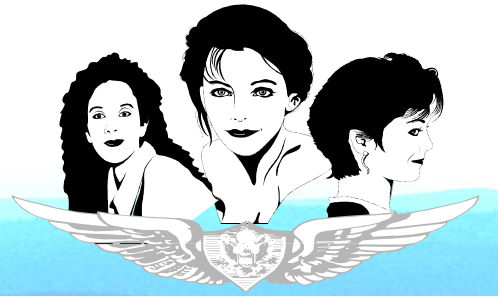


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May 2008

From the Chair:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US, HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR PILOTS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US.

50 years and we are still going strong. I am very proud to be a part of this wonderful organization!

The chapter is so excited about sharing our birthday with new, past and current members. If you didn't receive an invitation by mail or e-mail, please call either myself (909-987-0087) or Christine Malcomson-Young (734-658-4375). Any Ninety-Nine with a link to our chapter is invited—that means all our friends in chapters throughout the organization!

My plane is finally up and running (2 bad batteries). By the looks of the weather, it is just in time!! As always, please take time to call Flight Service. The weather may look good outside the window, but those unexpected notams may have us changing our routes or destinations entirely.

Safe Flying,

Virginia



Congratulations

Our chapter is home to not one, but TWO of the 2008 Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners!

Casey Erickson is the recipient of a 2008 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. This award is for current Ninety Nines who are licensed pilots seeking to advance in training and education in aviation and aerospace, including Scholarships to complete additional pilot certificates and ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees, and technical training. She will be working towards her Commercial Rotocraft license.

Brenda Frazier won an Amelia Earhart Memorial New Pilot Awards towards completion of any first pilot certificate, including the recreational pilot, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate. We are very proud of our girls and look forward to hearing all about the next chapter in their aviation lives!



Dateline: Southwest Section

The San Gabriel Valley Ninety Nines will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2008 6-10PM at Flabob Airport. Reservations which include dinner and raffle ticket are \$30. If you have historical information to share about the San Gabriel Valley 99s through their Fifty year history or would like further information please contact Christine Malcomson-Young at 734-658-4375 or av8trix@aol.com. Please send checks to San Gabriel Valley 99s, PO Box 314 LaVerne, CA 91750.

USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6)
Launch and Christening

On Sunday, April 6, 2008 Christine Malcomson-Young, her husband, Smokey, Sheryl and Bob Sandhagen, Michelle Davison and Linda Rever met at Hazard Center and took the trolley to San Diego's NASSCO shipyard to attend the launch and christening of the USNS Amelia Earhart. At NASSCO we met Traci Rodriguez and her aunt. Our Chapter Chairman, International Director, Virginia Harmer and Pat Prentice, President, International Ninety-Nines were among many distinguished guests present. Many Ninety-Nines from the San Diego, San Fernando and other chapters joined us in the VIP seats.

The USNS Amelia Earhart is a dry cargo and ammunition ship which will directly contribute to the ability of the Navy to maintain a forward presence. Its primary mission is to provide cargo delivery to US and allied Navy ships at sea. Its secondary mission, the Amelia Earhart may operate in concert with other ships to provide direct logistics support to ships within a Carrier Battle Group.

The site of the Amelia Earhart, brightly illuminated with the flag overhead, was breathtaking and beautiful. The program started at 9PM with the introduction of distinguished guests from General Dynamics and the US Navy. Amelia Earhart's niece, Amy M. Kleppner, the ship's sponsor, spoke as did Rear Admiral

Nora W. Tyson, Commander Logistics Group, Western Pacific a naval flight officer. The principal speaker was San Diego Congresswoman, Susan Davis. Promptly at 9:40PM, high tide, Mrs. Kleppner christened the ship, The USNS Amelia Earhart. Immediately she was launched into San Diego Bay under a fantastic fireworks display. It was a privilege to attend this unique event and overall, a great evening!

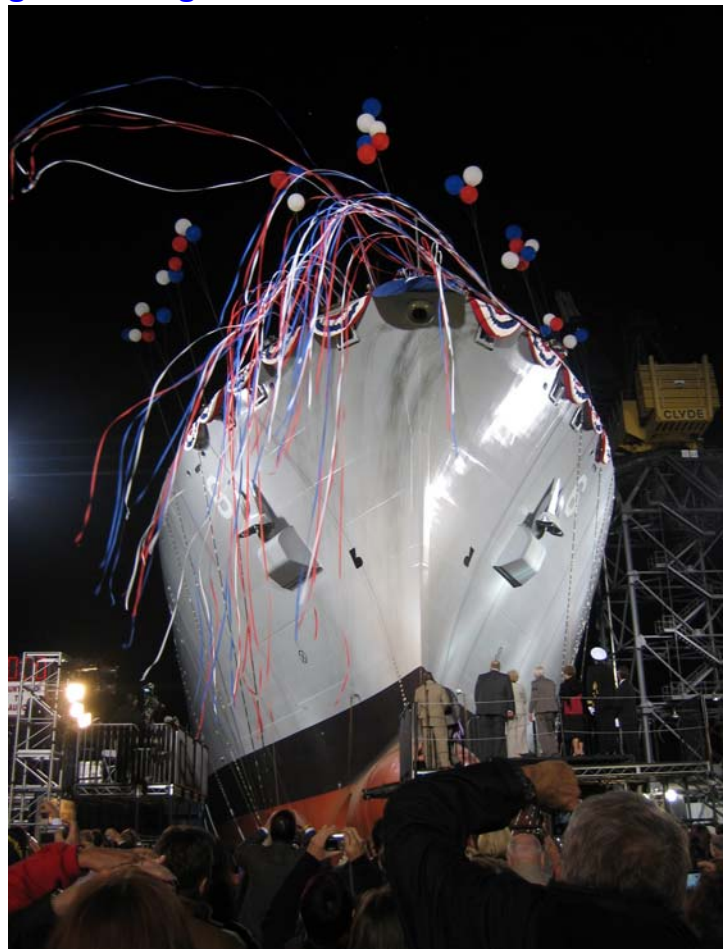


Photo by Christine Malcomson-Young

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

8 (Thurs) SGV Chapter meeting
7:30 pm Brackett

17 (Sat) San Gabriel Valley Ninety-Nines 50th Anniversary
6:00 pm Flabob

June 2008

24-27 (Tues-Fri) Air Race Classic – Bozeman, Montana to Mansfield, Massachusetts

August 2008

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

We are not 50,
we are eighteen with 32 years experience.

99s Mission Statement

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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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