

# SLIPSTREAM

Monthly Newsletter of the San Luis Obispo 99s - [www.slo99s.org](http://www.slo99s.org)

## Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

Thanks to all those who contributed to the August "Show and Tell." It was great to hear how many of our group were actively flying this summer. We learned a lot hearing about routes they took, weather they encountered, and snags they had to overcome.

Cheryl Cooney also gave us a sneak preview of the presentation she's putting together for the September meeting. Cheryl will be telling us about her three-week flying adventure to the international conference in Oklahoma City, EAA Air-Venture in Oshkosh, and all points in between.

Mark your calendars for October 15! We'll be having a mini-flyout to Santa Maria for a visit to the Museum of Flight and a lunch of burgers and dogs at the Rocketeer Café. We plan to invite other nearby chapters to join us, giving us a chance to meet more of our fellow 99s.

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The 2012 SLO Planes calendar is at the printer and we should have it soon. We plan to have it available for sale at The Spirit of San Luis, Pacific Aero-academy, PCF, and the Estrella Warbirds Museum. The calendar has been the primary source of funding for our scholarship for the past two years and we hope for another successful run!

Last, but not least...summer may be over, but the great weather continues. Keep flying!



Vintage aircraft at Oshkosh (see report on page 3)

## 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.

Sept 7	General Meeting at the Spirit 5:30 pm (Chapter Meeting)
Sept	Fly-out to Watsonville
Sept 10	Paso Robles Airport Day
Sept 21	Safety Meeting at SMX. 7 pm. Dinner starts at 6 pm.
Oct 8 or 15	Fly-out to the museum of Santa Maria
Oct 20	Southwest Section Meeting in Durango, Colorado

## Minutes of General Meeting

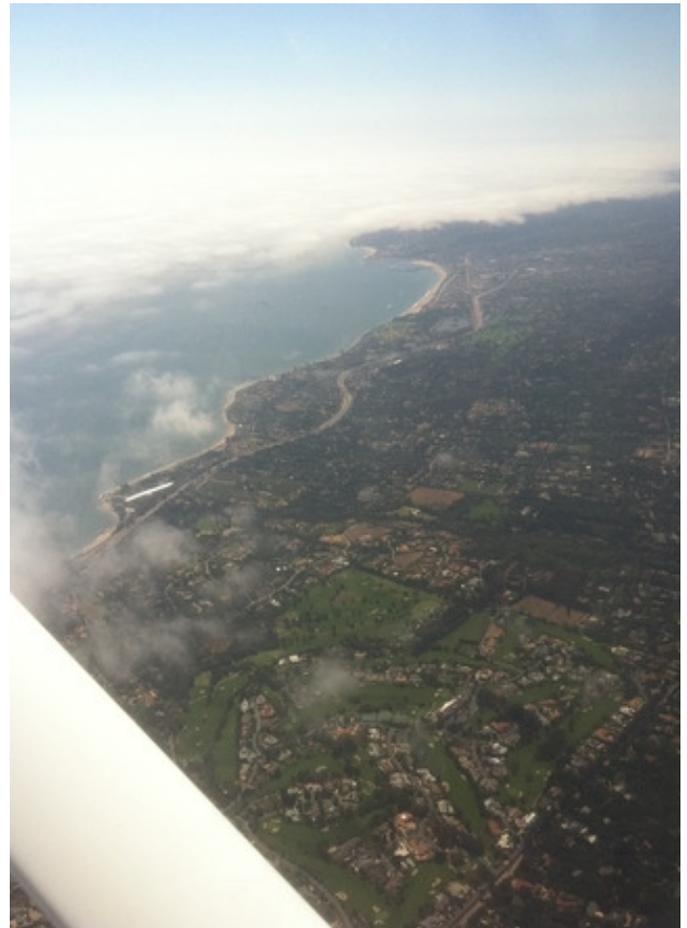
By Grace Crittenden

The meeting [August 3, 2011] opened with “What I Did This Summer.” Charly Schaad shared her adventures flying to the Northwest and struggling with a recalcitrant starter. Grace Crittenden showed some photos from her trip to Idaho. Julie Butler had gliding lessons in Minden where air traffic controllers referred to “glider targets”. Camille Nelson had just returned from a trip to Montana. Cheryl Cooney will tell about her trip across the country at the next meeting. Kathy Dannecker told about her upcoming plans to fly to Oregon.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,725.74 with no liabilities.

