

## Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

Exciting airport happenings are on the horizon! Coming up in April, we have the opportunity to help out our friends at the local EAA chapter. They will be hosting the Ford Tri-Motor and will be promoting and coordinating rides in this unique airplane for the public. Anyone who can help with advertising and promotion or would like to volunteer to escort passengers on the ramp should contact Paul Kendrick at [mrblobbyone@gmail.com](mailto:mrblobbyone@gmail.com). The Tri-Motor will be at PRB on April 17 & 18 and at SBP on April 19 & 20, so those who live in both north and South County have an opportunity to volunteer without traveling too far.

Some of you might be wondering what's up with the construction fencing between the airport and the terminal. Well, the Rotary Club has taken up a

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project that will enhance the airport for travelers and other airport fans. They are constructing a viewing area with a security fence that will be lowered to ramp level, so people will be able to sit and watch airplanes without looking through the fence. At the last SLO 99s meeting, it was suggested that this would make a great home for Wanda Strassburg's bench. We will talk to Rotary about this, and hopefully this new home will allow more people to appreciate the tribute to Wanda. We need your feedback for an item that will be on the agenda at the next 99s section meeting. At the



The SLO 99s are volunteering: Book a flight on EAA's 1920s vintage Ford Tri-Motor airliner in San Luis (Apr 19/20) or Paso Robles (Apr 17/18) (see pg.3)

## 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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Apr 1	Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San at 6 pm, social gathering, 5:30
Apr 12	Antelope Valley 99s Poker Run
Apr 17-20	Visit of Ford Tri-Motor SLO/PRB
	- Paso Robles Apr 17 & 18
	- San Luis Obispo Apr 19 & 20
May 16	AOPA Fly-in in Salinas

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last SLO 99s meeting, Alice Talnack (SWS Vice-Governor) explained a proposal that chapters will be asked to vote on. It lays out a schedule for chapters to host future section meetings, so that each chapter can plan well ahead. According to the tentative schedule that has been laid out, the SLO 99s would be asked to host a section meeting in the fall of 2019. We need to let our delegate to the spring section meeting know how we would like to vote on the proposal, so if you can't make it to the next meeting, please let someone know your thoughts, so we can have an informed discussion about it. And hopefully, by the time this is published, SBP will have a spruced-up compass rose. Weather and traffic have taken their toll on our original artwork, so we'll be putting on a fresh coat of paint on Sunday, March 29. The airport has agreed to supply the paint and the 99s will supply rollers, tape, and womanpower! The weather forecast looks good and, with a little luck, we won't have the windy conditions that made the first effort a challenge. So the next time you fly, be sure to look down and take in the airport artwork! And take a picture if you can!

## Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

[March 4, 2015] We had a special guest, Alice Tolnach, visiting from the Monterey Chapter. Her chapter will be celebrating their fiftieth anniversary and hosting the Southwest section meeting in September.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3003.34. Airport Day will be Saturday, October 10, 2015. There will be lots of fun activities and planes on display – and tower tours for sure.

The Rotary Club is putting in a viewing area between the terminal and the Spirit. This would be an ideal place for the Wanda Strassburg bench. Kathy Dannecker will contact the Rotary Club to see if they can include the bench in their plans.

Aurora Lipper is revamping the website. She will use some of the photos of members that were used in the Airport Day display. The platform for the website will be changing, but it will continue to be generously hosted by Digital West and Tim Williams.

Erin Hawkes and Kathy Dannecker had fun talking to about 60 third graders about flying and aviation last month at the Grover Heights Elementary School.

All the arrangements have been made with the airport administration to repainting the compass rose. There is no need to resurvey. The airport will provide the paint and The Ninety-Nines will provide the rollers, brushes, tape and energy! The date will be Sunday, March 29, with a wind or rain date for April 26.

Cheryl Cooney and Elizabeth Dinan will be our delegates for the Southwest section meeting April 30 in Temecula.

Alice Talnack has been travelling around to various chapter meetings in the area to discuss a proposal that was initially suggested at the Southwest Section winter meeting. The plan is to create a schedule for chapters to host and help with the Southwest section meetings. Smaller chapters could work together or volunteer to help. The proposal will be voted on at the Southwest Section meeting in April.

## Update: Ford Tri-Motor Visit

By Rene Schaad

The SLO 99s are volunteering to support the visit of EAA's beautiful 1920s vintage Ford Tri-Motor airliner on April 19 and 20. Cheryl, Diane, Elizabeth, Anele and Charly (plus two of their 49½s) are scheduled to help usher passengers onto the field, sell tickets, load the airplane, and help with chocks, engine start-up and maneuvering.

This is going to be a lot of fun. The plane will be stationed between the Spirit and the tower and passengers will come in through the gate in the car rental parking lot. The flights run from 8 am to 5 pm on both days.

Make sure to get your own tickets to ride this gem early, either by calling 1-877-952-5395 or by surfing over to [www.flytheford.org](http://www.flytheford.org) (click on "Book Your Flight"). The more online bookings we have, the better. Prices are \$70 for adults or \$50 for children 17 and under. Walk-up price is \$75.

If April 17 or 18 are more convenient for you, you may also fly on the Tri-Motor out of Paso Robles.

We're still looking for a couple of things: volunteers for the media day on April 16 in Paso Robles, someone with connections to TV, radio and the press (for ads, reports, or other kinds of contributions), and more sponsors (we're only about half way to our goal). Please contact Paul Kendrick at [mrblobbyone@gmail.com](mailto:mrblobbyone@gmail.com) of the EAA.



Make sure to get your ticket on EAA's Ford Tri-Motor 4-AT-E (see article on this page and the poster on the next page)

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