

## Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

We had another terrific meeting in February and a nice turnout to hear about unmanned aircraft systems. Thanks to Paul Kendrick for his interesting presentation and for answering a myriad of questions about the current status and the future of "drones." We'll continue to work with Paul as EAA chapter president to come up with activities that the 99s and EAA might do together in the future.

In March, our meeting will focus on what happens when a flight doesn't quite go as planned! Have you had an in-flight emergency? Encountered unpredicted weather? Had an equipment failure away from home? What did you do? Looking back

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on the incident, what should you have done? Come and share your experiences and what you learned from them in this hangar-flying session.

We'll also have a special guest at the March meeting. Alice Talnack is Vice Governor of the 99s Southwest Section and a member of the Monterey Bay chapter. She'll be joining us and will talk to our group about hosting a section meeting at San Luis Obispo. Be sure to come and voice your thoughts. Also coming up in the not-too-distant future is a chance to help spruce up your airport! So grab your



*There was a ton of interesting stuff about drones to learn at the February meeting of the SLO 99s*

## 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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Mar 4	Chapter Meeting at the Spirit of San at 6 pm, social gathering, 5:30: <b>Special guest Alice Talnack 99s SWS: hosting a section meeting in SLO</b>
Apr 12	Antelope Valley 99s Poker Run
May 16	AOPA Fly-in in Salinas

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work clothes: It's time to put a fresh coat of paint on the compass rose! Details are being worked out with airport management now and we should be ready to set a painting date at the March meeting. If you can help, we'll make sure we have a roller for you! It's fun and it looks great when we're all done! Hope to see you all at the next meeting, at the compass rose, and in the air!

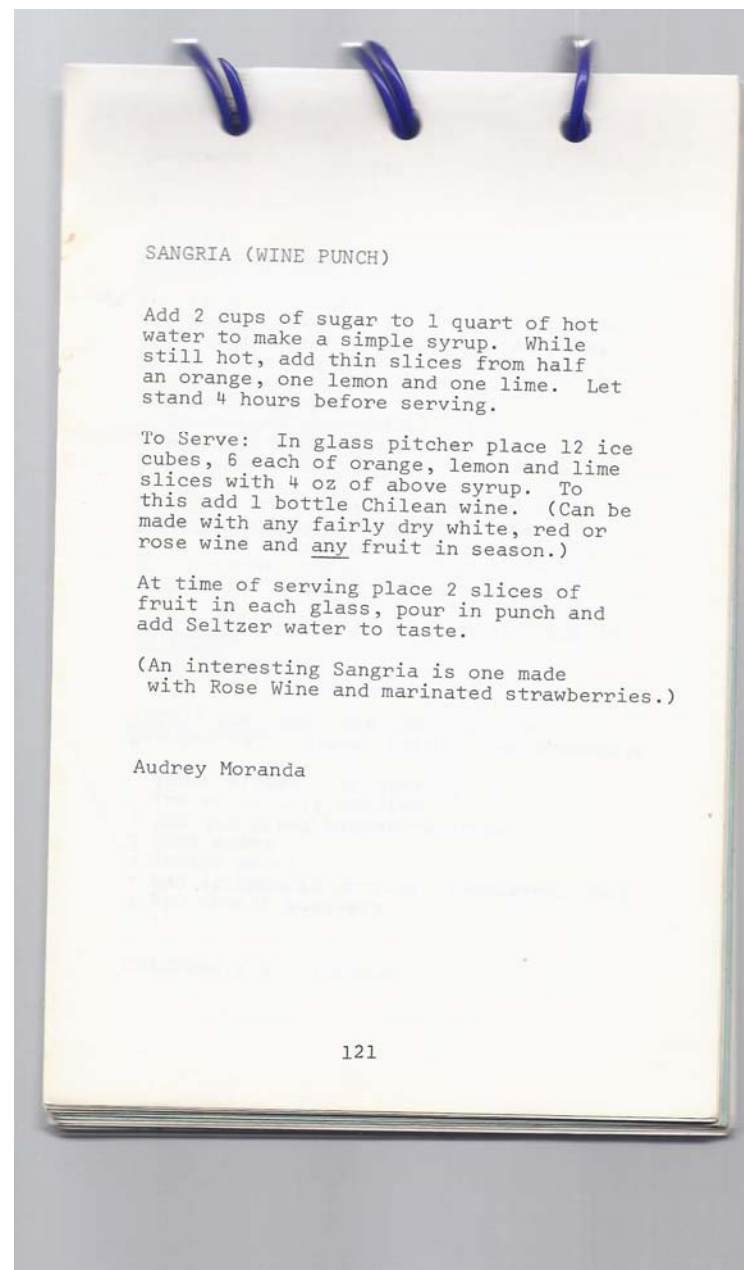
## Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

The meeting [February 4, 2015] opened with guest speaker Paul Kendrick, President of the San Luis Obispo EAA. The topic was "Drones" a term he does not use. He prefers the term 'unmanned aerial vehicles' or UAV. He has been working with AeroMech Engineering that has recently become part of Lockheed Martin.

His company has developed a relatively indestructible plastic foam unit that can be launched with an elastic band and powered by an

electric pusher propeller. It carries a little video camera and a payload. It can fly silently for an hour and can be easily disassembled and put in a suitcase for easy transport. It is flown from the ground control station and has an autopilot. It is used for "ISR" Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. It can be easily deployed in a field and lands in a net. Their craft is currently being used by the British military, and just by coincidence the training for use of the UAV is done at Camp Roberts.



*In case of non-flying weather, here's your plan B: A sangria recipe from 1970 "Flour On Your Prop" cookbook of the Monterey Bay 99s.*

UAVs that are actual helicopters or planes are called 'Group 4 and 5'. Group 3 are smaller and less expensive. Group 1 UAVs are the same as model airplanes and include the quadcopters that are so popular now.

There are rules for flying model aircraft though there is currently no enforcement. They are supposed to stay under 400feet AGL, more than 3 miles from an airport, and away from people. Model airplanes used to require practice and skill to hand fly them, but the newer models are fully automated and can be flown by any novice who may not have any knowledge of the rules of flying. Currently the FAA is trying to develop some regulations but it is a slow process.

There is a huge demand for UAV's in the defense market. Police and local law enforcement are interested too for "eyes in the sky". Then there is talk of delivering pizza and packages, and there is great potential for agricultural applications.

The message for pilots is that we need to be on the lookout for UAV's - there are going to be lots more of them.

The Treasurer, Janice O'Dell reported that our current balance is \$3003.17.

There was some discussion that the compass rose needs some repainting and the group agreed that a Sunday morning would be a good time.

Plans are in process to update the website.



*Destination idea of the month: Yummy steaks at a fly-in eatery only a half an hour away (Harris Ranch, 308)*