

Antelope Valley Ninety-Nines

SKYWORD

December 2005

Hello AV 99s!

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on Dec. 3. I know everyone is busy – I am preparing my kindergarten students for our holiday program. It's really a lot of fun!

*I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.
Jennifer*

Chapter Events & Info

We have a new FWP!!! Marie!!! Congratulations, Marie, and welcome to our chapter!

No Board or Chapter meeting in December

Our next Chapter Meeting is Thursday, January 12th – it will be held at the **Greenhouse Café in Lancaster**. Social dinner at 6:00 and the Meeting starts at 6:30. Guests are invited to attend!

Board Meeting is Monday, January 9th at Jennifer's house. All members are welcome to attend!

AV99s Annual Christmas Party and Fund Raising Auction Saturday, Dec. 3 – This is one of our favorite events of the year, and everyone should have received their invitation. It starts at 6:00 pm. Please feel free to bring guests – the more the merrier! They are welcome to bring gifts to auction, as well.

*Here's the suggestion for what to bring for the pot luck, but please bring whatever you really enjoy preparing
(your favorite always tastes the best!)*

LA County: Hot Dishes or Main Menu items

Kern County: Deserts

Out of Kern County: Veggies and Salads

AV99s Annual "Cookies to the Tower" Event – Remember to bring cookies and goodies to Fox Terminal for our annual gifts to the controllers and airport folks. We will start assembling the packages at 9:00 am. The breakfast crowd will meet at 8:00 in the café. Checkout our website for a *classic* group photo from last year. <http://www.freewebs.com/av99s/index.htm>

The Chapter's Pilot Proficiency Report will be due soon. Congrats to most of us for getting the paperwork to completed (you know, the small piece of paper). The following pilots have returned their entry: Elle, Michelle, Carolyn, Nell, Leigh, Katie, Jackie, Flora Belle, Carol Jennifer, Char, Lindsay, Diana, Mary, Beverly, Maryilnn, and Tina. Everyone else – please print or clip the form from the end of this newsletter and sent it to Elise – ASAP! [The list of qualifying activities is there, too.] Thanks to everyone's participation, hopefully we can win the award *again* this year!

2005 Poker Run (March 19th) – At the November Chapter meeting we were happy to hear that Michelle has volunteered to be our Poker Run chair this year. Jennifer volunteered to be her assistant chair (Jennifer has an out-of-town commitment this year, so she feels it would be unfair to the Chapter to be this year's chair). After some discussion, those who attended agreed that we would ask the person who led the area last year to handle it again this year. Michelle or Jennifer will be contacting you. Thanks! ahead of time! Our next Poker Run Meeting will be held in conjunction with the January chapter meeting. Please plan to attend, if you possibly can.

→ → AV99s Chapter members --- Please start collecting donated prizes!!!

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We are looking for a Scrapbook Chair, a PR Chair, a Chapter Historian, and an Airmarking Chair.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call JENNIFER. A couple of these jobs would be a really nice way to get to know the Chapter better.

It's time to mark your calendar for the annual AV99s fly-out to Death Valley on January 15th for the brunch at Furnace Creek Inn. Contact Michelle to be included in the reservation. Let's see if we can make it another record year for participation – last year we had 38 people and 16 airplanes!

Chapter Member News

Annual November Chapter Meeting and Annual Pilot Proficiency Event – As we did last year, we combined the Chapter meeting with the PPT event. Six AV99s attended (Michelle, Nell, Leigh, Carol, Jennifer, and Mary) (Flora Belle came for the business meeting). Paul led an in-depth conversation that explored flight planning challenges around mountainous terrain in which we all shared experiences and answered questions (plus the usual, “do you know what this... is? map exercise). Nell prepared a thought-provoking exercise in accident preparedness, which led to more good conversation. Leigh hosted the meeting in her lovely home, and our members brought some pretty tasty dishes for lunch – plus the pizza... It was a very nice experience. Thank you Leigh and Paul!

Wine Tasting Fly-out to Santa Maria (Nov. 11-13) – The wine tasting (not flying) trip to Santa Maria was a great way to spend Veteran's Day Weekend. The AV99s were Leigh, Michelle, Mercedes, and Carol, and their partners and friends. Leigh and Michelle went a day early and enjoyed a visit to a *Day Spa!!* Leigh had arranged for us all to stay at the Best Western. The great thing about that (other than it was a very nice place to stay – and had a terrific complimentary breakfast) was that the motel had an arrangement with most of the wineries in the area to have FREE wine tasting. It was great! We went to six wineries, four were free (Firestone, Cambria, Fess Parker, and Zaca Mesa) and we paid for two (?? and Kohler). Mike seemed to really like a few of the wines, so the trunk of the car got pretty full by the end of the day! We ended the day with a very tasty – what else?? – Santa Maria BBQ dinner. After the 2nd winery, we began to think about ideas for where to go next year!

