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Chairman's Message

By Grace Crittenden

The rains are here early and hopefully cleared out for the Poker Run. Everything set for Oct 30. We are looking forward to a fun day of flying and a great barbeque.

Plans for the airport tour with the Girl Scouts are coming together for Saturday, November 6. We will be flying balsa wood airplanes and touring ACI and the Tower. Liz Ruth will talk to the girls about flying as a career. It's looking to be a fun morning for all.

Plan to fly to Santa Paula on Sunday morning, November 7, for breakfast and for their first Sunday of the month open-house.

The Christmas party will be Friday, December 3. Keep your eyes open for a gift for the gift exchange. The tradition calls for buffet at Louise DeMore's home. The following day will be Toys for Tots fly-out to Oceano and Paso Robles.

Cookies to the Tower will be on Saturday,

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December 11 we gather for coffee and assemble boxes of homemade treats for the tower, the fire station, and airport administration. Of course we have to do a little taste testing for quality control purposes. By that time we will be in the Christmas spirit.

Plans are forming to have a movie night to show "Fly-about" (a documentary about a young woman flying in Australia). The thought is to invite the "star" to join us and talk about her adventures.

Another possible event we can plan for will be the YMCA Young Aviator Camp the weeks of June 13 and 20 at Oceano.

And there will be a fly-out every month!
Blue Skies, Grace



Host Bill Koukourikos with Elizabeth Dinan, Sunni Gibbons, Mitch Cooney and Cheryl Cooney at Edwards AFB (see report on page 4)

Dates and Schedules

Comments, corrections, and suggestions are welcome.

Fly-outs: dates are flexible and we will confirm plans and set times at the chapter meeting before the scheduled fly-out. Seats will be available for non-pilots, students, and pilots without wings. We want every seat to be filled, so let us know if you want to come along.

Oct. 30	Poker Run
Nov. 6	Girl Scout Event
Nov. 7	Santa Paula monthly open house See: www.amszp.org/#firstsunday
Nov. 11–13	AOPA Aviation Summit See: http://www.aopa.org/summit/
Dec. 3	Christmas Party (to be confirmed)
Dec. 4	Toys for Tots
Dec. ?	Fly-Out to Lake Isabella / Chandler (to be confirmed)
Dec. 11	Cookies to the tower
Jan. 8	Fly-Out – Rosemond (to be confirmed)
Feb. 5	Fly-Out – Death Valley

Minutes of General Meeting

By Kathy Dannecker

The meeting [of Oct 6] began with a presentation by Cheryl Cooney on her flight to Edwards Air Force Base for the first ever civilian fly-in. Elizabeth Dinan, Sunni Gibbons, and Mitch Cooney accompanied her on her flight. Cheryl explained the details of her preparation as well as the experience of landing on the Rosamond dry lakebed. She also told us about the day's festivities held for those who attended the event. Cheryl and Elizabeth shared some wonderful photos that gave us all a window on this rare event [see report on page 4].

The business meeting was then called to order by Chairman Grace Crittenden.

Gaby Arndt provided the Treasurer's report. She advised that our current balance is \$2980. Income for the past month included \$120 from calendar sales and \$60 from local dues. We incurred a \$20

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expense for chair rental for the recent pot luck lunch.

Grace reported there have been no scholarship applications received and no recent action with the Scholarship Committee.

Kathy Dannecker gave an update on calendar sales. To date, we have sold about 30 calendars between Paso Robles Airport Day, the SLO Airport General Aviation meeting, and the Estrella museum tour/pot luck lunch.

The Poker Run is set for Saturday, October 30. Flyers have been posted around the airport and will be sent to nearby 99s chapters. A BBQ at Gaby Arndt's hangar is planned for the end of the Poker Run at approximately 2pm.

The Girl Scout event is scheduled for November 6 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. It will include a tour

of ACI and a tower tour. At the November meeting, we will find out which members will be available to help out with the event.

The next fly-out will be on November 7. Santa Paula is the proposed destination for their Open Hangar Day. It was suggested we arrive by 9:30am, since it can become quite crowded later in the day.

The Christmas party will be held at Louise DeMore's house again this year. Possible dates included December 2, 3, 4, or 5. After some discussion, the group was generally favoring Friday, December 3, but a final decision will be

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made at the November meeting.

