

99s Grateful to be Flying

May 24 - Wendy Lascher heads to Catalina (KAVX, Airport in the Sky) with her 49.5 Art and Zero in his flotation device (depicted here as "luggage"). Center picture is the famous hangar, originally in Avalon, then taken apart and moved to the current Airport years ago. Right, is the isthmus at Catalina, with lots of boats in the harbor.



June 11 - (L to R) VC99s Judy Phelps, Janeen Gaul and Stephanie Robinson flew to Palomar Airport overflying Burbank on left and Van Nuys on the right.

MORE AVIATION STORIES
THROUGHOUT 'THE FLYER'



More 99s Grateful to be Flying



June 13th - Peggy Watson-Meinke and friend, Greg took their balloons, Starlite and Pixel-Perfect out. Starlite took the shot on the left of Pixel-Perfect. Center, Starlite's landing spot east of Santa Paula from under the wing of a Cessna 172. Right, StarLite's shadow on the Santa Clara River. Look how much water was still flowing and how clean it was!



May 21 - Greta Liebler arrives in Ventura County after purchasing a Cessna 140 in New York, got in the air with a CFI to do 15 takeoffs and landings required by the insurance company and then flew X-country to KSZP. Greta named the plane Della after Della Moore, an outlaw who ran with Butch Cassidy. [VC99](#)



Janeen Gaul is not letting Covid-19 keep her down! You can't tell but she's grinning ear-to-ear here while she is going through instrument training with Judy Phelps, CFII.



Alison Barker
Chapter Chairman

skywriting

Waiting....

We are all waiting for things to return to "normal" but are we waiting comfortably or uncomfortably waiting?

I thought this was interesting: Did you know that Nissan is developing a "ProPILOT Chair" for

people that hate waiting in line? Nissan has used its autonomous technology to create a self-driving chair, which promises to make waiting in line more comfortable. The ProPILOT Chair detects and automatically follows the chair ahead of it, maintaining a fixed distance and traveling along a set path. Seems appropriate these days.

I don't know about you but I miss getting together at all our fun events and can't wait for the next time our Chapter is able to get together in person. Of course, we will wait until we get the all-clear from the county on when groups of

our size can socialize. However, as soon as we get the go-ahead we will start planning. Fun events we hope to have this year are the Hangar Progressive Dinner at CMA, the Summer Awards Picnic and the Holiday Awards Dinner, among others. Until then, please join us on Zoom for the monthly meetings! Invites are sent out via email.

If you've never used Zoom, it's very easy. Reach out if you want to join and are having any problems. The International 99s annual meeting, originally to be held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, will still be held virtually on July 11th. Look for the invite and consider attending. There will be members from all over the world and will be a great chance to

hear from our International leaders and chapters worldwide.

I hope everyone is able to get out and fly. Flight schools have re-opened, avgas is cheap, and summer is upon us. If you are a bit rusty, no problem! Knock off that rust with a flight instructor. Complete your Flight Review or FAA Wings training. Get checked out in a new aircraft. Take an online rusty pilot refresher course. Watch aviation videos on YouTube. If you are a student pilot, we have a VC99s Student Pilot group that meets regularly to provide mentoring, support and

learning opportunities. Look for an invitation to join the next meeting! Invites are sent out by email, and meetings are facilitated by very experienced and passionate pilots/instructors.

Thank you to all the members who joined us on Zoom for our Annual Chapter Meeting in May. All board members from 2019 ran again and were re-elected for the 2020-21 fiscal year. I am proud to serve again as your Chapter Chair along with Robin Sullivan as Vice-Chair, Janeen Gaul as Secretary and Diane Grizard as Treasurer. Judy McCarthy will also

continue as Past-Chair. If you would like to get more involved with the chapter by joining the board or a chapter committee, please let me know.

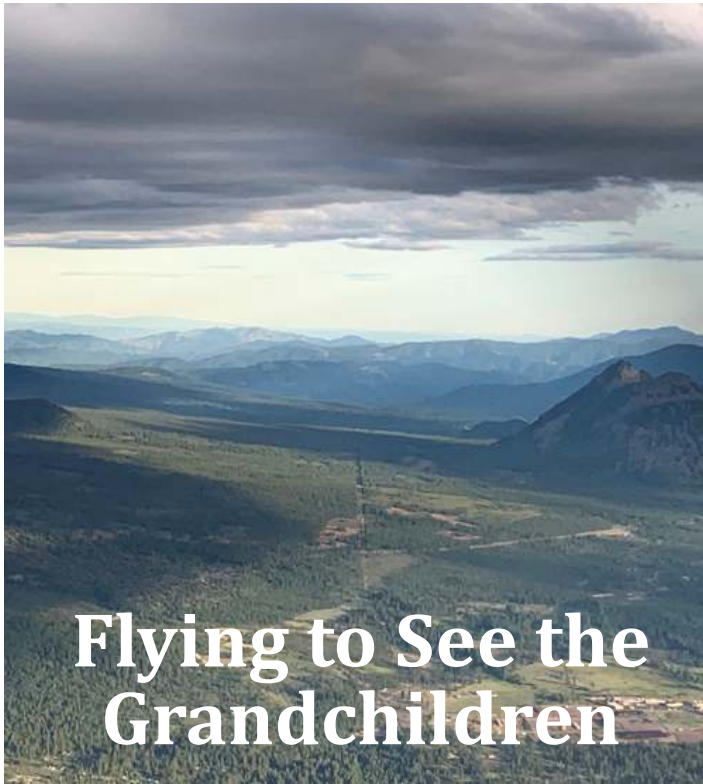
Thank you to the VC99s scholarship team for working hard to create and promote our summer 2020 scholarship opportunities! We are thrilled to be able to award 3 different scholarships this summer with a total value of \$7,000. Our dedication to promote aviation for women has not waived, and we thank all who have donated money to our scholarship funds and/or worked hard at one of our fundraising events.

