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Chairman’s Message

By Julie Butler

I have to begin this year by thanking Kathy Dannecker. Not only did she introduce me to the SLO 99s, but she worked extremely hard this past year to make this club great and give us a presence in our community. We participated in so many events and touched many peoples lives during the past year it’s hard to fathom how was all accomplished in such a short time. And thanks to Cynthia Douglas, those accomplishments were acknowledged with the honor of receiving the Air & Space Award.

For those of you who attended the last meeting, you know there are many events and activities we are planning to continue this coming year. The focus for me this year as your new chairman is to get people involved and excited about what we really do: FLY! I want to make this a year for getting to know one another better and supporting each other flying. That may include discussing safety, helping each other in the quest to earn a new rating, or just encouraging and inviting each other to get in the air.

With that in mind, rather than our usual meeting



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place and time, I invite everyone out to fly and then join me at my hanger for a BBQ for our next meeting on July 4. We will determine the location and other specifics of the fly out as the date gets closer. I’m all about dessert first, so we can bring treats with us to share and follow it up back in SBP with some hamburgers and hotdogs. More specific information will follow on the website and yahoo group page. I hope you can all join in as we start off a new year focused on flying.

Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

We opened the meeting [June 6, 2012] with thanks to our new and retiring officers. Julie Butler is the new Chairman. Grace Crittenden will be the Vice Chairman. Cynthia Douglas is the new treasurer, and Cheryl Cooney will be the secretary when she is in town. Meetings will be informal with an emphasis on socializing.

Chapter dues are due in June. Anyone can be a member of the chapter, but to be a Ninety-Nine, you must pay dues to The International Ninety-Nines. We do have money available for scholarships or Discover Flights.

Elizabeth Dinan went to the Spring Section meeting and brought home our trophy for the Air and Space Award for small chapters. Cynthia Douglas explained the criteria for the award and asked that we report all aviation related activities

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.

July 4	Fly-out to Santa Ynez, Dessert, hotdogs and BBQ (Chapter Meeting)
August 4	Fly-in movie night in Oceano L52
Oct 20	San Luis Obispo Airport Day
Sept 7-9	SW Section Fall Meeting in SMX

for her to record and submit for the award.

October 20 will be the date for the next San Luis Obispo Airport Day. Kathy Dannecker and Jeanine Blythe will attend the organizational meeting. It was agreed that we would like to do the Tower Tours again.

We will be helping at the YMCA aviation camp at Oceano Airport. There are two sessions planned for this summer. Charly Schaad and Kathy Dannecker will do charts and navigation. Grace Crittenden will do paper airplanes.

For activities we will do the Poker Run and barbecue and Cookies to the Tower. We will plan fly-outs as schedules allow, and Julie Butler will get the word out for fly-outs once they are scheduled.

Discussion of the calendar sales came to the conclusion that we should wait a couple of years before we do another. Revenues dropped significantly on the last issue, in part because of decreased participation by chapter members in sales.

There were a couple of suggestions for meeting guest speakers. We will invite the new woman starting at the Tower and the new Tower manager. Another suggestion was to invite Eric

Cook, the local DPE.

Last month's fly-out to Porterville on Memorial Day was diverted to Visalia when the restaurant at Porterville was closed for the afternoon.

The next meeting will be the Fourth of July barbecue at Julie Butler's hangar. In August we will meet again at the Spirit of San Luis at the usual time.

SLO 99s go to Camp

By Kathy Dannecker

The San Luis Obispo County YMCA held its 2nd annual Young Aviators camp and SLO 99s were once again on hand to help. The camp gives kids, ages 9-15, a chance to spend a week at Oceano airport learning about general aviation and careers in flying. The first week of camp was held June 11-15 with five campers attending, including one girl.

Charly Schaad and Kathy Dannecker worked together one afternoon teaching the kids about navigation and communication. Charly showed the young aviators how to read a chart and plan a flight. She let each of them choose a destination and create his/her own flight plan. Armed with their charts and their plans, the campers then headed outside to our chalk "runway" and when Charly confirmed they knew their direction of flight, each was "cleared for takeoff."

Kathy then stepped in, showing the young pilots how to fly a pattern and what to say on the radio when they arrived at their destinations. Each took a turn as either a pilot arriving at our "airport" or as an air traffic controller sequencing the aircraft and clearing them to land.

The next afternoon, Grace worked with the kids on what has now become her specialty - making paper airplanes. She shared her vast experience, having them make several types of airplanes, while explaining the aerodynamics of each model. Then the fun part - making them fly!

The YMCA is holding a second week of camp this year, so we'll have the opportunity to it all again soon!

From KPRB to KSBP in a DC3

By Elizabeth Dinan

Our June EAA Chapter meeting found a few of our members on a wonderful, adventurous flight from Paso Robles Airport to San Luis Airport and return.

The C-47 now registered as a DC-3-R is presently owned by the non-profit corporation known as the Gooney Bird Group, Inc. and lives in back of the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso.

We arrived at KPRB at around 10:30 am where the temperature was already reaching 100 degrees. Maya and I drove up with David Chivens and were happy to see Cynthia who was already inspecting the aircraft. After pictures and questions, we were all briefed on the flight by captain Sherman Smoot and his dog "Captain". Captain never misses a flight and is quite comfortable and very friendly both on the ground and in flight.

When you first climb into the aircraft, which is still in its military type dress, you can't help but feel you are going back in the not too distant past. And as you sit on seats facing toward the middle or toward the other passengers in what feels like 130 degrees of heat inside this C-47 waiting for her two Pratt and Whitney 1200 hp engines to warm up you think of her history and the people who flew her and with her. Then you hear the squeeks and groans as we taxi to runway 31 for takeoff. We flew from Paso towards the coast line, circled over Cayucos then down the coastline to Morro Bay and circled the Rock twice so we could take pictures then down Los Osos Valley to land at San Luis Airport, taxi to the west side where we met with chapter members and guests. We all felt like movie stars or VIPs as we climbed off the plane and saw the large group of people waiting for us, or should I say, waiting to see the C-47/DC-3.

After a delicious BBQ hosted by our chapter, we all climbed back aboard for our return trip to Paso. We taxied to runway 29, cleared for takeoff and headed back for Paso. We had all been told that

we could fly for a few minutes if we would like. There was quite a lineup on our flight from Paso, but I was second in line on the way back. What a thrill to fly this plane, just a LITTLE LARGER than what I am used to flying. I flew from the Cuesta Grade to PRB, then the "other pilot" took over circled the field and landed on runway 13 and taxied back to Estrella's back lot. What an exciting and wonderful flight.

This airplane has a great history. She was a participant in several major engagements such as: Battle of the Bulge, Market Garden, carrying supplies and paratroopers and also used in the Berlin airlift. She was named "Betsy's Biscuit Bomber" by her owner Glenn Thomson after his wife because it carried biscuits as well as other food supplies to Berlin during the airlift.

I thank the wonderful crew of Betsy's Biscuit Bomber for a flight into history I will remember forever. Also for all the fun and information and most of all, for a wonderful time AT THE CONTROLS.

The Pilots and Crew: Sherman Smoot, Bob Kragel and Scott Stelzel,

If you would like to know more about the Gooney Bird Group, Inc and this great aircraft contact: www.gooneybirdgroup.org.



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