We will be taking cookies to the tower on Saturday, December 11. We will meet at the Spirit of San Luis at 10 am to put the boxes together for delivery. With no new business, the meeting was adjourned.



Eastern morning sun bouncing off the wing and Rosamond dry lakebed (see report on page 4)

Edwards – The Adventure

By Cheryl Cooney

N2927M made history by being one of the lucky 100 winners of the lottery that authorized civilian aircraft to land on the Rosamond dry lakebed for the first time in aviation history. Over 3000 applied for the coveted 100 landing slots.

The historic date was October 1, 2010. About a month before the event I received a phone call informing me that I held one of the coveted landing spots. A packet was sent giving each authorized aircraft a discrete squawk code, six

pages of information, and a DVD of welcome giving landing, taxi and parking instructions.

The day before we overnighted in Lancaster. We landed at Fox Field and rented a car from Barnes Aviation (yes, Barnes as in Poncho Barnes). Elizabeth and Maya Dinan completed the foursome that filled my airplane to and from San Luis Obispo. At Fox Field we met Sunni and Travis Gibbons (from the Santa Maria 99s) who flew Sunni's Piper 235 to WJF: the next morning Sunni joined us in N2927M for the fly-in and Maya joined Travis in our rental car to drive to the event.

On October 1st we arrived at Fox Field and were



Short final to runway 20 and temporary Muroc Tower with three guys with headsets on the back of a flat bed truck (see article on page 4)

ready to get airborne at 7:00 a.m. so that we could meet our assigned landing time of 7:45. Even though the distance from Fox Field to the Rosamond dry lakebed is about five minutes, we flew North to the initial reporting point of MLISA just South of the Mojave Airport traffic area where we were issued multiple vectors back South before we were cleared to enter the pattern (we landed at 7:47 a.m. – the Air Force likes to be on time).

The official documentation warned about dust and lack of visual clues during the flare, neither was a problem. The landing on the lakebed was exciting and taxing on the crusty, clay surface was bumpy but easily doable. Muroc Temporary Tower consisted of three Airmen wearing headsets on the back of a flat bed truck. We were marshaled to our parking spot by Air Force personnel and shortly after 9:30 all aircraft had been landed and parked. The day consisted of a welcome by Edward's Commanding General, several safety briefings, a presentation on the mission of Edwards by the first woman test center commander (a colonel), and women in aviation presented by a female major B2 driver. A very nice catered lunch was prepared by Edward's Officers Club. Several flybys by military aircraft occurred during the day. An unusual event, afternoon thunderstorms, shortened the day by a few hours. The after lunch weather briefing and orderly departure completed our historical day. As instructed I applied one-third power until rolling before applying full power for takeoff from the lakebed runway.

We landed back at Fox Field so that Sunni could reconnect with Travis and Maya could resume her spot in N2927M for the trip back to SBP. At Fox we spent time in the airport café (chocolate milk shakes all around) waiting for a large thunder cell to head northeast. We had to divert about 50 miles South (toward Santa Paula and then up the coast) to avoid some heavy precipitation to our Northwest, but the trip home, other than being

longer than expected, was in clear skies.

If the opportunity ever presents itself again, I would highly recommend that you submit your application ... I know I will.



Estrella Warbirds Museum

By Grace Crittenden

Gaby Arndt's hangar provided a cool and comfortable location for the potluck lunch. Two planes and six guests came in from the Antelope Valley Chapter. Two other planes had planned to fly in but were deterred by the threat of thunderstorms. Two of our own chapter's planes flew in, and several of us showed up with cars. After exploring the museum's outside static displays of military aircraft, and escaping into the cool interior of the museum with aviation and military memorabilia, we headed for lunch and happy conversation. The clouds were building as we chatted and ate and got acquainted with our new friends, sharing our adventures and love of flying.

Soon our guests were taking off, buzzing the hangar flying low with aerobatic smoke before heading south towards the clouds. We heard by e-mail that they ended up landing in Bakersfield to wait for thunderstorms to dissipate before they could fly home.

Everyone had a great time. Now we are thinking about planning a trip to the Santa Maria Air Museum next spring.