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Chairman's Message

By Grace Crittenden

The next chapter meeting promises to be very interesting. Ellen Banakis and John Malizia will be talking to us about air traffic control and the SBP tower. We will also have a brief presentation from Linda Wingert about the YMCA aviation camp. She will fill us in on the plans for the 2 weeks of

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Mike Dacey giving a presentation on air racing (see Minutes on page 3)

aviation centered activities at Oceano, June 13 and June 20.

The Poker Run is back on the schedule, but now for Saturday, May 21, so mark your calendars and reserve a plane. We will keep you posted as plans develop.

The next fly-out, Saturday, March 5, will be to Salinas or Watsonville with Porterville as an alternative if the coast is foggy. Here's hoping for a beautiful spring day.

Be sure to save Saturday, April 16, for Girl Scouts with Wings. We will provide an introduction to flying and aviation careers at the Oceano Airport for as many as 50 girls. (Again, here is hoping for beautiful spring weather!)

Our guests at March SLO 99s meeting will be Ellen Banakis and John Malizia, two of SBP's controllers!

We will be doing the popcorn for the Oceano Airport Celebration Day on Saturday, May 14. We will be passing out popcorn to kids and helping staff the Ninety-Nines booth. It promises to be a fun event.

It is that time of year again to think about next year's officers, time to step up and help make the fun happen. You know the old sayings "The more you put into something, the more you get out of it." And "Many hands make light work".

Looks like the scholarship committee has identified an excellent recipient. The enthusiasm and energy and excitement in the letters of application were a reminder of how lucky we are to be pilots and how gratifying it is to help others share the experience.

Blue skies, Grace

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.

March 2	General Meeting at the Spirit 5:30 pm (Chapter Meeting)
March 5	Fly-out to Salinas, Watsonville or Porterville
April 16	Girl Scouts with Wings
April 28 -May 1	Spring Southwest Section Meeting
April 30	Oceano Airport Fly-In Movie Night (new date!)
May 14	Oceano Airport Celebration Day
May 14/15	Chino Airshow
May 21	Poker Run
Weeks of June 13/20	Young Aviator Camps
July 13-17	99s International Conference Fly-out (Oklahoma City)

Minutes of General Meeting

By Kathy Dannecker

The meeting [of February 2, 2011] featured special guest Mike Dacey, who gave a presentation on air racing. Mike was the winner in the Super Sport class at the 2010 Reno Air Races. He spoke to a group of approximately 30 people, which included 99s and other members of the flying community.

Following the program, a brief business meeting was held.

Chairman Grace Crittenden opened the meeting, advising the group that the Poker Run/BBQ has been postponed. A new date will be set after consulting with Cheryl Cooney, organizer of the Poker Run.

Kathy Dannecker gave an update on calendar sales. She reported that all of the calendars have been sold. Net profit figures will be available at the next meeting.

The fly-out to Death Valley has been cancelled. Renie and Cynthia are planning to fly, but will meet up with the Santa Maria 99s at Fox Field. Anyone who would like to join them should meet at Fox around 12:30pm, Saturday, February 5.

Chairman Crittenden informed the members that organizers of the Oceano Airport Celebration Day have asked us to donate popcorn for the event. It was unanimously agreed that we will provide popcorn and related supplies up to \$100.

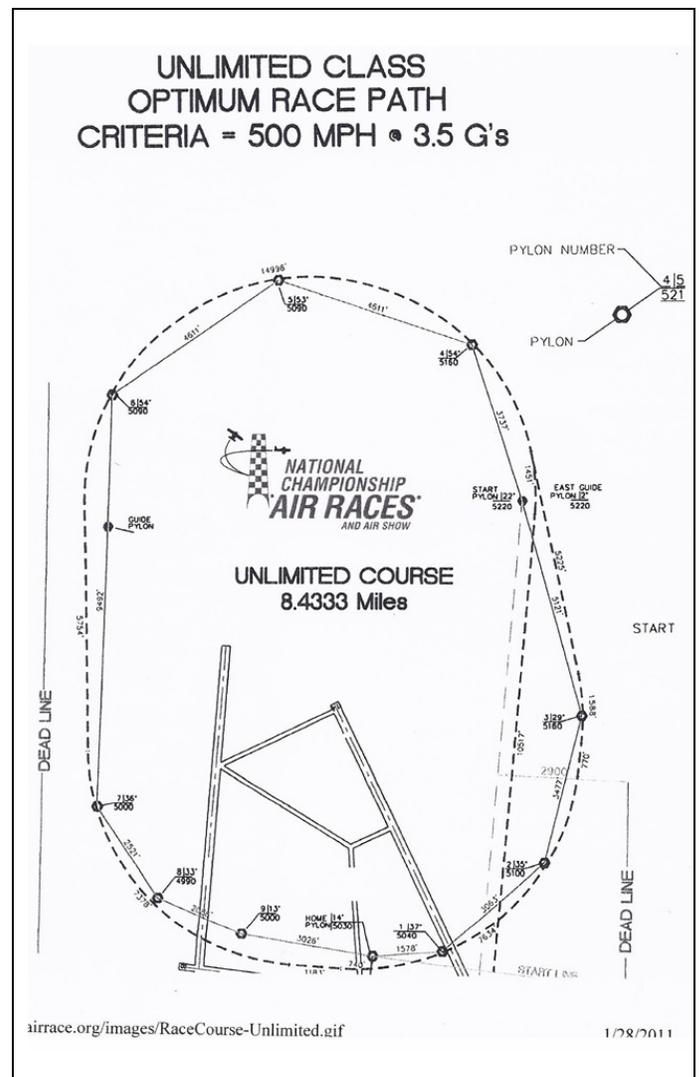
It was also agreed that we would like to have a booth at Oceano, but that we should coordinate with the Santa Maria 99s, so that we don't have two separate 99s booths. Grace will contact the Santa Maria 99s to coordinate this.