I hope to see you all soon in person or at the next Zoom Meeting!

**Looking for some aviation programming to fill your time?
Check out these options from 99s members:**

1. *Aviation Theatre, The show promotes the 99s and women in aviation and has won three gold medal trophies and a Best Producer award for public television.*

2. *VC99, Monika Petrillo's aviation documentary film FLYABOUT is available (for free) on Amazon Prime. It's the personal story of a young woman who gets a pilot's license, inspires her father to do the same and together they follow her dream to fly a plane around the continent of Australia.*



Flying to See the Grandchildren

Wendy Lascher

My 3 grandchildren live in the Portland area. In June I flew there for the first time as PIC. Of course, I did have the benefit of my boyfriend, Art in the right seat (with his 36 years of cross-country experience). Some of the "firsts" I experienced: 1.) being cleared into the SFO Bravo airspace, 2.) finding a hidden airport (61S), 3.) navigating between a cloud deck and mountain tops, and 4.) a 20-mile straight in. It was almost as wonderful as seeing my grandkids!



Lots of Scholarships Available

Janeen Gaul

Congratulations to our recent winners of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Stephanie Robinson, and Carly Shukiar! Let's have more Ventura County Ninety-Nines as winners!

The next round of Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship applications will be available on the International website beginning September 1, 2020. These scholarships are for licensed pilot members to advance in training and education in aviation and aerospace, including scholarships to complete additional pilot certificates and ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees, technical training and an Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship established in memory of 99 member Vicki Cruse.

Fly Now Scholarships are available to student pilot members of the 99s. Fly Now scholarships award up to \$6000 towards completion of the recreational pilot, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate. The next application deadline for Fly Now is October 1, 2020. Applicants need to be a member by July 1, 2020 to be eligible.

Contact your Amelia Earhart Scholarship committee, Janeen Gaul or Wendy Lascher if you are considering applying.



Student Pilots Continue "Flying" via Zoom!

Robin Sullivan

Since the Covid-19 shut down on "in-person" gatherings, our Ventura County Ninety-Nines Student Pilot Mentoring Team has continued "on course" by providing regularly scheduled Zoom gatherings for our V.C. Ninety-Nines student pilot members. These gatherings have been well-attended and have covered a variety of topics that were often selected by the students themselves. For more information on our Zoom gatherings for our student pilots, contact Lori Parker and Robin Sullivan at studentpilots@vc99s.org.



There's Always Someone to Congratulate In the VC99s

Rochelle Oslick has received her initial designation as Master Instructor-Aerobatic in May 2020. Rochelle learned to fly at the Edwards AFB

Flying Club while stationed there as a USAF Flight Test Engineer. She started flying tailwheel/ aerobatic airplanes at Santa Paula Airport in 1988. Rochelle's aerospace engineering career led her to work at Lockheed, Douglas Aircraft Company, and The Boeing Company, so she based her flying at several other airports in southern California and in western Washington. In 2003, Rochelle started flight instructing part-time, mostly in tailwheel and aerobatic airplanes, in the Seattle area. After retiring from Boeing, Rochelle returned to her favorite airport, KSZP, and is currently a CFI providing flight training at CP Aviation.

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA. Candidates must demonstrate an ongoing

commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community, and must pass a rigorous evaluation by a peer Board of

Review. The process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism.

Designees are recognized as outstanding aviation educators for not only their excellence in teaching, but for their engagement in the continuous process of learning -- both their own, and their students'. The

designation must be renewed biennially and significantly surpasses the FAA requirements for renewal of the candidate's flight instructor certificate. For

more information on the Master Instructors' Continuing Education program visit www.masterinstructors.org.



Message from Mike Jesch

Thank you so much for sending that [the newsletter] out! I actually had a spare moment, so I read it, and I enjoyed the stories.

I do have one correction, though: In the article about my class on Automation Gotchas, in the very last sentence, you wrote that I recommend to "...always load and activate a procedure so that the pilot has all the necessary fixes..." Actually, I do not recommend using Activate as a normal part of the process. Instead, just use the Load feature to put the procedure into the device's flight plan. Then, at the appropriate time - usually on vectors from ATC to intercept some portion of the procedure - activate the appropriate leg in front of you. If you activate the procedure at the time you load it, the navigator will go directly from where you are, to the selected IAF, which is usually not what you meant to do. I think the point I was trying to make is that, rather than selecting Vectors To Final, instead select an appropriate IAF so that you have all the fixes you might need.

Thanks again for a great newsletter, and here's hoping I can come up again and teach some more classes next year... I really enjoy speaking for your group, and can't wait until the next time!

Thanks, Mike

Future VC99s Meetings/Events

All meetings are via Zoom unless we're cleared to meet in person. You'll be notified by email.

- July 2 **Board Meeting** – 5:30 - All members are welcome.
- July 21 **Annual Chapter Meeting** - 5:30
- Aug 6 **Board Meeting** – 5:30 – All members are welcome.
- Aug 18 **Annual Chapter Meeting** – 5:30

Submitting Articles

Article submissions should be sent to
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