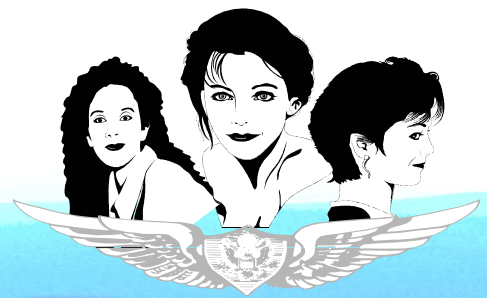


# AirScoop



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### From the Chair:

First, I want to thank you all for your support and work this last year. We did a superb job with the 50th Birthday Party and are growing in numbers. Flying didn't always work out, but WEATHER RULES and we are all safe. That is what counts in the end.

Congratulations to our new officers: Linda Rever is taking the helm as Chairman, Christine Malcomson-Young is Vice Chairman, Casey Erickson is Secretary and Sonja Junkins is Treasurer.

A big thank-you to our outgoing officers; Loreen Wynja, Vice Chairman; Cathy Jameson, Secretary; and Christine Malcomson-Young, Treasurer.

On the International front, the new Board of Directors consist of: Pat Prentiss as Past President, Susan Larson as President, Donna Moore as Vice President, Pat Theberge as Secretary, Kris Irvin-Herron as Treasurer, Joan Kerwin, Virginia Harmer, Fran Strubeck and Lisa Cotham as Directors. (Joan & Virginia were elected this year and Fran & Lisa are completing their 2nd year)

I am on my way to Anchorage for the International Meeting. Joining me from our chapter are Sheryl Sandhagan and Traude Gomez. It will be nice to look out over the sea of faces and find some familiar ones. We all should have quite a report for our Kick-Off meeting. Hopefully, if bidding goes well, we will bring Gabby back with us (see article on Gabby)

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Kick-off Meeting.

Safe Flying,

Virginia



## 2008-2009 Kick-Off Meeting

10-5-08 – 2:00 pm

1565 East California Blvd, Pasadena

Our new Chairman, Linda Rever, is hosting this year's Kick-Off Meeting at her home in Pasadena on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This is the meeting where you get to introduce (or reintroduce) your 49½s (significant others) and 24¾s (children) so feel free to bring them along with you! The main course will be provided, but please also bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

RSVP to Linda at [Rever@USC.edu](mailto:Rever@USC.edu) or 626-683-9995 as soon as possible (no later than September 29) to let her know what dish you will be sharing and so that we can make sure there is enough seating and food to go around!

Hope to see you all there!

## Past Meets Present

By Linda Rever

I had the pleasure of escorting Betty Humble to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. She was an active member of our chapter in the 1960's and 70's. Betty obtained her pilot's license in 1959 at El Monte before it was a towered airport. Her instructor had a habit of pulling the power immediately after takeoff at El Monte for a power-off landing at Rosemead/Fletcher Airport. This airport was located along what is today Flair Drive along the I-10 southwest of El Monte.

Betty flew in several Powder Puff Derby air races in the early 1960's. She still enjoys seeing the planes fly over her house on approach to El Monte.



**"HELLO, MY NAME IS GABRIELLE...GABBY FOR SHORT. I AM EXCITED TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO ALASKA TO REPRESENT OUR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER AT THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. I WILL BE USED AS A CENTERPIECE AND THEN AUCTIONED OFF TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR ORGANIZATION...MAYBE I WILL GET TO COME BACK "HOME"**

