

Chairman's Message

By Grace Crittenden

October is here with clear skies and maybe a little time to fly.

My first visit to Rosemond Skypark was a dream for a new pilot - houses built around a runway, and each house had a hangar. Imagine a private runway and a community of pilots all living together - just like those crazy golfers who want to live next to the golf course. Now I am moving

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Fly-out to Oxnard with Elizabeth and Cheryl, in front of the Reuben Truck (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.

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| Oct 2 | Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San Luis at 6 pm, social gathering, 5:30 |
| Oct 5 | “Warbirds Over Paso Air Show” http://goo.gl/CyFdBv |
| Oct 18/19 | CalPilots: “California Dreamin’” in SLO, see http://www.CalPilots.org |
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into San Luis, and though I will not have my hangar adjoining my house, I will be less than 2 miles from the airport!

After a wonderful fly-about in the Northwest last August and seeing some remarkable scenery, flying into our area on my way home, I realized nothing beats this area for spectacular vistas, beauty, open skies and great weather!

October has lots of flying-related events this year. The Paso Warbirds will be next weekend [Oct 5], and the California Pilots Association will be here the next weekend [Oct 18/19]. We will have to make time to fly!

More, More, More! (Photos)

By Charly Schaad

You girls are awesome. You keep contributing great photos to spice up this newsletter. Thank you so much. Now send me more!

Send them – including a one-line caption – to:
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Minutes of General Meeting

By Cheryl Cooney

The meeting [Sep 4] was opened by Chair Grace Crittenden; attendees were Liz Ruth, Cynthia Douglas, Grace Crittenden, Charly Schaad, Liz Dinan, Cheryl Cooney, Janice Odell, Kathy Dannecker and Julie Butler. A lively discussion by those in attendance about their latest flying adventures started the meeting: Grace shared here Idaho/Oregon trip in which she experienced tailwinds that propelled her 172 along at 143 knots and that, just prior to leaving for her trip, she participated in a Triathlon in which she finished in 1 hour/59minutes/54 seconds (yes, that is under two hours); Liz R. spoke about the upcoming appointment to fill the supervisor seat left vacant by the death of Paul Teixeira and recommended that the members individually support Caren Ray by emailing Gov. Brown’s office; Kathy recounted her trip to Happy Camp, CA (36S) which included kayaking on the Upper Klamath [see photos on last page]; Cynthia shared her silo flying stories in a flying squirrel suit (yes that is silo not solo); Cynthia also taught us how to candle eggs to determine if they are fertile or not; Julie shared her glider landing in a carrot field [photo on page 3] and her emergency return to SBP in her 152 after engine problems over Cuesta Grade; and Cheryl shared her adventures in replacing her Airworthiness Certificate and Aircraft Registration and the numerous calls, faxes and emails to FSDO in Portland and the FAA in Oklahoma City (she suggested that aircraft owners periodically check to ensure that those important documents are in place: The documents need to be carried in the aircraft at all times).

It was announced that the Ventura County 99s have organized a fly-out for Saturday, September 7th at the Camarillo and Oxnard airports. There will be a food truck at Oxnard from noon until 2:00p.m [see photo page 1, article on page 4].

This annual event is geared toward increasing traffic counts for the Ventura county airports.

California Dreamin' is set for October [18/19] at the SBP Jet Center. The Chapter elected not to have a booth at the event; however, if you attend it is recommended that you wear 99s attire. For registration go to: <http://www.CalPilots.org>. Friday evening there will be \$15 burgers and a dance, Saturday there will be a BBQ lunch followed at 2:00 pm with a presentation by Rod Machado. Check the website for a multitude of additional activities.

The Fall Southwest Section Meeting is slated for September 20-22 at (KMCC) McClellan (Sacramento). Cheryl Cooney was nominated and elected as the Chapter's official delegate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

Two quick items this month - First, the PG&E helicopter work is completed north of the airport. Pilots will no longer hear the advisory on the ATIS, or be restricted from the north for the helicopter activity. Second, the weekend of October 18th- 20th will see increased aircraft activity at SBP airport. CalPilots 2013 Annual Meeting - California Dreamin' - will be held at the San Luis Jet Center, October 18th and 19th. It is not known at this time how many aircraft will be flying in for the event, but just a heads-up to all pilots flying that weekend. Information about the event can be found on <http://www.CalPilots.org>.



Julie's landing in a yummy carrot field (see Minutes on page 2)



Friends and airplanes at the Oxnard Flyout (see article on this page)

The OXR Fly-out

By Cheryl Cooney

The Ventura Chapter of the 99s organized a fly-out on September 7th to Oxnard by way of Camarillo. The whole idea, other than having a good time and reconnecting with new and old friends, was to bolster the traffic count at two of Ventura County's towered airports. Fourteen aircraft and one helicopter did touch-and-goes at Camarillo before making the final stop at Oxnard. A multitude of vehicles also joined the party. The Ventura Chapter was an excellent host and arranged for a gourmet mobile food wagon, the Reuben Truck, to provide one of the necessary elements for any 99 gathering: food. And, the food was excellent.

The event at Oxnard was headquartered in a very elegant maintenance shed with bathrooms nearby. Elizabeth and I (we took Mitch along for ballast) left SBP, did a touch-and-go at CMA and then were the first to arrive at OXR. We met up with Grace who flew her 172 to the gathering. Members from San Fernando (Whiteman), Santa Paula, Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez, Camarillo, Oxnard and San Luis Obispo attended. Each pilot received a raffle ticket for each touch-and-go and/or landing. The Ventura Ladies outdid themselves in many ways including over fifteen items that were available for their raffle.

In addition to some friendly hangar flying we were treated to an air show of sorts as a pilot in a Piper Cub did some touch-and-goes. As the wind picked up in the afternoon, the Cub almost flew backwards and was landing in spaces that most of us use for parking.

Flying weather was exceptional and even where the afternoon bumps were expected, the air was smooth with fifty miles of visibility. Enroute and tower controllers all appeared to be in good spirits and were very cordial in their transmissions. Beautiful weather, good friends, excellent food, a panoramic view of the valley with mountains in the background and the solid feel of a trusted friend to transport me between home, the event and back home again; are the reasons to fly. What an exceptional way to spend a Saturday.

Photos on the following page: Kathy's trip to Happy Camp (365).

