

Chairman's Message

By Grace Crittenden

We had four future women pilots at the last meeting! It was inspiring to see women following their dreams - dreams of flight, each at different stages. One was just contemplating the start of a new adventure. Another had soloed. We are hearing more and more women on the radio, both commercial and general aviation. Overall women are still the minority in aviation but we are making strides and our numbers are increasing.

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A British Aviat Husky on amphib floats, taxiing for take-off in front of the commercial passenger boat "Jungfrau" at the 2005 Bönigen seaplane splash-in (Lake Brienz near Interlaken, Switzerland)

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.

Apr 2 Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San Luis at 6 pm, social gathering, 5:30

May 9&10 Oceano Airport Day
(see flyer on page 4)

Criss Yesny one of our founding chapter members, was a member of the flying club at Cal Poly in the late 1960s. She had trouble finding a flight instructor. Several refused to teach her to fly because she was a woman. Luckily she found someone who would take her up and she quickly demonstrated her abilities. There are no problems for women to find instructors now.

Things have changed in the tower, too. When I started flying Ellen was the only woman controller. Last year the table was completely turned with only one male controller. Now there are two but still there are more women than men.

I saw a documentary recently that was made in the 1970's about Rosie the Riveter – they made the point that women demonstrated that they could do all kinds of work and given a taste of the empowerment of accomplishment, but when the war was over and the men returned, the women were sent back to domestic responsibilities.

There was no place in society then for them to continue doing “a man’s work”. They had to be protected from the hard work and let the men take the same jobs they could do as well or

better.

It is an entirely different story now. We as women have opportunities to pursue whatever happiness captures our hearts and minds, and yet so many young women seem to see themselves only as decorative and hesitant to take advantage of opportunities. Clearly The Ninety-Nines are a remarkable group of women who have taken advantage of life’s opportunities – or created their opportunities! And for many of us, the remarkable experience of flight has strengthened us and given us confidence to face other challenges.

Minutes of General Meeting

Kathy Dannecker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grace Crittenden. Anne, Camille, Jeanine, Grace, and Kathy were present as well as four new student pilots, who introduced themselves. Jodie Sahaydak has been around airplanes for a number of years, having worked at FBOs in the past. She is now a student pilot with Aerocademy. Amy Cresswell recently soloed after having grown up flying with her uncle and grandfather. Linden Brewer is a skydiver with friends who are pilots. She decided it’s time to learn to fly. And Chris Tovee is an aerospace engineer who recently relocated to San Luis Obispo and wants to add real-world flying to her aviation expertise.

A discussion followed on things to do and places to go with a pilot’s license. Truckee was mentioned as a nice airport and a fun destination. Camping at Columbia airport was also recommended though not necessarily on Father’s Day weekend, when it can get quite busy. Anne Orton suggested her hometown of Sandpoint, Idaho, and offered a personal tour of the Bird Museum to anyone who flies in and gives her a call. Dr. Forrest Bird is an aviation enthusiast and inventor who, along with his wife, has created what Anne says is a wonderful museum in a town the size of Sandpoint.

San Luis airport day was discussed. Jeannine and Kathy will both be part of a planning committee put together by the administration. Suggestions from the 99s included more advertising and promotion than occurred for the last airport day. It was felt that many in the community were not aware of the event, which negatively impacted turnout.

A motion was made to appoint Cheryl Cooney as SLO99s delegate to both the upcoming Southwest Section meeting in Ontario and the International Conference in New Orleans. The motion passed

unanimously.

The question was raised as to whether we plan to do a Poker Run and BBQ again this year. Kathy stated that Kurt Colvin has offered the use of his hangar for the BBQ. Grace will talk to Cheryl to see if she would like to coordinate the Poker Run again and what dates might be suitable.

There are no immediate flyout plans, but anyone who would like to suggest a flyout can post suggestions on the Yahoo group.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

PRALINE SQUARES (BUTTERSCOTCH BROWNIES)

1/4 cup shortening
1 cup light brown sugar (packed)
1 egg
3/4 cup sifted flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350°. Melt shortening over low heat. Remove from heat and blend in brown sugar. Cool. Stir in egg. Sift together and stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in vanilla and pecans. Spread in well-greased and floured square pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Bake 25 minutes, until a light touch with finger leaves slight imprint.

Dont overbake. Cut into bars while warm. They'll keep soft and moist if stored in a tightly covered jar.

Makes 18 bars, 2-1/2 x 1 inch).

Mary Anne Clark

The Friends of Oceano Airport present...

OCEANO AIRPORT CELEBRATION

MAY 9-10TH, 2014

Friday, May 9th Beach Burger
Fry & Dance \$10

5:30-10:00 p.m.

San Luis Jazz Band

Saturday, May 10th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION DAY A SALUTE TO VETERANS

Help those serving our country: Bring items to donate for troop care packages: protein bars, jerky, trail mix, hard candy, canned meat, instant drink mix, black socks, baby wipes, cup of noodles. We are collecting items for distribution to our troops overseas.

Free Admission. Static Displays, 8:00 a.m. Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, Elk's Tri-Tip Lunch, Central City Swing Band, Camping on Field.

Oceano Fuel: Wheel of Fortune discount.

Lodging discount: Pacific Plaza Resort.

Free Children's Activities.

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