

Antelope Valley Ninety-Nines

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Hello AV 99s!

For the next few months, I'm going to share a little of the safety info which I received at SWS, because I found the seminar very interesting and useful.

Survival Acronym

- S** Size up situation
- U** Undue haste makes waste
- R** Remember location
- V** Vanquish fears
- I** Improvise
- V** Value Living
- A** Act like the natives
- L** Learn survival skills.

Five basic survival necessities

1. Health (Mental/Physical)
2. Protection from the environment
3. Sustenance
4. Transportation
5. Security

Most importantly, before you go away from the downed plane, you need to be able to answer "yes" to all these questions; otherwise you need to stay put and wait for the searchers to find you.

1. Am I physically capable of walking out?
2. Do I have adequate clothing and boots?
3. Do I have the equipment and skill to start campfires?
4. Do I have enough water and containers?
5. Do I have a compass?

You can see from these concepts and lists that survival is a mindset and approach to assessing a dramatic situation, and this information can apply to any emergency situation, not just an airplane crash. Next month, I will share about the basic survival equipment needed to survive a crash.

Jennifer

Chapter Events & Info

Our next Chapter Meeting is Saturday, November 19th at Leigh house in Rosamond. The meeting will be a short part of our annual APT activity.

Board Meeting is Monday, November 14th at Jennifer's house.

Safety Meeting at Fox on Monday, November 7 at 7:00pm. The topic of the safety meeting is "Winter Flying". 99's are needed to support the event (by attending) and also provide cookies. Please call or email Rosemary if you are able to bring cookies.

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August Wine Tasting fly out to Santa Maria (Nov. 11-13) – The wine tasting trip to Santa Maria is still scheduled for November 11-13, which is Veteran's Day Weekend. Saturday will be the organized winery trip with a van and a chauffeur. This was LOTS of fun last year, and we are trying to make it an annual event.

Camping and Breakfast Fly out to Kern Valley (Nov. 5-6) – This will be our third annual fly-out-camp-out to Kern Valley Airport. This is a great time of year for the southern Sierra – beautiful trees and clear air. It should be warm in the daytime and a little chilly at night. If you are planning to camp out, we will have an organized pot luck Saturday evening under the stars. Please bring meat to grill and a side dish to share. Sunday morning we will enjoy brunch at the café at 10:00, so the fly-ins can join us.

Annual Halloween Party – Cancelled

AV99s Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Auction Saturday, Dec. 3 – Our annual event is being graciously hosted again by Elle and Phil. It starts at 6:00 pm. Please bring items to auction for yourself and your guest. Also, please bring a contribution to the pot luck. Because the distribution of our membership has changed during the past few years, we are realigning the suggested pot luck allocations. Here's the suggestion, but please bring whatever you really enjoy preparing:

LA County: Hot Dishes or Main Menu items

Kern County: Deserts

Out of Kern County: Veggies and Salads

We will mail the invitations to you soon. Please let either Elle or Jennifer know if you would like extra invitations for guests.

Chapter Member News

From Carol – I am happy to report that the Comanche is back in service! It had developed an alternator and voltage regulator problem and was reluctant to get well. Even though it was repaired once, after one flight, it had to go back into the shop! However, it seems to be well now. We checked it out by taking it to Kern Valley on Saturday, Oct. 22. What a beautiful flight! We had delightful breakfast on the porch – one of my favorite things to do. The news is that there are a couple of new cooks (they have been there about 6 months), and have added blueberry pancakes to the menu. And their hash browns recipe is delicious! Anyone who is on the fence about going on the November 5-6 flyout – hope you decide to go. I can't wait to go back!

I also supported the Edwards Airshow for NASA that weekend on Sunday (Oct. 23) in their gift shop booth. The weather on Sunday was as beautiful as Saturday had been. It was a really pleasant experience. Of note was the great aerobatic performance that Julie Carter put on and the last public flight of the F-117 avionics development vehicle which had been "Paul's" airplane. It has headed off to museum-land.

Member of the Month

Rosemary

More New Zealand Info: As promised in the last newsletter, here are some general comments regarding New Zealand. Air New Zealand was a great airline—it's a 12-hour trip from LAX to Auckland. Our flights both ways were night flights so, after a nice dinner, we were able to sleep. About two hours before arrival, the flight crew wakes you up for breakfast.

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Geographically, New Zealand is about the size of California with a total population of 4 million. We took the pre-conference tour (arranged through the 99s) of the South Island. The South Island is very scenic and rugged (includes southern Alps). There are less than 1 million people on the South Island. Highlights were Nelson, Tasman Sea, Queenstown, and Milford Sound. "Middle Earth" (for you *Lord of the Rings* fans), was located near Queenstown. We took a four-wheel drive jeep tour of "Middle Earth" and also I flew over it in a Cessna 172 with a New Zealand pilot and two other 99s. (Flying is expensive there for private pilots—fuel costs plus they have to pay landing fees.)

After the 99s conference, we made our way to Wellington (via train and ferry) to begin a tour of the North Island. A female pilot we met at the convention took my sister and I on a flight in a Piper Warrior during our stay in the capitol city of Wellington. After three days, we rented a car and drove the North Island making our way back to Auckland for our return flight. We visited a city on the east coast (Pacific Ocean), inland (Rotorua), Hamilton, and spent the last night in Auckland. We met a 99 in Rotorua—she took us on a scenic flight in her Cherokee 140. We had our car rental for five days driving a total of 700 miles on the North Island. I did all the driving (my sister "navigated") and have to admit I was happy to turn the car in at the Auckland Airport!

