



Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines *International Organization of Women Pilots*

December 2011 Newsletter

WINGS AND THINGS



Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

Join us Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 5:00pm at the **Wild Oak Saddle Club**, located at 550 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Total cost per person is \$30, please RSVP by November 30th and send checks to:

Judy Knaute
575 W. College Ave, Suite 201
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

And don't forget to bring a \$15 gift for our annual gift exchange!

For information call Barbara Shubel at 707-538-7727

CALENDAR

December 3 – SR99s
Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

December 8 – Marin 99s
Holiday Singing at Kitty's

December 10 – Marin
99s Holiday Party

January 14 – Annual
Whale Watching (see
inside for more details)

Pilot Proficiency Classes will run from February to April of next year. Our **THIRD** year running! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Val Suberg.

ALOHA NICOLE VANDELAAR



This September our very own Nicole Vandelaar jetted off to Honolulu to continue her helicopter training. Nicole earned her Commercial Rotorcraft-Helicopter certificate in early October and is now working on her Instrument Helicopter Rating. While we miss our former Vice Chairman, we wish her the best of luck in Hawaii and look forward to many updates on her successes.



CONGRATS LADIES!!

Candice Elliot-Brown earned her Multi-Engine Commercial Certificate August 8th. Candice owns a turbo-charged Aztec and is now working on her MEI!



Kimberly Lewellen earned her Private Pilot Certificate August 28th!



Marielle Coeytaux earned her private pilot certificate September 2nd! Marielle is a new member flying out of Angwin Airport!

COMPASS ROSE PAINTING – CLOVERDALE AIRPORT (O60)

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped paint the 99's compass rose on October 29th, Valerie Suberg, Patty Foley, Judy Knaute, Linda Thomas, Joan Bacci, Hannah Northern, Jan McConnell, Kimberly Lewellen, and Mary Jane Stimson.

And thanks to Pat Cormia and Kitty Houghton from the Marin 99s who came to help. Thanks to the 49 ½ s and guests who came out to help too.

The compass turned out beautifully with only a few “oopsies” throughout the day (all of which were expertly covered up).



Great job ladies!



Sonoma Jet Center Open House

The 99s participated in the Sonoma Jet Center Open House on October 15th. We had a table displaying our chapter history and information about our upcoming Pilot Proficiency Classes. Thanks to Joan Bacci, Patty Foley, and Valerie Suberg for representing the Santa Rosa 99s at the event.



SOUTHWEST SECTION NEWS

January 28 – Winter Board Meeting in Santa Cruz, CA

May 4-6 – Spring Section Meeting in North Hollywood, CA

July 11-15 – International Conference in Providence, RI

Annual Whale Watching

Whale Watching is Saturday, January 14, 2012. We'll meet at the restaurant on the Half Moon Bay (HAF) airport at 11:30 for lunch – Three Zero Cafe. You can watch for whales before or after lunch. We fly south along the coast from Monterey to Point Sur, and then out toward the ocean one mile and then north, making a rectangular track.

We talk to each other on 122.75 and fly at 2000 ft. I advise having at least two people in the plane, one to fly and one to look for whales.

If you want to join us for this delightful fly-in, please send an email to: plowers@pacbell.net with your name, the names of your passengers, your plane ID and if you have seats available or need a ride. For questions, call Pat Gregory. Emails with more details will go out in December.

Green Flight Challenge

Did you hear about the Green Flight Challenge? The competition is sponsored by NASA and hosted by the CAFE Foundation (www.cafefoundation.org) which promotes more environmentally friendly means for aircraft transportation.

Planes flew into Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County airport from all over the world to compete for a \$1.3 million prize. Several 99s participated in the Challenge at STS.

Patty Foley and Mary Jo Johnston were there several days and got to see the planes fly, talk to the pilots and lend a hand to support the operation. Also participating was Charles Johnston and Valerie Suberg.



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SUTTER BUTTES 99s SCHOLARSHIP

Sutter Buttes 99s are offering a scholarship for \$1,500 for advancing your ratings. You must be a 99 and live within 99 miles (by air) of Yuba City, CA.

- Advanced rating
 - Must have completed at least 5 hours toward rating requested
 - Must have 25 hours flight time within last 6 months (from 12/31/11)
- Essay required telling how funds will be used, goals and other relevant information including financial need
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from a flight instructor who has flown with applicant
- Finalists will be interviewed by a committee including at least one non-99 from local aviation community
- Payments will be made directly to flight school
- Flight training must be completed within one year of notification of award
- Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2011—Winner will be announced by March 31, 2012

For more information and/or an application, contact Carol Andrews, charley.alpha@theunion.net or (530) 432-2827

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