

Chairman's Message

By Anele Brooks

Last year, after several years of membership, I decided I would try to attend more SLO 99 Chapter meetings. The meetings were always enjoyable and I loved hearing everyone's stories and learning about what was going on at the airport. Surprise, this year I have become the Chairman of the group. Our core members (the people who were always in attendance at the meetings I went to) have devoted countless hours to keeping our chapter alive and I felt it was time for the newer members to take on some of the responsibility and give them a little break!

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Taking on the Chairmanship was easier because of the fun things our Chapter has been involved in during the last couple of months. We helped the EAA with the Ford Tri-Motor display. As volunteers we were offered a free ride when empty seats were available, what a thrill. The pilot of the Tri-Motor asked Liz Dinan if she knew where the Paso Robles Airport was, then handed her the controls. He was



Cheryl wearing her father's bomber jacket in the B-17 (see article on this page)

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.

Jun 3	Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San at 6 pm, social gathering, 5:30
Oct 18	SLO Airport Day

even nice enough to enter the flight into her logbook. Our chapter also provided volunteers for the Collings Foundation Flights into San Luis Obispo. Cheryl Cooney came out on Wednesday wearing her father's bomber jacket. He flew B-17's during WWII and Cheryl brought a picture of him sitting in his B-17. At the end of the day she was allowed to sit up in the left seat and have her photo taken in the same position. All that volunteer work does pay off in amazing and unpredictable ways. We have created a Group Facebook page so we can share some of these types of pictures and put out news of the events going on at our airport. Hopefully it will help us all to get to know each other better, increase our participation in airport events and let everyone know how much fun it is to be a 99.

Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

[May 6, 2015] The acting chairman, Camille Nelson, reviewed some of the activities we have done in the past year and encouraged everyone to visit our new website [slo99s.org].

Discussion turned to choosing new officers for the next year. Anele Brooks stepped up to be the chairman. Grace Crittenden will be the vice-chair. Minutes will be done by someone at the meeting and Janice O'Dell will continue as the treasurer.

Various activities and options for meeting programs were proposed. There is always interest in having someone from the tower as a speaker. There may be an opportunity to have a flight simulator at one of the chapter meeting. There was interest in having an A&P mechanic talk about plane maintenance. Another demonstration of the options for ForeFlight peaked a lot of interest. A fly-out to Santa Barbara or Palmdale to visit the traffic control centers was suggested. If we had an out of area speaker like one of the air tanker pilots or Kourkakis from Edwards AFB we could invite the EAA members to come to the presentation.

AOPA will have a fly-in at Salinas May 16.

The recent visit of the Ford TriMotor was a great success. Janis O'Dell and her husband sponsored seats for a flight in the TriMotor for 9 Cal Poly aeronautical engineering students. Elizabeth Dinan flew with the media flight and then flew right seat for 25 minutes when they flew the plane back to Paso Robles. Everyone who volunteered at the event had a great time.

The treasury has \$3035.00. \$135 was spent to Digital West for hosting the chapter website for 9 more years.

Elizabeth Dinan and Cheryl Cooney attended the Southwest Section meeting in Temecula and had a wonderful time as usual. The Monterey chapter won the Aerospace award this year.

Tonya White came to her first chapter meeting. Her grandmother, Connie Brown, had been a Ninety-Nine. Tonya got her private pilot license in Paso Robles a couple of years ago. Her father is a pilot and has a 180 in Coalinga and her grandfather is a pilot with a J2 Cub in Lockwood. We are looking forward to flying with her!

Tips from the Tower

By Ellen Banakis

Change in SBP Tower Hours of Operation:

[June] San Luis Obispo Airport Administration and the FAA have been working on the justification to extend the SBP Control Tower hours of operation. A traffic survey taken has shown hourly traffic



Elizabeth in front of the B-17 (see article on page 1)

operations exist to extend the tower's hours until 10:00 pm local time.

The FAA has approved the extension; however, implementation may be delayed until additional controller staffing is in place and trained. The planned start date of the increased hours is August 1st.

Guidance for the increase in hours is contained in FAA Order JO 7232.5G including the following contained in Paragraph 10(e), "Provisions will be

made for notifying local and Federal officials (Members of Congress, military units, airport authorities, etc.). A public announcement of the change must be made at least 15 days before the effective date."

Watch for information from either SBP Airport Administration or the FAA for official notification. I will keep you advised of information from SBP Tower.