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Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

It's that time of year for the SLO 99s! Time for the passing of the torch to new officers and new committee chairman and time for all members to seek new opportunities to contribute their time and talent to keep our chapter thriving. Thanks to all those who have already stepped forward to participate. Some will continue on in their current positions, while others will be moving on to new challenges.

Janice O'Dell will be staying on as Treasurer, while Grace Crittenden will move into the role of Secretary. Camille Nelson will be jumping in as Vice-Chairman. Elizabeth Dinan will continue as Membership Chairman and Anele Brooks has agreed to take on the Aviation & Space Education Chairmanship. Charly Schaad, our Slipstream Editor extraordinaire

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Arial shot of 6/20/14 Ft. Hunter-Liggett fire....15-20 miles west of King City (Photo contribution by Camille Nelson)

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.

June 2 Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San Luis at 6 pm:
Presentation about Float Plane Flying, social gathering, 5:30

will continue delivering her most excellent newsletters. Lakshmi Vempati also continues as our long-distance Webmaster and all-around computer guru. But she'll now have some help from Erin Hawkes, who has offered to update and freshen the website.

Stepping in as Chairman, my main goal for this year is to bring more speakers and educational programs to our meetings. Whether it's about flying skills, destinations, or what's going on around the airport, I hope that our meetings will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn something about the thing that brings us all together - aviation.

With that in mind, Charly Schaad has agreed to kick off this new year with a presentation for the July 2 meeting. She and her trusty sidekick, Rene, will talk about their recent experience flying a floatplane at Lake Havasu. They'll share the ins and outs of landing on water as well as insights into Lake Havasu as a destination. So be sure to make plans to attend what will certainly be a fun and interesting presentation.

In August, Julie Butler will step into the speaker's role to talk about her current transition from a Cessna 150 to a high-performance, complex

Glasair. She'll talk about the thrills and challenges of making that leap. It's sure to be a valuable lesson for all!

Looking beyond that, every one of our members can help make future meetings come alive. If you have an idea for a speaker, a safety topic, or a destination you'd like to talk about, speak up! We need everyone's ideas and contributions to keep our meetings and our chapter vibrant!

See you all at the Spirit!

Come see our talk about seaplane flying in the desert at the next 99s meeting July 2 at 6pm!

Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

The meeting [June 4, 2014] started with everyone reviewing an application for a scholarship. After some discussion, the group approved offering \$1000 to Erin Hawkes to help complete her training and cover the cost of her check ride if needed.



Photo (c) lakehavasuseaplane.com
© Moe Martin's amphibious C172 over the Mojave desert. Come see our talk about seaplane flying in the desert on July 2.

Camille Nelson will notify her and arrange for payment to the flight school and examiner.

Next the group nominated and voted for Cheryl Cooney to represent us at the International meeting in New Orleans this summer. She will take the 5 delegate slips.

The discussion turned to choosing new officers for the chapter. Since there were just a few members attending the meeting, a number of members who were not in attendance were appointed to take various positions. After some further discussion, Elizabeth Dinan volunteered to call those individuals to notify them of their new positions. There was one volunteer at the meeting – Janis O'Dell will continue as the treasurer. The new officers will be notified by the next meeting.

Kathy Dannecker announced that plans are moving ahead for the SPB Airport Day, October 18. I will run from 9:00 to 3:00 and our chapter will organize the tower tours. There will be lots of airplanes on display. We may have a cotton candy machine, and there will be fun activities for children.

Finally, the YMCA will be doing two weeks of

aviation camp again this year, but the general consensus was that there was not enough lead time for us to participate this year, but the chapter will look forward to considering it next year.

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

Runway 11 Non-visual Area

Although there is no official run-up area for Runway 11, many pilots still use the old run-up area, which is located to the right side of Taxiway Alpha (between Taxiways Charlie and Bravo).

This area is considered by airport administration to be a holding area. It is a non-movement area and the ground controller must approve any movement to and from this holding area. The sign located in the holding area says "ATC non-visual area".

Information requiring this approval is located in the Airport/Facility Directory Southwest U.S. The San Luis Obispo Airport section, within the remarks area states, "Twr unable to see acft in holding bay NW of Twy A. Movement from holding bay rqr approval during twr hours."

If you receive the instructions, "Runway 11, taxi via Taxiway Alpha", the controller is giving instructions to taxi to the end of Taxiway Alpha, where there is sufficient room for numerous aircraft to do their preflight. Those instructions do not include authorization to pull off and back onto the taxiway after a run-up in the non-visual area.

If a pilot chooses to utilize the non-visual holding area for run-up, they need to advise the tower, and then obtain approval prior to leaving the area.



Flying over Lake Havasu in a Maule amphibious float plane. Come see our talk about seaplane flying in the desert on July 2.