
Hello AV 99s!

This past weekend, Paul and I accidentally went to the Camarillo Air Show. What a treat! We had not been for the past four years, so we noticed all the improvements. The layout is much better, and the displays are more convenient to walk through. Loved-it! Great display of airplanes!!!! And Barbara's booth contained many interested items for sale, including our shirts. Thanks Barb! As I looked across the ramp and took in the micro-view of aviation history, I reminded myself that we are one of the very few countries that provide public access to our National Airspace. It's hard to imagine a time when we wouldn't, but it is possible that such a change of events could transpire.

I also had occasion to go to Washington D.C. for NASA business for a few days last week, and I was pleased at how well they are handling the increased security precautions. Other than the fact that you just about can't catch a glimpse of the White House, the barriers and barricades were well integrated, and the guards/police were quite pleasant as they peered into our car and we exclaimed "just visiting!"

I really love our Capitol and it always makes me proud to visit it; I am fortunate that my work requires that I go about twice a year, so I am getting to know my way around. This time I had a little extra time, so I took a look inside the Capitol Building. To do that without being on a tour, you have to go across the street to your Representative's office and get a little pass (Just by walking in! Very convenient.). I had been inside the Capitol as a teenager, but that was before I really appreciated our Government and its constitution. Now, as I sat looking over the House of Representatives room, I felt quite emotional. This visit I also learned that the first Supreme Court in Washington D.C. was housed in the Capitol Building from 1810 – 1860. It was awesome to walk through.

So now our Nation is working through its Presidential election process. I watched the Democratic convention and am now watching the Republican convention (Yes, I'm watching both of them!). I am so proud that we have our strong, stable government, and we have the commitment to work to retain it. Lots to think about these days.

Hope you're all having a great summer! Fly safely!
Carol

Chapter Events & Info

Our next Chapter Meeting is Sept. 9 (a Thursday) – The Chapter Meeting will be at the **Greenhouse Café** (Lancaster), *SOCIAL* dinner at 5:30 & meeting 6:30.

Board Meeting – Next Board Meeting was set for October 4.

September Fly-Out – September is a pretty busy month, so Michelle has declared that the flyout will be to the Reno Air Races, since a few of us are already planning to go. Please call her to coordinate, if you are going to Reno.

Fox Old-Fashioned Fly-In – Our chapter will be supporting the fly-in this year by providing a drink booth. Leigh is buying the drinks (thank you, Leigh!). But we need help staffing the booth. Please give Carol or Flora Belle a call if you are available for 4 hours, either in the morning or the afternoon.

Lancaster Walk-of-Honor – Our chapter will be providing a booth adjacent to Barbara's again this year. If anyone is interested in joining in, please call either of us. However, we really need help with the drink booth at the fly-in, so if you don't have a preference, that would be more helpful until we have four people staffed to that event.

During our August Chapter Meeting we approved the 2004/2005 Chapter budget and a change to the bylaws that provides for the Chapter to pay for the Chair or her designee to attend the Annual International Business Meeting (registration only). Michelle is working on the meeting minutes and will have them out soon.

Solvang SWS Meeting – The Fall SWS meeting is fast arriving! Remember to register! A number of our Chapter are planning to go. The discounted rate on the hotel is available until September 10. The registration flyer is on the SWS website, and the websites for the hotel and other Solvang hotels are:

www.royalscandinaveaninn.com

www.solvangusa.com

Chapter Member News

Paso Robles Fly Out – There is a good chance we will be doing this fly out again next year, so don't worry if you missed out – and you did! Five AV99s (Michelle, Mercedes, Tina, Leigh, and Diana) and five other accomplices (Dadrea, Lisa, Lucy, Randy and Gary) flew out to Paso Robles. We had a nice breakfast at Mathew's Restaurant at the FBO (Mark and Donna joined us also). The man in charge at the Fuel Station, Gil, was very helpful and friendly and his place is a popular hang out for a cup of coffee – the natives on the porch were very friendly. If you haven't been to Paso Robles, you will be pleasantly surprised. There were so many wineries, it was difficult to choose. Diana handled the driving and Leigh provided invaluable navigation. We stopped at several of the wineries as well as Willow Creek Olive Ranch to taste the different blends of olive oil. The orange and the lemon olive oil was great and is hand pressed (www.pasolivo.com). The countryside and landscaping was beautiful and the people were friendly. We stopped at Pipestone, Dover Canyon, Tablas Creek, Le Cuvier, and Justin Wineries. They all offered something unique and different. A menagerie of animals and plants and wines. We made a quick detour to Mission San Miguel while searching for the exit to the town square for dinner at McClintock's in town (good steaks and prime rib) after our unsuccessful late arrival at Wild Horse Winery (we can buy it at Trader Joe's anyway). We stayed at the lovely Amelia's Loft at the airport, many thanks to our host – Marguerite (wonderful job gal – the place is GREAT). We hope she is feeling better and we look forward to visiting with her on our next adventure to Paso Robles. Sunday morning, we went to the Hunter golf course clubhouse and had breakfast on the porch overlooking the beautiful landscape while waiting for the cloud cover to burn off and head back to the Antelope Valley. Thank to all – everyone helped in making this an enjoyable adventure and we'll do it again soon! – *Diana*



From Tina - I completed WINGS 4 flying with John Bush earlier this month. I flew right seat in my plane and reviewed instructing techniques. Then my starter quit and I had to replace it.

From Leigh – 2 Sept.: Leigh + Randy = 27th wedding anniversary! Congratulations, you two!

From Nell – I accomplished another recovery milestone! Last Friday (8/6/04), I got to play church softball for the first time since I got sick almost 6 years ago! Okay, okay, so I had to lie on the bench when I wasn't playing, and I skipped game one, and I used a pinch runner, but I got to participate! As catcher, I didn't have far to go, unlike the other fielders. And to make it even better, I got my one-hit-a-season the first time up, and almost got another! Hooray! *Nell*