Kathy Dannecker gave us a preview of the SLO Planes calendar photos revealing another beautiful collection of photos.

The revised chapter bylaws were circulated by e-mail before the meeting. Liz Ruth moved to accept the new bylaws as presented. Ruth Holden seconded the motion. Camille Nelson noted that there were some typos but did not think they were sufficient to warrant any changes. The motion was approved unanimously and the newly approved chapter bylaws will be sent to the International office.



*The fog was hugging the coastline (see report on page 3)*

We will not participate with the Paso Robles Airport Day this year because there were no members available to work that day.

Oct 8 or Oct 15 were proposed for a fly-out to the museum at Santa Maria. The plan is to invite neighboring chapters to fly in to join us.

Cheryl Cooney gave a brief summary of the International meeting in Okalahoma City this summer.

We will have articles ready for Chapters on the Move in the Southwesterly and Grass Roots for The Ninety-Nines Magazine.

Announcements were made for the safety meeting in Paso Robles to be held at the Estrella Warbirds Museum on August 15. Camille Nelson reported finding excellent educational material that is available on-line through AOPA. The Southwest section meeting will be in Durango, Colorado on October 20.

## Santa Paula Fly-out Report

By Julie Butler

Elizabeth and I flew down to Santa Paula and met up with Cheryl and Mitch for a nice lunch. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The fog



*Santa Paula Fly-out (see report on this page)*

was hugging the coastline on the way down and back with clear skies just inland. There was quite a bit of traffic keeping the Santa Barbara and Pt. Mugu ATCs busy on the radio, and I think everybody with a plane in Santa Paula was flying keeping the pattern very busy. Elizabeth and I entered the pattern with 3 already in it. Quite a contrast to San Luis where we were cleared to land about 5 miles out. I got a sneak preview of the Oshkosh presentation Cheryl is giving at the September meeting. Sounds like something nobody will want to miss. I can't wait!

Thanks for the company today guys. Sorry nobody else made it - maybe next time. We are thinking Watsonville in September.

## Oshkosh Trip Report

By Elizabeth Dinan

Aviation Heaven is what I call EAA Air Venture. This is my third year in a row and I still have not seen everything I wanted to see. Seven wonderful fun filled days of seminars, workshops, every and any airplane you ever wanted to see, seaplane base, International visitors tent, the best pilots that ever flew and access to talk to them and this year, celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation.

We flew into Milwaukee Airport, rented a car and drove to Oshkosh where we stayed at the Oshkosh Christian School about 7 miles from Wittman Airport. Monday morning we headed for the airport. Our first stop was to see the War Birds. There were many P-51 Mustangs, which happen to be one of my favorite airplanes, and Bob Hoover's "Old Yeller" in which he has performed so many great airshows. I can't possibly put down everything, because it would take the whole Slipstream, so here is just a little "temptation" for everyone for next year.

In salute to the Navy's 100 Years, many of the

current Navy aircraft arrived in legendary paint schemes of their predecessors and did many flybys. Then the world's only B-29 Superfortress, FIFI arrived. What a wonderful sight. Also there was the largest flying airship in the world, Zeppelin NT, and you could buy a flight. Great for sightseeing from the air. Then there was the gathering of Burt Rutan-designed aircraft. Among them, the Boomerang, which visited us here in San Luis Obispo at our Chapter 170 meeting. Well, I could go on and on.

Then Cheryl and Mitch Cooney arrived, thank goodness for cell phones, and we met at the 99 tent. We met Ghana's first and only woman pilot and 99 who told us about how she became a pilot and how she is trying to introduce flying to other women in her country.