Camping and Breakfast Fly-out to Kern Valley (Nov. 5-6) – This was be our third annual fly-out-camp-out to Kern Valley Airport. It was a great time of year for the southern Sierra – beautiful trees and clear air. There were five tents...a new record! The AV99s who camped were Michelle, Leigh, Andrea (who flew up), and their families and friends. They were joined by Carol and Paul and Mercedes and Mike, who flew up on Sunday. Food was great! We all had a really nice time.

From Mercedes – I flew to El Paso (by myself), the land of enchantment, to attend the biggest RV Fly-in held annually. Unfortunately, due to weather there were 110 airplanes instead of the anticipated 300! But the flights were wonderful and the pilots were great! Can't wait for next year! *Mercedes*

From Carol – We had an interesting flight from Oceanside (OKB) to WJF this past Sunday. Our Comanche had come out of annual on the past Tuesday and had no trouble flying down to OKB and back on Wednesday to pick up Paul's mother for her Thanksgiving visit. There was a high overcast, but the air was smooth, so it was a pair of pleasant flights. On Sunday, you might recall that there was still a bit of high wind aloft (we noted a max of 45 kts, but it was around 30 kts most of the way), so there were times when it was pretty bumpy...it was a north wind, so the bumps were most notable (!) on the lee side toward Pomona. The airplane performed quite well. After a lovely lunch at the Oceanside Souplantation Restaurant, we flew home. But...the engine would not lean, the CHT was high, and the suction gage was indicating low. However, the engine was running quite smoothly. Because we were a little concerned, we flew from alternate to alternate, instead of flying direct, we swung around west from Pomona to El

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Monte to Burbank to Agua Dulce and finally Fox. It took about 20 longer than it normally does due to the higher headwind and greater distance. Our thinking was that there may have been carburetor ice, but it wasn't apparent on post-flight checks. We are looking at the engine system, so stay tuned... Carol

Announcements

First Annual Toys for Tots Collection at Fox on December 3 from 9am to 2pm. Several local groups in the Antelope Valley have organized the first annual Toy-for-Tots collection. If you are interested, bring an unwrapped toy of value greater than \$10 to the Fox Lobby that day.

Fox Airport Association Christmas Party 6:00 pm December 11 (note the date change) will be held at the Fox Terminal this year. It will be catered by Joude (who own the SW Steakhouse), and tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. It should be an exciting party this year, because Tim Just will be the guest speaker. The subject will be "Recent Developments in Unmanned Airplanes". Tim is the Chief Pilot for General Atomics/Aeronautical Systems Incorporated. These are the folks who have done a great deal in support of the war on terrorism in theatre with the Predator UAV's. Rosemary may be bringing tickets to the Christmas party.

Year 2005 & 2006 Calendar of Events

Date/Time	Event	Contact
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 8:00 Breakfast, 9:00 Assembly in the Fox Terminal	Jennifer
⁹ Dec 11 th (2 nd Sunday)	Fox Airport Association Christmas Party 6:00 pm in the Fox Terminal	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
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 !!!	

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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
January 15, 2006	Death Valley	Breakfast at the Furnace Creek Inn @ 11:00am	Michelle

Michelle, AV99s Fly-Out Chair

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Return completed form to: Elise

QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES:

Ground Based Activities

- a. Any flight safety seminary
- b. Industry-conducted re-currency training, includes simulator training and research studies
- c. Physiological training, such as high altitude chamber
- d. Aviation Judge training, such as NIFA or WPFC judging
- e. Aviation Judging, such as NIFA or WPFC
- f. Flight Instructor re-currency ground training
- g. Aircraft Maintenance Training, such as Cessna Powerplant Course
- h. Attendance at AOPA Town Meeting and Seminars
- i. Attendance of FAA ground school course, mountain flying, floatplane, or CAP training course, etc.
- j. Parachute Ground Training
- k. Poker Run support

Flight Activities

- a. Wings Certification, any level
- b. Biannual Flight Review (BFR), and/or an Annual Proficiency Training ride (APT)
- c. Instrument Competency Check (ICC)
- d. Any new rating
- e. Check-out in a new aircraft type, high performance, tailwheel, glider, ultralight, floatplane, etc.
- f. Flight Instructor re-currency
- g. Check rides with organizations such as Angel Flight, Los Medicos, Flying Sams, Civil Air Patrol, Sheriff's Patrol, etc.
- h. First Parachute jump
- i. Fly-ins/outs

**Southwest Section Ninety-Nines Proficiency Training Program
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Name: (Print) _____ **Signature:** _____

Address: _____

Qualifying Activities:

Ground Activity Type: _____

Date Completed: _____

Instructor Signature: (only if appropriate) _____

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Flight Activity Type: _____

Date Completed: _____

Instructor Signature: (only if appropriate) _____