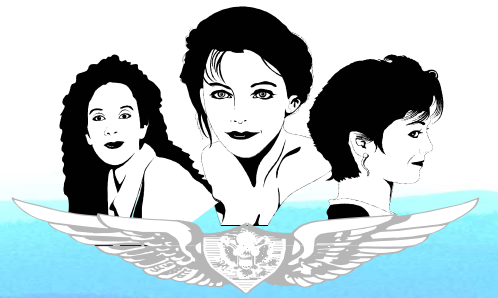


# AirScoop



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### From the Chair:



First, I want to take this opportunity to Thank Loreen Wynja and Traci Rodriguez for their outstanding job at the Cable Air Show. The Air Show Committee had done a lot of extra advertising and it paid off—with the gate not having enough personnel to handle the crowd. Loreen and Traci jumped in and worked out a procedure to handle everyone. It will be implemented exactly as they produced it in the coming years. We had over 8,000 people attend the show and relatively few problems.

I also want to thank all the ladies who worked the 99s booth. Cathy Jameson coordinated the help: A big thank you to Grace Ferris, Traude Gomez, Linda Rever, and David Jameson.

Now it is time to concentrate on PCIFA Region II competition in Prescott Arizona over President's Day Weekend, Feb 14-17. Cathy and I are staying at the Americas Best Value Inn-Prescott Valley. The address is 8383 East US Route 69, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. The phone # is 928-772-2200. Let me know if you will be flying into Prescott and I will pick you up. Cathy and I will both have vehicles so we can carpool. We can use all the help we can get for the judging. Some of the Yavapai and Phoenix chapter 99s will also be helping us out.

**REMINDER:** Because of the competition starting on our regular meeting night, the SGV 99s will meet on the first Thursday, February 7 at 7:30 at the Brackett Pilots Lounge. We will meet for dinner for those who would like to come early at Applebee's on Arrow Hwy just East of the 57 Freeway (between the 10 & 210 frwys). Let me know so I can reserve the right-sized table.

Safe Flying,

Virginia

## Poker Run Update

January 26, 2008 broke cold, slightly damp, and brilliantly clear. Upon arriving at Cable Airport, we were greeted by the intoxicating aroma of Maniac Mike's pancakes – and by the Mt Sac flying team completing their morning briefing at the next table. We (Loreen Wynja, Ron Braley, Traci and Paul Rodriguez and Smokey Young) enjoyed a wonderful breakfast as we discussed the low freezing level and turbulence caused by the two converging fronts steadily descending on our chosen routes. Twelve hours earlier, after thoughtful consideration, these concerns required us to cancel the flying and BBQ elements of the day. That evening, an email went out to our chapter members informing them of the decision, pre-registered participants and airport sitters (Linda & Robert Rogus, Sonya Junkins & Brenda Frazier, and Paul Rodriguez & Dennis Harmer) were notified, and we continued with "Plan B".

After breakfast, we moved into the observation room at Cable Airport where Loreen and Ron set up fresh coffee and donuts. David Jameson was on hand to help us organize the many wonderful prizes provided by our generous sponsors and there was plenty of hangar talk to go around as Cathy Jameson helped explain poker hands to those of us not very familiar with the game.

Cards were picked one at a time, and Linda Rever, having pre-flown one of the possible routes a few days earlier, kept track of the poker hands for us. Sheryl & Bob Sandhagen added their donation to the prize table and Casey and her Pitts arrived a little later in the morning.

Everybody walked away a winner and even though we did not get to fly, a fun time was had by all. Maybe next year we will even get off the ground!

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### *A new San Gabriel Valley 99!*

Welcome to Kelly Matney, a student pilot out of Cable Air. She has soloed and will be taking her written in the next couple of weeks.

GOOD LUCK Kelly. We look forward to making you an integral part of our chapter.

## SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT SET FOR DISPLAY AT PLANES OF FAME starting March 5.

"At the Controls: the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Looks at Cockpits" will be on exhibit at Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino Airport, March 5–April 26, 2008. Each of the 20 color photographs measure 4 by 7 feet and depict historically significant cockpits from the Wright Brothers 1903 flyer to the Boeing B29 Superfortress Enola Gay, the Mercury Friendship 7, and the space shuttle Columbia.

### Book-signing Event for *Bird Watcher: A Novel*

Marjorie Johnson SCV 99s

Santa Clara Valley Chapter 99s' author and pilot Marjorie Johnson invites you to a book-signing event featuring her recently published novel about terrorists and small airplanes. She learned to fly in a Cessna 172 out of Palo Alto Airport where the final approach is so close to the 'duck pond' that birders with binoculars can read the tail numbers and pilots are ever vigilant for bird activity.