A representative from the YMCA will attend the SLO 99s March meeting to give a presentation on their Young Aviators Camp and let us know how

we can help with this event. The camp is slated for the weeks of June 13 and June 20.

Grace gave two brief reminders of upcoming events. The Southwest Section meeting is coming up April 28 to May 1 in San Diego and the International meeting will be held July 13-17 in Oklahoma City.

Following these announcements, the meeting was adjourned.



Reno Air Races race track as presented by Mike Dacey (see Minutes on this page)

Fox Field Fly-out Report

By Cheryl Cooney

The February 5th fly-out to Fox Field turned out to be a gathering of 99s from four chapters: San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Ventura and San Fernando Valley. It was a beautiful day, high cirrus and light winds until, of course, you got 5 feet off the ground. ATIS warned about moderate to severe turbulence southeast of the airport (the direction we needed to go). Monitoring tower while taxiing to the 29 run up area I could hear commercial traffic and other aircraft much bigger than me reporting a rough ride between 2000 and 4500 feet. During my taxi to the 29 run up area I

watched a V-Tail Bonanza approach for landing steady as a rock so I thought it was worth going to take a look. The forecast for Fox Field was: visibility 40 miles and winds calm.

Departing SBP, I did a left downwind and headed toward Oceano and Santa Maria climbing as fast as I could to gain the altitude needed to get above the 4500 feet reported tops of the turbulence. I was at 4500 feet just before I over flew Oceano and at my desired cruising altitude of 6500 by the time I reached Santa Maria and turned eastbound for Fox. The ride out from SBP to Fox had nary a bump by staying south of SBP until I was out of and above the area forecast as turbulent.

Upon landing at WJF I met some of the Santa Maria ladies (Diane Pirman and her husband Mark,



Fox Field fly-out crew, from SLO, Santa Maria, Ventura, and Antelope Valley (see report on this page)

Patty Lynn and her husband Tom, Sunni Gibbons, Sally Hill and her husband Ryan). San Luis Obispo was well represented by Elizabeth Dinan, Camille Nelson, Renie Elliot, Cynthia Douglas and Mitch and myself). Delores Matthews from the San Fernando Valley chapter joined us (she is a good friend of Elizabeth).

The restaurant was full and the table reserved for us was already partly occupied by a group of Ventura County 99s. When the Ventura County folks arrived the restaurant was full except for the table reserved for SBP/SMX crowd. The waitress told the Ventura Chapter folks that the table was reserved for the 99s. They replied "we're 99s" and they proceeded to fill six of the ten spaces we had reserved. We scrunched together, accommodated the expanded group, and having the Ventura Chapter in attendance added to the fun and camaraderie of the occasion.

All the controllers I encountered lived up to their motto "we bring you home."

After a nice lunch and much friendly chatter we all headed for our aircraft for the trip home. I took an intersection departure (I had over 6500 feet of the 7100 available) and by doing so got off before the numerous others that taxied the full length for departure. I climbed to 8500 with the plan to head over Santa Maria again in case turbulence was still a factor. On the trip to and coming home from Fox LA Center controllers asked why so many planes were converging on WJF. One controller suggested that since there was the unusual occurrence of no wind reported at Fox we

all had to go take a look for ourselves. The female voices on the radio proudly reported that they were part of a 99s fly-out.

Near home, ATIS at SBP again reported turbulence southeast of the airport 6000 feet and below. From New Cuyama homeward the trip got increasingly choppy. To avoid the area of reported turbulence I elected to do my let down over the Santa Maria Valley rather than use the direct route over Lopez Lake: tower gave me a left base entry for 29. Winds were 360 at 16 knots (a direct crosswind and one knot less than the maximum demonstrated crosswind component of my aircraft). As I prepared for landing in the crosswind I recalled "a go-around" is always an option and I prepared for that eventuality. While a fun filled day was had by all, I would be remiss not to mention the controllers who went along with us every mile of our trip. From my initial call to SBP Ground, to SBP tower to the enroute controllers, you knew you were in good, caring hands, guided by professionals who added a valuable safety element to the experience. All the controllers I encountered lived up to their motto "we bring you home."



