

SLIPSTREAM

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Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

In case you missed it, the June meeting was a blast! Between Rene's masterful writing and Charly's expressive delivery, we not only learned a thing or two about flying seaplanes, but had some good laughs along the way. Thanks to both Charly and Rene for their efforts putting together a fun and informative presentation.

The other aspect of the meeting that was exciting was the number of student pilots in attendance, all

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Come see Julie Butler's presentation at the next 99s meeting next Wednesday. It's about her transition from her C150 to the pictured Glasair II RG (photo by Julie Butler taken towards the Seven Sisters and the Morro Rock, photo contribution)

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.

Aug 6	Chapter Meeting at the <i>Spirit of San Luis</i> restaurant at 6 pm: Julie Butler's presentation about upgrading from a C150 to a Glasair II RG, social gathering 5:30
Oct 18	Airport Day KSBP. 99s tower tours, kids' zone. Volunteers needed.

in different stages of their training. DeAnn & Jody are both pre-solo (as of this writing), Chris completed her solo a few weeks ago, and Erin is close to a check ride. These are just a few of the women currently taking lessons at SBP and it's always exciting to hear about and share their journey.

It also made me wonder if it just seemed like a lot of women learning to fly all of a sudden or if there actually has been an increase in the number of women pilots. What I found was not terribly encouraging.

According to statistics, while 11% of student pilot certificates are held by women, the percentage of female non-student pilots has held steady at about 6% for the last 30 years! The takeaway is that a smaller percentage of women student pilots actually earn their private pilot certificate compared to their male counterparts.

There are certainly many possible reasons for this, but I'd like to focus on what we can do in our neck of the woods to alter these numbers. Some suggestions? Come to the SLO 99s meetings and

cheer on our Future Women Pilots! When you see them on the ramp, congratulate them on their good days and offer your support on the days when they're struggling. Let's all do what we can to help 100% of "our" women achieve their goal! They can do it...and we can help!

Minutes of General Meeting

By Camille Nelson

Kathy Dannecker opened the meeting [July 2, 2014] at 6:00 p.m. Fourteen people were present: Charly Schaad, Rene Schaad, Anele Brooks, Chris Tovee, Erin Hawkes, Jody Sahaydak, Kathy Dannecker, Ellen Banakis, Linda Butler, Liz Ruth, Elizabeth Dinan, Cheryl Cooney, Deanne Oliver, and Camille Nelson.

Program: Charly and Rene Schaad gave a fascinating slide presentation about floatplane flying and certification at Lake Havasu and other locations, including the Yukon and Europe. It was followed by a lively Q&A discussion about floatplane flying.

Business Meeting: Congratulations to Chris Tovee for making her first solo flight and to Erin Hawkes for being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the SLO 99s.

Treasurer's report: Kathy reported a \$3,935.22 account balance before recording Poker Run income and scholarship expense.

What is it like to trade in a Cessna 150 for a Glasair II RG?

At the August meeting, Julie Butler will talk about the exhilaration and the challenges of transitioning from a trainer to a speedy, complex airplane.

The Glasair will be making a special guest appearance on the ramp at the restaurant, so we'll all be able to check it out! Join us at the Spirit, Wednesday, August 6, 6:00pm, for Julie's presentation. Social 1/2 hour starts at 5:30pm.

Local membership dues of \$15 are now due. A check can be sent to SLO 99s, P.O. Box 5214, SLO, CA 93403, or brought to the next meeting.

Erin Hambrick was unanimously voted to be a delegate to the Ninety-Nines International Convention in New Orleans July 2014, along with Cheryl Cooney. Cheryl Cooney was unanimously voted to be an official delegate for SLO 99s at the Southwest Section Meeting in Reno September 2014. Cheryl stressed that the conference would be especially fun because it coincides with the hot air balloon races in Reno this year.

Airport Day: Kathy gave an update about Airport Day, scheduled for October 18, 2014. SLO 99s will once again be conducting tower tours, as well as helping organize and man a Kids Zone, an area devoted to aviation-related kids' activities. Volunteers are needed for both. Please let Kathy know if you can help.

YMCA kids' camp August 12, 2014: The YMCA has requested that someone present a short session of aviation activities for 4-8 year-olds (10:30-11:30 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.). Anele and Erin said they'd "ponder" volunteering for this.

Scholarship Committee: Anele and Ellen will be serving on the scholarship committee with Camille.



Sun peeking through the clouds (photo by Julie Butler)

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

Opposite Direction Operations

The following is the latest information from the SBP Air Traffic Manager and the FAA regarding opposite direction operations:

Limited Opposite Direction Operations have resumed at SBP. Opposite Direction Operations are currently only authorized for the following three categories:

- Medevac/Lifeguard Aircraft
- Emergencies
- Operational Necessity

Although not inclusive, "Necessity" includes the following:

- Aircraft Performance (Weight etc.)
- Weather impacting the final approach course (thunderstorms etc.)
- VFR or IFR Flight Check operations that require an opposite direction operation
- Pilot inability to comply with a published departure procedure
- Aircraft equipment issues that limit the approach procedure an aircraft can fly (dependent upon field weather)

This applies to all IFR aircraft and VFR aircraft conducting practice approaches receiving ATC services.

I realize this procedure restricts the ability for pilots to practice ILS approaches to Runway 11. Unfortunately at the present time there is no flexibility to approve this option. Please make your flight crews aware that requests for opposite direction should only be made for necessity, and that they will be subject the above three categories for approval.

The following airports have same direction ILS approaches for practice:

Vandenberg AFB (VGB) 30.1 NM

Bakersfield Meadows Field (BFL) 78.7 NM

Oxnard (OXR) 94.3 NM