In the thriller *Bird Watcher*, the villain watches mechanical birds. When Jerry Christensen's Cessna—a small white airplane with a thousand clones and a hundred places to hide—disappears from its tie-down at Palo Alto, Air Traffic Control can't help, and the FBI writes Jerry off as a crank. Jerry, a schoolteacher and unprepared to pursue a criminal, acts on hunches and makes outrageous plans. After he meets a teen-aged boy who traded his future for flying lessons, Jerry chases the thief across California and the western states.

Marjorie's well-researched book takes you on an aerial adventure while following the dangerous impetuosity of its main character. *Bird Watcher: A Novel* is available from Amazon.com and appears on the Ninety-Nines International webpage, <http://www.ninety-nines.org/books.html>. Marjorie can be contacted at [marjohnson@mac.com](mailto:marjohnson@mac.com).

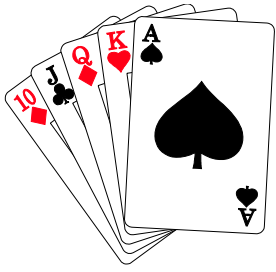
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What: Book-signing event: *Bird Watcher*

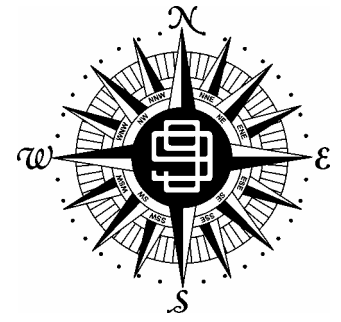
Marjorie Johnson's aviation thriller

When: 2 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 2008

Where: Mystery and Imagination Bookshop  
238 N. Brand Blvd.,  
Glendale CA 91203  
(818) 545-0206



## San Gabriel Valley 99s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run January 26, 2008



The following have helped us further promote safety, education and outreach to our community by contributing to this year's Poker Run. While we do not specifically endorse these businesses, we do thank them for their support and appreciate their sponsorship of our organization. While going about your busy lives, please take the time to thank them for their generosity.

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Michelle Davison

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([www.msafety.org](http://www.msafety.org))

Planes of Fame Air Museum  
([www.planesoffame.org](http://www.planesoffame.org))

Rancho Cucamonga Quakes  
([www.rcquakes.com](http://www.rcquakes.com))

River Palms Resort/Casino, Laughlin  
([www.river-palms.com](http://www.river-palms.com))

Santa Anita Park ([www.santaanita.com](http://www.santaanita.com))

Scandia ([www.scandiafun.com](http://www.scandiafun.com))

Six Flags Magic Mountain  
([www.sixflags.com/magicMountain](http://www.sixflags.com/magicMountain))

Speed Clean ([www.speedclean.us](http://www.speedclean.us))

Traci & Paul Rodriguez

UCI Athletic Association  
([www.athletics.uci.edu](http://www.athletics.uci.edu))

Wrenchware Inc. ([www.wrenchwareinc.com](http://www.wrenchwareinc.com))

Young Eagles ([www.youngeagles.org](http://www.youngeagles.org))

## **USNS AMELIA EARHART**

The NASSCO shipyard in San Diego has announced the launching of the USNS Amelia Earhart on Sunday, April 6, 2008. The presentation is scheduled for 9:00 pm with the gates opening to the public at 8:00 pm. The General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard is generally a closed facility except during rare occasions such as this and parking is very limited. It is suggested that anybody wishing to attend the event park a few blocks away and board the San Diego Trolley to the site. Be prepared to pass through security searches upon entry and bring your camera and a sweater or jacket.

## February 2008

7 (Thurs)	SGV Chapter meeting 7:30 pm Brackett (dinner @ 5:30 pm)
11 (Mon)	SGV Chapter 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning meeting 7 pm Christine's House (please call ahead 734-658-4375)
14-17 (Thurs-Sun)	PCIFA SAFECON - Prescott AZ (hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

## March 2008

8 (Sat)	SGV Chapter meeting 10:00 am –Noon "Mt Sac Sim Lab" Brackett
13-15 (Thurs-Sun)	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Women in Aviation Conference - San Diego

## April 2008

6 (Sun)	USNS Amelia Earhart Launch 9:00 pm NASSCO Shipyard, San Diego (gates open @ 8:00 pm)
10 (Thurs)	SGV Chapter meeting 7:30 pm Brackett (dinner @ 5:30 pm)

Aerospace Education Forms Due to Traci Rodriguez

## May 2008

2-4 (Thurs-Sun)	Southwest Section Spring Meeting – Palm Springs (hosted by Coachella Valley & Imperial So-Lo Chapters)
4-10 (Sun-Sat)	NIFA - Murfreesboro, TN
17 (Sat)	San Gabriel Valley Ninety-Nines 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6:00 pm Flabob

## August 2008

7-10 (Thurs-Sun)	99s International Convention 2008 – Anchorage, AK
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### 99s Mission Statement

#### PROMOTE

world fellowship through flight

#### PROVIDE

networking and scholarship opportunities for women  
and aviation education in the community

#### PRESERVE

the unique history of women in aviation

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