



Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots

September 2012 Newsletter

WINGS AND THINGS

September Meeting

The Santa Rosa 99s will be meeting at the Sky Lounge at the Santa Rosa Airport starting at 6:30pm on **September 13th**. Come for dinner and stay for the meeting!

40th Anniversary Party!

September 22nd will be the Santa Rosa 99s 40th Anniversary Party. Astronaut, Dan Tani, will be our speaker. It's sure to be a great event. If you haven't already submitted your flying stories and/or your reservations, please do so! September is just around the corner!

Like Us on Facebook!

Newly up and running, our very own Facebook page. Check out upcoming events, meeting times, new pictures, and more! Join the group by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/SantaRosa99s>

SJC Open House

The Santa Rosa 99s will have a booth at the Sonoma Jet Center Open House on Thursday October 6th. The Open House is an annual event with plenty of presentations, aircraft on display, local businesses, and plenty of food. If anyone is interested in helping out at the booth, please contact Val Suberg. We hope to see you there; the event lasts from 10am – 2pm.

CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

September 13th – SR
Monthly Meeting at Sky
Lounge at KSTS

September 20th – AOPA
Seminar: Flying for a Lifetime

September 22nd – SR 99s 40th
Anniversary Party

October 6th – Sonoma Jet
Center Open House

WINGS OVER WINE COUNTRY

AIR SHOW

Our fund raising booths at the Wings Over Wine Country air show were a great success. Thanks to all who came out to support us. With our new signs, generously donated by Walt Lewis, everyone on the field could find the 'Hot Dog' booth. Working with the Aviation Explorer Post 1268, under the leadership of Walt Lewis, we boiled, wrapped and sold so many hot dogs. Thanks to all the 99s, the Explorers, parents and friends who came out to help us over the weekend. A special thanks to Peggy Rhode for letting us use her trailer for bun storage and supplies.

Our Silent Auction and Raffle booth was also easy to spot with the new signs. We had some great prizes and items on our silent auction table. Thanks to Joan Bacci for all her hard work in gathering all the donations for our event. Again, thanks to everyone who came out to help and make this a successful event.

Our winners of the raffle were:

- Alaska Airline tickets – *Patty Ann Foley*
- iPad – *Joan Bacci*
- Up & Away Ballooning – *Kathy Davis*
- Disneyland park hopper passes – *Dean Luis*
- Harrah's overnight stay – *Lisa Morell*
- Zip Line tour – *Dean Luis*
- Tail Dragger flight – *Kathy Davis*
- Stearman Ride, Schulz – *Gary Simmons*
- Stearman Ride, Turner – *Darla Paulson*

The highlight of the airshow was meeting and visiting with air show performer Julie Clark. She even came over to our booth and donated and autographed a lovely book with a photo of her plane on the cover.



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THE OSHKOSH EXPERIENCE

This summer I was able to go to Oshkosh and reunite with some old friends and make new friends that will last a lifetime. We all know what a small world aviation is, and that becomes evident when you attend an event like Oshkosh! It was so much fun to spend the week there. The reason I went was to help the International Ninety-Nines sell raffle tickets. Susan Liebeler, the International Fund Development chair has acquired some great raffle prizes and we had 2 booths set up at the Oshkosh. One booth in the 99s tent and one in front of the International Aerobatics Association building we sold lot of tickets.

The other highlight was the fact that my ORBIS plane was there for the week. I was so excited to see the plane, my old friends and co-workers. I spent most of my time giving people personal tours of the plane. I'm always surprised how many people in aviation do not know about ORBIS. A non-profit set out to rid the world of avoidable blindness; ORBIS operates the world's only DC10 Flying Eye Hospital. The plane was there for fundraising and to bring awareness to the public. Since the plane is rarely in the in the US, I thought this would be a great opportunity to see it again. People were lined up around the plane from the time it was open to the time they closed the doors.

FedEx even showed up for day with an Airbus 300, and provided a great photo op of the FedEx plane and the ORBIS plane. FedEx being a major sponsor of ORBIS.

I'm always amazed when I give the tours of the ORBIS DC10. I start off asking if you know what it is. Most of the time I hear, no, sometimes, I hear, yes, it's an eye hospital. And people don't sound very excited about it. So, I'm there to tell them about it and get them excited! I can tell people about ORBIS all day long, and they will become excited to hear what I have to say, and they will think it is a great cause. Then I will show them the airplane; explain to them how it is used to teach local doctors surgeries that can prevent blindness in their countries. Of the people that are blind in the world, 80% of them can have surgeries that will allow them to see again. Once they get past the cockpit, there is nothing normal about this DC10. I show them the classroom, the laser room, the operating room and the recovery room. All the while telling them stories from when I was working on the plane. By the time we are exiting the plane out the rear doors, most people are touched, and many times you can see tears as they think about how many people come aboard blind and leave being able to see. To see their children, grand kids, parents, and family members for the first time is always heartwarming to me. While it is a great thing to see the plane at places like Oshkosh, it is even more incredible to see it in action. I cannot tell you how many lives ha
 It is truly a great thing.

Val Suberg

Chairman, Santa Rosa 99s



Left Seat: Martha Phillips (Int'l 99s President), Right Seat: Susan Liebeler (Ventura Chapter), Back Left: Rita Adams (Chicago Area), Back Right: Mariette Coolidge (Ventura Chapter)

In Other News...

The Santa Rosa 99s

Invites you to join our
40th Anniversary Celebration
Luncheon

Date: September 22, 2012

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00pm

Place: Flamingo Hotel

2777 Fourth St., Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Cost: \$35 per person.

Guest Speaker: Astronaut Dan Tani

Menu Choice:

Atlantic Salmon, Roast Pork Loin, Butternut Squash Ravioli (V)

RSVP by September 10, 2012,

with payment online at www.santarosa99s.org

or mail check to Santa Rosa 99s

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Astronaut Dan Tani will be our guest speaker. Tani's NASA experience includes flight aboard STS-108 in 2001, where he logged over 11 days in space, including 4 EVA hours on one spacewalk. In 2005, Tani trained and qualified as backup flight engineer for Expedition 11 in which he logged 131 days in space on the International Space Station, and 39 hours in 6 EVA's. Having spoken to our chapter in 2000 and again in 2002 at our 30th Anniversary celebration, we are excited to have Dan come back and share his experiences with us.



APOA Seminar: Flying for a Lifetime

Date and Time: Thursday, September 20, 2012, starting at 7:00 pm

Speaker(s): AOPA Presenter

Brief Description: **A bit of trivia:** Every cell in the human body is replaced at least once every ten years. You are, quite literally, not the same person you were a decade ago. You're also (less literally) not the same pilot. **Experience, physical stamina, risk tolerance, mental acuity:** They all shift over the years, in obvious and not-so-obvious ways. Question is, how do you adjust? Our latest seminar delves into the forces that shape us as pilots, and explores different ways to maintain the same high level of safety over a lifetime of flying.

Select Number: NR0345489

Location of Seminar: Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa
2777 Fourth Street

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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