There are no freeways in New Zealand (except around Auckland)—most roads are two lane (curving and mountainous) and driving is on the left side (as in England). Because of the remoteness of the South Island, all roads over bridges were one-lane, but the North Island is more inhabited (with 3 million people) and no one-lane roads over bridges. There are several ways to travel (besides formal tours)—travel passes on buses or trains are available and rental of either automobiles or small motor homes.

There are lots of sheep in the country—40 million. I asked about predators, and there are none (except an occasional wild dog). I was told that the first mammal in the country had been bats. There are lots of birds (including flightless birds like the kiwi). Explorers introduced other animals (cows, horses, deer, elk, pigs, turkeys, chicken). There are both deer and elk farms now. There are no reptiles except for lizards (no snakes!). No eagles—only falcons and hawks.

The exchange rate was good—for every US \$, you could get about \$1.30 NZ. However, prices in general are higher there for the most part—probably more so on the South Island because of its remoteness. A simple example is a cup of "filtered" coffee cost from \$2 to \$3.00 a cup NZ\$. No refills!! If you want a second cup, you buy it.

It was a great trip! We really enjoyed it and would go again!

Announcements

First Annual Toys for Tots Collection at Fox on December 3 from 9am to 2pm. The activity is in the planning stage. Several groups in the Antelope Valley are gearing-up to have an annual Toy-for-Tots collection. A number of local groups, including the EAA Chapter 1000, are participating. Our Chapter has been asked to participate, as well. They would like for one or two of us to attend the weekly planning meetings which are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm in the lobby of Fox Airport. If you are interested, please let Jennifer know that you plan to help. This is such a good cause that it would be worthy of our attention.

Most importantly, they are accepting unwrapped toys of value greater than \$10 on Dec. 3 from 9:00 – 2:00 in the Fox Lobby.

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From Andrea

Hi All,

A friend and I are planning a flying safari in southern Africa from July 3, 2006 to July 23, 2006 (time in Africa). We would like to put together a group. The groups can be up to 8 airplanes and 16 people. We are planning to rent one of the 182s.

The trip is being arranged by Hank's Aero Adventures. More information can be found at <http://selfflysafari.com>.

Approximate cost of the trip will be \$10,000. I will get an exact price and itinerary shortly. A \$2500 down payment is required by December 15th and the full price of the trip is to be paid 56 days in advance.

If you are interested in going, please send me e-mail and I will put you on an e-mail list.

We hope folks can join us.

Andrea

Fox Airport Association Christmas Party – Saturday, Dec. 10, at Fox Field.

Year 2005 & 2006 Calendar of Events

Date/Time	Event	Contact
Nov 5-6	Kernville Fly-Out/Camp-Out Sunday breakfast at 10:00	Michelle
⁹⁹ Nov 7 th	Chapter Hosted Safety Program Fox Terminal – topic: Mountain Flying	Rosemary
Nov 12-13	Santa Maria Fly-Out Wine tasting overnight	Michelle
⁹⁹ Nov 14 th (2 nd Monday)	AV99s Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Jennifer's Home	Jennifer
⁹⁹ Nov 19 th (3 rd Saturday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting & Annual APT Event 10:00 am Leigh home (Pot Luck lunch)	Elise
December	No Board or Chapter Meetings in December	
⁹⁹ Dec 3 rd (1 st Saturday)	AV99s Christmas Party 6:00 Elle's House	Elle
⁹⁹ Dec 10 th (2 nd Saturday)	Cookies to the Tower	Jennifer
⁹ Dec 10 th (2 nd Saturday)	Fox Airport Association Christmas Party	Rosemary
⁹⁹ Jan 9 th (2 nd Monday)	AV99s Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Jennifer's Home	Jennifer
⁹⁹ Jan 12 th (2 nd Thursday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm at Greenhouse Café in Lancaster (6:00 Dinner/Social)	Jennifer
February	No Board Meeting in February	
⁹⁹ Feb 11 th (2 nd Saturday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 9:00 am @ Fox Terminal (8:00 Social Breakfast)	Jennifer
Feb tbd	Math & Science Odyssey AV College	Michelle

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⁹⁹ Mar 6 th (1 st Monday)	AV99s Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Jennifer's Home	Jennifer
⁹⁹ Mar 16 th (3 rd Thursday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm at Greenhouse Café in Lancaster (6:00 Dinner/Social)	Jennifer
⁹⁹ Mar 19, 2006 (3 rd Sunday)	16 th Annual AV99s Poker Run !!!	
Mar 23-25	Women in Aviation Conference Nashville TN, Opryland Hotel	Tina
April	No Board Meeting in April	
⁹⁹ April 20 th (3 rd Thursday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm at Greenhouse Café in Lancaster (6:00 Dinner/Social)	Jennifer
⁹⁹ May 8 th (2 nd Monday)	AV99s Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Jennifer's Home	Jennifer
⁹⁹ May 20 th (3 rd Saturday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 9:00 am @ Fox Terminal (8:00 Social Breakfast)	Jennifer
June	No Board Meeting in June	
⁹⁹ Jun 15 th (3 rd Thursday)	AV99s Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm at Greenhouse Café in Lancaster (6:00 Dinner/Social)	Jennifer

⁹⁹ Denotes a Antelope Valley 99's Function

Year 2005 & 2006 Fly-out Calendar

Date	Location	Event	Contact
Nov. 5-6, 2005	Kern Valley	Campout at Airport Saturday, pot luck dinner Breakfast at the Café on Sunday @ tbd am	Michelle
Nov. 11-13, 2005	Santa Maria	Weekend Wine Tasting	Michelle
January 15, 2006	Death Valley	Breakfast at the Furnace Creek Inn @ 11:00am	Michelle

Michelle, AV99s Fly-Out Chair

<http://www.freewebs.com/av99s/index.htm>