Fox Field, Lancaster, CA , about 40 miles north of Los Angeles. Photo: "Sleepy Joe"/airnav.com (see report on page 4)

Gate Card Holders at SBP

By Cheryl Cooney

It is time to check your gate card if you were issued one by the SBP Administration. The gate cards allow access to the airport through the various security gates for a two year period and they expire on your birthday. Since the program went into effect two years ago it is time for everyone to renew (unless you are a newcomer who wasn't in the program when it started). Check your gate card and if yours expires during 2011 be sure to visit Airport Administration prior to your birthday. Renewal only takes a few minutes and there is no charge (at this time) for your card to be valid until your birthday in 2013.

Ventura County Ninety-Nines

By Susan Liebeler, VC99s Program Chair

The Ventura County 99s 2011 Annual Series of Pilot Proficiency Classes are underway. We have added more designated pilot examiners and highly regarded flight instructors from Idaho and Wyoming for a terrific array of classes this season. We are bringing in Lori MacNichol for her famous Mountain/Canyon Flying seminar and Bill Frank for his great Weather Tactics and Weather Basics classes. Barry Schiff's Coping with Engine Failure on Takeoff is another great class. We hope to see a lot of our sister 99s fly in to the classes.

Our Pilot Proficiency Class website, www.ennect.com/e1213, has detailed information about the times, location, classes and instructors. If you want any additional information, please email me so I can update the web site with the additional information. We regret we cannot handle email or phone reservations. Please register at least 24 hours in advance at www.ennect.com/e1213.

VC99s 11th Annual 2011

Pilot Proficiency Class Schedule

- "Using Professional Pilot & Instructor Techniques in Your VFR & IFR Flying" with J. Robert Moss 2/23
- "Night Flight"--Using 'IFR-Like' Procedures While Flying at Night: What You Don't See Can Hurt You!" with Robin McCall 2/26
- "Is it legal? Is it smart? Is it safe? Avoiding Common Pilot Errors and Improving Your Decision Making" with Michael Phillips 3/2
- "Using VFR Charts" with Judy Phelps 3/9
- "The Ins and Outs of Mountain / Canyon Flying" with Lori MacNichol 3/12
- "Coping with Engine Failure Shortly After Takeoff in a Single Engine Airplane." with Barry Schiff 3/16
- "IFR Radio Communications" with Gene Hudson 3/26 (morning)
- "IFR Emergencies" with Gene Hudson 3/26 (afternoon)
- "Weather Basics" with Bill Frank 4/2 (morning)
- "Weather Tactics" with Bill Frank 4/2 (afternoon)
- "Practical Tips on Preparing for IFR Oral Exam and Check Ride" with DPE Mark Boss 4/6
- "IFR Refresher Clinic" with DPE Alan Johnson 4/16
- "Navigating Through and Around the LAX Class Bravo Airspace" with Gene Hudson 4/27

See <http://ennect.com/e1213> for more info.



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Aviation Camp Fact Sheet

Join the experience...

The Y offers a NEW camp experience this summer for youth interested in discovering Aviation. Youth will get a compelling introduction to the science, mathematics, engineering and technology of aviation, onsite, at a working airport! The objective of this camp is to learn how airplanes fly, introduce pioneer aviators such as the Wright Brothers, understand the components of lift and drag, basic navigation, regulations of flying, aviation safety and other airport protocol. A chance to experience hands-on airplane inspections, tour Cal Poly's Flight Simulator and many more aviation-related activities.

Ages

Entering 4th-9th Grades

Dates

Camp 1: June 13th - June 17th

Camp 2: June 20th - June 24th

Location

Oceano Airport

Time

8 am - 4 pm (Mon-Fri)

Cost

\$220 per week

Contact

Gilbert Almendarez, galmendarez@sloymca.org or call 805.543.8235 x124

Additional Info

Visit our YMCA Booth at Oceano Airport Day, May 14th

Registration begins April 1, 2011

To register online visit www.sloymca.org

Must Register by Wed. prior to camp start date

Must have a minimum of 8 youth registered

Program Partners: Friends of the Oceano Airport, SLO Airport Management, Cal Poly, The 99's SLO Pilots Association

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY YMCA

11020 Southwood Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Fly-In Movie Night

April
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2011



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April 30, 2011 5:00 p.m.

L52 Oceano Airport Fly-In Movie Night

Come enjoy a day at the beach and watch a double-feature under the stars. Camping available. Bring your chairs, blankets, and a festive attitude.

Sponsored by the Sparks Aviation Foundation in cooperation and support of the Friends of Oceano Airport. Help us keep our beautiful slice of paradise active and vital.

CTAF: 122.7 For more information about the Friends of Oceano Airport: www.FriendsofOceanoAirport.com