Received a call from Lakshimi Vempati who was at the AirVenture museum and we met at Conoco Phillips Plaza where the 787 Dreamliner was parked. This is also where the AirVenture 2011 4th annual Women Venture group photo was to be taken. We had all signed in at the EAA Center and 99 tent to pick to our matching apple green Women Soar T-Shirts. There were over 600 women pilots registered. Lakshimi and I had a little time to talk and take a few pictures before she had to leave with her friend. Also ran into Joannie Steinberger, Santa Barbara 99 at the photo shoot. She had taken time off from judging aircraft and it was great seeing her. Our picture appeared in the Saturday, July 30 AirVenture Today.

Another day we ran into Oscar Bayer and Pat Yancy who flew into another little airport where they were staying. They flew to OSH in Oscar's Starduster. What an exciting way to go. They were at the Red Barn near the Vintage aircraft where we ran into each other. You just never know who you are going to meet. That is another fun thing about OSH. With all those thousands of people, you

meet up with friends, old and new.

We were invited to the Flabob BBQ thanks to friends Melinda and John Lyon. Melinda is a San Fernando Valley 99 whom I thought to fly a few years ago. We were able to watch the air show from the comfort of the air conditioned terminal. Met some more friends from last year's BBQ and the food was delicious. Some of these friends flew in the DC-3, called the Flabob Express. When we arrived at the terminal, there was a great band playing old 40s and 50s songs. It turns out that the WWII military men and women nurses that had been flown out from OSH to Washington, DC for a Ceremony returned at this time via Southwest Airlines where TV, news media, family and friends were on hand to meet and greet them. The music changed to military tunes and I can't tell you how honored we felt to be there. It was quite a feeling to see these men and women who did so much for our country.



*Elizabeth at Oshkosh (see report on page 3)*

## Oklahoma Int. 99s Conference

Relayed by Cheryl Cooney. Report by Pat Theberge, International Vice President

The blazing heat in the center of the US didn't keep 99s from coming home to Oklahoma City! Although we had a shortened Conference this year, there was a lot to do in three days. The International Board of Directors was pleased to host this year's International Conference back home in Oklahoma City.

Open House at Headquarters gave us an opportunity to see all of the Museum and building improvements that have been completed in the last few years. The place looks wonderful, the Museum is amazing and most didn't want to leave at the end of the day. The new Compass Rose that has been installed between our two buildings is just spectacular. There are tiles still available for purchase if you want to own one. See The Ninety-Nines website for more information.

Friday and Saturday were filled with activities. Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipients this year came from around the world. Members from the Brazil, East Canada, Nepal, New England, North Central, Northwest, Russian, South Central, Southeast, Southwest and West Canada Sections all received awards. The luncheon was a lovely backdrop for the winners that were able to join us.

Astronaut and 99 Shannon Walker was our keynote speaker and presented to a full audience about her long endurance mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Shannon spoke of her training with the Russian Space Agency, her launch on the Soyuz rocket and provided insight into life on the ISS. Her visit was too short, but we were very lucky to have the opportunity to hear about her mission and future plans.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday morning. Two Standing Rules proposed

amendments were adopted. These were both housekeeping items and there is no major change to operations as a result. The Mid-Term elections resulted in the installation of new Board members, Directors Corbi Bulluck and Marjy Leggett. The following new Trustees were also installed – AEBM: Ruth Seck, Ann Shaneyfelt; AEMSF: Deborah Cunningham; Endowment: Mary Wunder, Barbara Harris-Para; MWP: Bonita Ades, Elaine Regier. Saturday afternoon was filled with a number of excellent seminars and, as is our custom, the Conference wrapped up with our Awards Banquet. The following awards were presented:

- Award of Achievement for Contributions to the Ninety-Nines: Lisa Cotham and Mary Wunder
- Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation: Emily Howell Warner
- Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts: Danielle Aitchison
- Award of Inspiration: Terri Donner
- Award of Merit: Jerry Clubb
- George Palmer Putnam Award: Gail Mesa Norman
- Presidents' Award: the Staff at Ninety-Nines Headquarters

Thanks to the Oklahoma Chapter for the fabulous Hospitality Suite and for providing transportation and the adorable centerpieces at the Awards Banquet



*SLO 99s at Oshkosh 2011 (see article on page 3)*