

# AirScoop

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Ninety-Nines, Inc., San Gabriel Valley Chapter

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### 99s Mission Statement

<u>PROMOTE</u>	world fellowship through flight
<u>PROVIDE</u>	networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community
<u>PRESERVE</u>	the unique history of women in aviation

## From the Chair:

A warm hello to all San Gabriel Valley 99's!

November was a busy month with the Veterans' Day celebration at Flabob and AOPA in San Jose. Many thanks to chapter member, Carol Joyner DPE, for her talk about preparing for a checkride. At our November 13th meeting she encouraged us to be prepared but also have fun as it is a learning experience. She stated that the examiner is trying to allow you to show what you know while keeping safety first. You should use situational awareness, good aeronautical decision making and all cockpit resources available to you. Carol is always willing to answer questions as you prepare for your next checkride. Good luck to all of our future women pilots and those advancing their ratings.

I hope to see you at our Christmas party, December 7, 2008 at 2PM at my house. The main dish will be roast beef and roast turkey breast. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. We will have a gift exchange, value of \$15.

We are preparing for our 2009 Poker Run on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Please ask for donations at your favorite restaurant, aviation or other business. This is our major fundraiser so we all need to help make it a success. Please use the letter included when asking for donations. These are tax deductible contributions. If you need flyers please let me know. Encourage any other pilots and instructors and their students to fly the Poker Run. It can be used as a cross country for students.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fly safe and see you on December 7th!

Linda

"If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why oh why can't I?"

E.V. Harburg

# SGV 99s in the Community

by Heather Lang

Recently, San Gabriel Valley 99s helped Girl Scouts from Hermosa Elementary School in Alta Loma earn their aviation badges. Led by Virginia Harmer, the 99s taught the scouts through a three-session program including a trip to Cable Airport for some hands-on learning.

The first day of the workshop, scouts learned about the aviation industry, including available careers and educational paths toward them. They had a chance to ask questions of professional pilot Christine Malcomson-Young, who brought each girl a bag of goodies she'd collected for them on recent flights. The girls also learned the phonetic alphabet, airport codes, and were introduced to charts. They were excited to receive charts of their own.

Next, using workbooks created by the Girl Scouts of Western Washington, the girls learned about the four forces of flight, including performing some experiments themselves. They also learned the names of an airplane's parts and instruments.

At the airport, the scouts had a chance to conclude their exploration of the parts of the plane in person. They also toured the facility, played an air traffic controller game, and made gliders.

To help the girls learn about female aviators, each scout was asked to read a book or article on a woman in aviation and share what she learned with the rest of the troop. Despite a few sighs at extra reading homework, the girls were quick to chime in with ideas for places to find books and articles.

In addition to Virginia and Christine, participating 99s were Mary Guest, Cathy Jameson, Heather Lang, Shyan Lassiter, Linda Rever, and Sheryl Sandhagan. Mary and Christine earned quite a few admirers by appearing in uniform, and more than one girl left with plans to be a pilot!

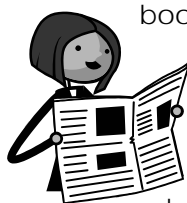
Virginia intends to help another Girl Scout troop earn badges in January, and she hopes to have dates and times at the December meeting for those who are interested in participating.

# Read any Good Books lately ?

by Mary Guest

In this busy holiday season the last thing any of us has time to do is sit down and read a book. Between shopping for the perfect gift for everyone on the list (including your 99s gift exchange!), stuffing the Turkey, and hanging the stockings by the chimney with care, reading seems like an indulgence. And, maybe it is. But I find that when times are extra busy, taking a few minutes for me is just what I need to reset my mind. Maybe you don't have time for a whole book, in which case, you can just pick a favorite chapter of a favorite book - which is just what I did when Traci asked me to write a short book review for this month's newsletter. I've wanted to compile a list and/or write reviews of some of my favorite aviation-themed books for our chapter for quite a while now. I thought it'd be a great way to share some amazing aviation history with each other and, hopefully, others will add to the list!!

Again, given than the holidays are busy, I thought I'd start with a book I know well; I decided to revisit the very first book I read once I decided to start flying. My father gave it to me and told me it was what every pilot needs to read: "Stick and Rudder: An Explanation of the Art of Flying" by Wolfgang Langewische. This is a book on the basics: things we all know, things we may have never full understood, things we THOUGHT we understood but, upon further review, realize we don't. Incidentally, it is a perfect



book (read: gift!) for those just beginning their adventure in aviating as well as those of us who've been slipping the surly bonds for a few years.

Immediately upon opening up to the first chapter - Wings - you'll notice that Langewische doesn't sound like anything else you may have read in aviation. He tells us to "Get rid at the outset of the idea that the airplane is only an air-going sort of automobile." He tells me that and I think, "who uses phrases like "air-going?" Well, Langewische first published Stick and Rudder in 1944 so that kind of tone and those kinds of phrases are found throughout the book. Once you get over the fact that he just sounds so different though, you'll feel like he's explaining things in the simplest manner, like he's an instructor with the uncanny ability to make you completely understand the physics and techniques of flying without even trying hard. In a completely refreshing manner, he writes as if he's speaking directly to you. He tackles all the main subjects of a basic flying manual: ailerons, rudders, torque, lift, drag but he does it in a way that answers the questions you may have always wanted to ask, but didn't.

So, during the next month or two, when you're not deciding between 'ham or turkey or both or tofurkey,' and you need a break from the crowds at the malls, I encourage you to take a few minutes and give yourself a bit of Langewische wisdom. You may not have time for the whole book, but just pick out a subject you may have always had questions about, flip to that chapter, and enjoy learning or re-learning a little bit about our favorite art: flying!! I promise you it'll be well worth it!

