

SLIPSTREAM

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Chairman's Message

By Julie Butler

Another month has gone by and it seems like family, work, and a million other things take precedent over flying. However, a few weeks ago, Morgan asked if there was any way I could take a week off at the end of August. Although I really couldn't, I needed it, and so I did. We packed up our truck with fishing gear, mountain bikes, hiking clothes, and the dog, put the glider on the hitch and off we went. We first stopped in Truckee to fly a little, then headed off to Idaho for a fly in at King Mountain. "All birds welcome" was the motto and there was a mix of paragliders, hang gliders, sailplanes, and power planes. Even though the smoke heavily obscured the scenery, the soaring weather was spectacular and we were able to make a flight from King Mountain to Yellowstone where we circled over Old Faithful for a few minutes hoping for an eruption (no luck) and back to King Mountain. The best part of the trip was really just meeting some new pilots from all over the U.S. and making new friends. After a potluck dinner each night, we sat around a campfire getting to know one another and sharing flying adventures. Each night I was able to learn



Julie's flying adventure (see Chairman's Message on this page)

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something and get excited about flying all over again. Hopefully that is the same thing we share in our group of 99s; I'm looking forward to the upcoming section meeting for this reason.

Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

The meeting [August 1, 2012] opened with introductions around the table, starting with special guest, Patty Williams, a new controller at the San Luis Obispo Tower. We introduced ourselves by the plane we fly: Grace Crittenden, Cessna 64538 - Kathy Dannecker, Mooney 210YM - Liz Ruth, First officer United airlines - Janice O'Dell who has just moved to the area but is flying a Cessna 414 in Palo Alto - Anele 412OF - Elizabeth Dinan, CFI - Cynthia Douglas who has 10 chickens and 1 rooster and usually flies Cessna 7336S - Finally Charly Schaad announced that she is not flying because of a recent appendectomy.

There was some discussion of who would be going to the Southwest Section Meeting in Santa Maria hoping to arrange a carpool.

Airport Day will be Oct 20. Julie Butler will bring her glider for display. Tower tours have been approved. New restrictions require a photo ID, and no foreign nationals will be allowed. Each tour group will be lead by Ed Hassed, the new tower manager. We will plan for 3 tours per hour from 1000 to 1400 with a lottery each hour for 12 visitors per tour, 36 each hour. PCF has a base

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 5	General Meeting at the Spirit of San Luis at 5:30 pm (Chapter Meeting)
Sept 7-9	SW Section Fall Meeting in SMX
Sept 29	Paso Robles Airport Day
Oct 20	San Luis Obispo Airport Day

station to broadcast the tower transmissions to those waiting. Discussion turned to children's activities we could offer at our booth. The ever popular paper airplanes, drawing coloring pictures, decorating cookies, bottle rockets, and how to use a fire extinguisher all were suggested. There will be no calendar sales this year.

Cynthia Douglas reported we had an expense of \$84.10 for stamps and income of \$150 leaving a balance of \$3,488.87.

Camille Nelson will be the new Air and Space Chairman. She would like to notified of all flying activities to help us hold on to our trophy. One activity coming up will be Liz Ruth making a presentation to a large group of Girl Scouts on August 8.

Our guest, Patty Williams, told us a little bit about herself. She moved here from Seattle to join the tower as a controller. She has worked in Seattle Center for 28 years and then taught new controllers until she moved down here. She learned about air traffic control from a friend's father in high school. She had the opportunity to take an aptitude test that suggested she would be a good controller. She applied to the FAA and was hired after the 1981 strike. She says that there are more women hired every year and 50% of new controllers are women.

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

During the last few weeks, you may have heard something similar to this on the ATIS at San Luis Airport, "Until further notice, opposite direction operations to the active runway are not authorized." What brought this on, you might be asking.

On August 7th, all Air Traffic Control Specialists received a directive from the FAA, which included the following:

"Recently there have been several losses of separation due to opposite direction operations. In support of the FAA's mission to provide the safest, most efficient airspace system in the world, I hereby direct each of you to cease all opposite direction arrival operations immediately. In addition, effective 12:01 am August 8, 2012 all opposite direction operations are suspended. This order is in effect until each facility develops specific procedures for conducting opposite direction operations that are approved by the Office of Safety. The only exception to this order is an emergency situation or an FAA flight inspection. This order applies to all FAA Control Towers including FAA Contract Towers."

This directive applies to all operations when a least one of the aircraft is receiving IFR services at a Part 139 airport.

An FAA clarifying procedures memo received the following day stated:

"Additionally, if an aircraft requests an opposite direction operation, and there is no other traffic, the request can be honored." (The definition of "no other traffic" is: The LC position has one aircraft and the sector providing approach control service has no traffic under their control inbound to the airport; or, the sector providing approach control service has one aircraft inbound to an airport and the LC position has no traffic under their control.)

San Luis Tower is working with Santa Barbara Approach, other FAA facilities and our company to develop procedures and get them implemented as soon as possible.

Santa Maria Airshow

By Rene Schaad

From August 24 to 26, there was "Thunder over the Valley" in Santa Maria. We were only there for a short visit on Sunday afternoon, but didn't regret it. There was a plethora of phantastic flying machines, including vintage planes like the Hellcat, Mustang, Mitsubishi Zero, or Spitfire. We could meet friends at the Santa Maria 99s' booth. And a number of aircraft performed aerial de-

monstrations, such as a simulated combat between WWII fighters or a demo of the amazing MV-22 Osprey. The Marine Corps sent three of their nine Ospreys stationed down in San Diego for the show. Osprey pilot Lt. Miller (USMC) was kind enough to explain to us all the ins and outs of training to become an Osprey pilot, the impressive technology behind this most complex of flying machines, and the secret behind their zero-visibility/brownout landings.

(also see ad on next page for Paso airshow)



Santa Maria airshow (see article on this page)


Estrella
Warbirds
Museum
and
Woodland Auto Display


PLANES OF FAME
AIR MUSEUM



WARBIRDS OVER PASO



ADMISSION: \$20
Active Duty Military
and Under 12 FREE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012
GATES OPEN 8AM

Admission includes:
Estrella Warbird Museum

North County Cloud Clippers
Radio Controlled Aircraft

Warbird Flight Demonstrations