# 50 FUN FACTS FROM OUR FIRST 50 years

by: Christine Malcomson-Young

1. Our chapter charter is dated 22 May, 1958 with 6 charter members listed
2. The San Gabriel Valley 99s first chapter fly-in was to Hesperia airport in Feb 1959
3. Membership increased to 10 as of the chapter's first anniversary
4. Our first donation to the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund was \$10 in 1960
5. 53% of SGV 99s members flew the AWTAR (All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race) in 1961
6. The fine for not wearing your 99s pin at a chapter meeting was 50 cents in 1962
7. We held a "Christmas in August" fundraising party in 1962 and raised \$99
8. We hosted the Spring Southwest Sectional meeting on May 10-12, 1963 at Brackett Airport
9. A Trophy was awarded to our chapter for best attendance at the Fall Sectional in 1964
10. The "Two-Penny-A-Pound" airlift was held at Cable as a fundraiser March 1965
11. Our first chapter "uniform" was a navy skirt and sweater with 99s insignia
12. Member Virginia Wegener had an FBO at Brackett named "Ginny's Flying School"
13. Our chapter newsletter, the Air Scoop, was first published in 1967
14. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the 99s was incorporated in 1969
15. 3 of our chapter members are or have been FAA Designated Examiners
16. Many events, especially fly-ins, were cancelled due to the 1974 energy crisis
17. Our chapter helped to establish the Inland Empire Chapter
18. Member Marijane Nelson and family sailed a 26-foot boat to Hawaii in 24 days
19. A BD-5 (homebuilt aircraft) seminar was held at Brackett as a fundraiser
20. We airmarked Big Bear airport after the runway was first paved in July 1974
21. The early days of the chapter saw fly-ins scheduled once a month!
22. Our membership has boasted two WW II WASPs
23. Some of our chapter members visited the altitude chamber at George Air Force Base.
24. Our fly-in to Hemet in 1976 included a sailplane lesson!
25. In 1976, 16 of our members had their own airplanes!
26. Chapter member Marilyn Norton had a personalized license plate that read "9T9"
27. In 1977 there were two sets of mother-daughter members
28. During February 1978 there were 2 inches of snow reported at Brackett Field!
29. Chapter jackets were our "uniform" in 1978
30. In May 1978 some of our members fly Aviation Explorer Scouts to the USAF Academy
31. Our 99s 50th Anniversary yearbooks were donated to Mount San Antonio College and March Air Force Base
32. 1980 was the first year we helped with PCIFA (held in Hemet that year)
33. We have had our current P.O. Box address since 1982
34. SGV 99s Chapter dues increased from \$5 to \$10 a year in 1984
35. Our glass display case at Brackett Airport was built by Bob Sandhagen in 1984
36. Margaret Lawson and her husband flew a Mooney to Europe!
37. In April 1985 a glider was displayed on the lawn for a meeting at Vi Dobbins' home
38. There have been 7 Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners from our chapter
39. Margaret Mead is the only SGV 99s chapter member inducted into the Forest of Friendship
40. Our first Flying Companion seminar was held in April 1987 and 28 people attended
41. 1992 was the 1st year the chapter awarded "Pilot-of-the-Year"
42. The Fairplex and Brackett Field joined together for the Cal Aero Expo in 1993
43. Our members displayed their aircraft at the ONT terminal opening in Sept 1995
44. 2000 was the first year we presented a scholarship to a Mount San Antonio College student
45. Our 20th Annual Poker Run fundraiser was held in January, 2008
46. Our chapter launched it's own website in 2008 (<http://sgv.sws99s.org>)
47. The Chapter's longest continuous member is Margaret Lawson who joined in 1967
48. Our chapter membership has ranged from 6 to 51 over 50 years
49. A SGV 49½ is the International Copyright Attorney who obtained the copyright for our compass rose
50. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Flabob Airport in May of 2008



August 2008

6-10 (Thurs-Sun) 99s International Convention 2008 – Anchorage, Alaska

September 2008

10-14 (Wed-Sun) Reno Air Races – *K4SD* - Reno, NV

20 (Sat) Flabob Open House – *KRIR* - Rubidoux, CA  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm – SGV 99s Booth

25 (Thurs) Pomona Valley Pilots Association meeting – *KPOC* – La Verne, CA  
7:30 pm Brackett pilot lounge

October 2008

5 (Sun) SGV Chapter Fall Kickoff meeting – *Linda Rever's Home* – Pasadena, CA  
2 pm potluck – please RSVP to Linda ASAP

November 2008

8 (Sat) Flabob Veterans' Day Airshow – *KRIR* - Rubidoux, CA  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm - SGV 99s Booth

13 (Thurs) SGV Chapter meeting – *KPOC* – La Verne, CA  
7:30 pm Brackett pilot lounge (dinner @ 5:30 pm)

December 2008

TBD SGV Chapter Holiday Party and meeting – *Location TBD*  
Time TBD

January 2009

8 (Thurs) SGV Chapter meeting – *KPOC* – La Verne, CA  
7:30 pm Brackett pilot lounge (dinner @ 5:30 pm)

10-11 (Sat-Sun) Cable Air Show – *KCCB* – Upland, CA  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm - SGV 99s Booth

TBD SGV 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run – *Location TBD*  
Time TBD

February 2009

13-16 (Fri-Mon) PCIFA Safecon – San Jose, CA

May 2009

1-3 (Fri-Sun) Southwest Section Spring Meeting – *KGEU* - Glendale, CA

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world fellowship through flight

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networking and scholarship opportunities for women and  
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the unique history of women in aviation

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**"Adventure is worthwhile in itself."**  
Amelia Earhart