# Max Trescott's Battle of the Sexes

by Linda Rever

Renowned flight instructor, Max Trescott was the guest speaker at the AOPA 99s Breakfast sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. He presented some FAA statistics; women are 6.7% of CFI's showing a 26% growth versus 15% growth for male CFI's in the last 10 years, women are 6% of pilots, but 11% of student pilots, unchanged in the last 10 years.

He is studying this issue and has conducted surveys of women pilots and student pilots with some interesting findings. About 67% of women have male instructors while 33% have female instructors. The number of women not completing training with a male flight instructor was 3 times the number not completing training with a female instructor. 70% of women completing flight training have a family member who is also a pilot. Finally, starting flight training after the age of 50 years was associated with a higher incidence of not completing training. In the survey, women who did not complete training cited lack of time, money and no practical use for a pilot's license as reasons. Characteristics of female CFI's included more personable, courteous, empathetic, accepting, patient and professional while male CFI's characteristics included more unprepared, ego centered, use of improper language, difficult to schedule and dull.

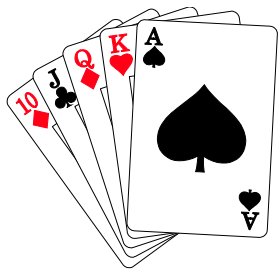
In conclusion, Mr. Trescott challenged all 99s to consider earning a CFI rating, mentoring a student pilot, providing extra support to those older students and those without a family member who is a pilot while supporting our local airports.



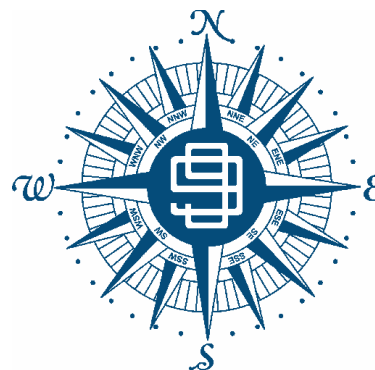
Max Trescott



Santa Clara Chapter member Emcee



# San Gabriel Valley 99s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run January 31, 2009



**Date:** Saturday, January 31, 2009 (No Rain Date)  
**Starting Point:** Cable Airport (CCB), Upland, California  
**Starting Time:** 8:00 am

Participants visit five airports in order with a barbeque meal provided at the last airport. At check-in, pilots receive information concerning the identities of the five airports and use flight planning proficiency and navigational skills to reveal the route. Provide correct route information to obtain take-off time, additional airport details, and the first card for each poker hand. All airplanes must be at the last airport and pilots checked in by 3:00pm. Winning poker hand(s) will be announced at the barbeque.

**NOTAM:** **Weather conditions must be VFR for this event.** If not, pre-paid poker hands are dealt and winning hand(s) are awarded prizes. (Winners need not be present). Call Virginia Harmer by 8:30 am on the 31<sup>st</sup> if unsure of weather conditions.

A donation of \$25 entitles the pilot to 2 poker hands and 2 meals. Additional meals and additional poker hands may be purchased for \$5 each. At the final airport, cards may be purchased for \$1 each at the poker table according to general poker rules.

Call Virginia Harmer (cell 909-214-8437) or (909-987-0087) or Linda Rever (cell 626-482-4820) or (626-683-9995).

Completed registration forms accepted at check-in on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

OR

Mail completed registration form no later than January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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San Gabriel Valley 99s is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible.

-----PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY - Mailed form must be postmarked by January 12, 2009-----

Pilot Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total participants in aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Type \_\_\_\_\_ Tail Number \_\_\_\_\_

2 meals + 2 poker hands	\$25.	x	1	=	\$25.00
Additional meal	5.	x	___	=	_____
Additional poker hands	5.	x	___	=	_____
TOTAL				=	_____



San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines  
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Dear Aviation Enthusiast:

The San Gabriel Valley 99s is a chapter of the International Organization of Women Pilots. We are a non-profit organization that promotes safety and education in aviation.

We award academic scholarships to pilots who have contributed notably to aviation safety awareness and are striving for advancement in the industry of aviation. We also make contributions to aviation organizations that promote safety, education and outreach to their communities.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run is Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This event is the main source of funding for our scholarships due to the generous donations of gift certificates, products, and services from businesses like yours. These contributions are tax deductible as we operate under tax-exempt status Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Any donation you choose to offer is greatly appreciated by our members and scholarship recipients.

Please consider helping us in our campaign by donating a prize for our event. Donations for this year's event should be sent by January 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure that your business name is included as a valued contributor to our organization. Please send donations to:

“SGV 99s 2009 Poker Run” at PO Box 314, La Verne, Ca 91750.

For donated items larger than a standard mailing envelope please send to

“SGV 99s 2009 Poker Run” 5995 Windemere Way, Riverside, Ca 92506.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run

San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines

# Upcoming Events Calendar

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## December 2008

7 (Sun)                      **SGV Chapter Holiday Party and meeting** – Linda Rever's Home  
2:00 pm

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## 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

24 (Sat)                    **Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting** – Lion's Gate Hotel,  
*Sacramento*

31 (Sat)                    **SGV 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run** – *Location TBD*  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## February 2009

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

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## April 2009

30-May 3 (Thurs-Sun)      **Southwest Section Spring Meeting** – *KGEU* - Glendale, CA

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## July 2009

22-26 (Wed-Sun)            **International Conference** - Chicago, IL

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## July 2010

TBD                         **International Conference** – *Kona Coast, HI*

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***"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."***

***Amelia Earhart***