news/-wings-over-camarillo-airshow-coming> 



**FAA Transitions To Mandatory Use Of International Flight Plan** The FAA will transition to mandatory use of the international flight plan format for all IFR and VFR domestic and international civil flights on August 27, 2019. The change is part of an effort to modernize and streamline flight planning and supports the FAA's NextGen initiatives. Several improvements to the international form make it easier and more intuitive for pilots to use and will increase safety, including an increase in the size of the departure and destination fields to allow a greater variety of entry types, including Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) flight plans. 



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## Future VC99s Meetings/Events

- Sept. 17 General Meeting** – 5:30 – Aviation Museum SZP – Movie Night with Henry Behel, Film maker of *Ninner Echo Tango*
- Oct. 3 Board Meeting** – 5:30 - Dept. of Airports, CMA
- Oct. 15 General Meeting** – 5:30 – Dept. of Airports, CMA – Guest Speakers VC99s member, Barb Filkins & 49.5 Dale Filkins. Building and flying a Velocity!
- Nov. 7 Board Meeting** – 5:30 - Dept. of Airports, CMA
- Nov. 19 General Meeting** – 5:30 – Aviation Museum SZP

## Other Aviation Happenings

- Sept. 6-8 Reno Balloon Races
- Sept. 11-15 Reno Air Races
- Oct. 4-6 Ninety-Nines Fall SWS Meeting – San Luis Obispo. For information: <http://sws99s.org>
- Oct. 5-13 Albuquerque Balloon Festival
- First Sunday Santa Paula Airport Open House

## Submitting Articles

Article submissions should be sent to [vc99sflyer@aol.com](mailto:vc99sflyer@aol.com)  
Please send your article only once, and no more than 4 photos per article

### Due Dates:

25th of February, April, June, August, October & December

