



COYOTE NEWS

Coyote Country Chapter

February 2009

Chapter Meetings & Events

2009

- MARCH 17** Chapter Meeting 7:00pm TBA, Host: Suzanne LeMoine
- APRIL 21** Chapter Meeting 7:00pm TBA, Host: Ann Cryderman
- APRIL 30 - MAY 3** Southwest Section Spring Meeting, Glendale, Arizona.
Hosted by the Phoenix Chapter.
- JUNE 20-26** Air Race Classic - Denver, CO to Atlantic, IA
- JULY 22-26** Ninety-Nines International Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
Oshkosh AirVenture: Plan to stay over to visit Oshkosh for two days after the Conference.
- JULY 27 - AUG 2** EAA/AirVenture Oshkosh
- AUGUST 14-15** 40th Annual Palms to Pine Air Race
- SEPTEMBER 25-27** Southwest Section Fall Meeting - Grass Valley, CA

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Southwest Section Spring Meeting

The Southwest Section Spring Meeting will be held in Glendale, AZ from April 30 - May 3. If you are interested in attending, contact Mary McMahon. For more information see <http://www.sws99s.org/> then click on "[Spring Section Meeting](#)".

Fly-Ins

Let's try to plan some fly-ins for 2009. Location and date ideas needed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

28th Teresa Freeman

March

18th Barbara Brotherton

A Message from the SWS 99s Nominating Committee

Could It Be Magic?

In life, you usually get out of something exactly what you put into it, be it a piggy bank, a tool box, or an organization. 99s are tremendously capable, accomplished, and simply fascinating women. Each of them seem to be carrying out the 99s mission, soaring above and beyond just flying left seat. Funny thing is, no matter how hard you work for this organization, you always get out of it more than you put in! ...Magic!

Each of our Southwest Section Officers has made a commitment to serve us all. They represent us at International meetings, manage our funds, encourage struggling Chapters, and guide our Section. It takes dependable, responsible women with insight and capability.

Fortunately, much of the Section Officers' work is done via e-mail. It really doesn't take a huge time commitment to do some of these jobs. Of course, some ladies really throw themselves into it, delighting in visiting Chapters all around the Section.

The elected offices include: Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors, and five members of the Nominating Committee. Our next election will be held in 2010.

Have you noticed that each 99 who serves leaves a legacy reflecting her talents? Please take a

moment and consider yours... They may be just what we need! Don't be shy... nobody ever got a pilot's license that way. You just might want to test the waters by taking on a supporting role. Contact one of us on the Nominating Committee and let us help you become part of the Magic or visit www.SWS99s.org to download an application for office!

Your SWS Nominating Committee Members,

Julieann Sikora, Chair
Mercedes Eulitt
Rose Hollstrom
Marion Nauman
Sharon Raney

Ryan Air Attack Base, Hemet/Ryan Airport

Our February meeting was held on Sunday 2/22 at the Hemet/Ryan Airport. We had a wonderful brunch at the Hanger 1 Cafe. We then took a wonderful tour of the Ryan Air Attack Base given by the awesome CAL FIRE staff. Ryan Air Attack Base has been in service for nearly 50 years. It is named after the late Claude T. Ryan who is most famous for having designed the Spirit of St. Louis airplane, and who began the Ryan School of Aeronautics in Hemet during WWII.

CAL FIRE operates a joint Air Attack/Helitack Base at the Hemet/Ryan Airport. Ryan Air Attack Base is statistically one of the most active in the nation. The base provides initial attack aircraft service to over 17 thousand square miles of private, state, and federally owned lands.

The fleet consists of one UH-1H "Super Huey" Helicopter, one OV-10 Bronco and two S2-T Airtankers. Tankers 72 and 73 assigned to Hemet/Ryan are the "T" (turbine) models with 1200-gallon retardant capacity versus the 800-gallon limit in the older "A" models. Air Attack 310 is an OV-10 two place twin turbine. As the pilot flies the plane, the Air Tactical Group Supervisor coordinates the airtankers and helicopters to critical areas of the fire for crew deployment, retardant and water drops. The retardant used to slow or retard the spread of a fire is a slurry mix consisting of a chemical salt compound, water, clay or a gum as a thickening agent. At nine pounds per gallon an S-2T can carry 10,800 pounds.

I would like to thank Captain Bob Innes and Engineer Ray Cordova for taking the time to show us around. We are grateful for the staff at CAL FIRE and the vital role they play in protecting Southern California.



Pictured from left to right: Tammy, Mary, Carol, Shannon, Ann, Barbara, Kimlien



Pictured: Ann and Shannon in the OV-10 Bronco.

Aviation Links

Landings <http://www.landings.com>

A page with tons of aviation resources!

AVweb <http://www.avweb.com>

Aviation news online

Blue Yonder Girl <http://blueyondergirl.com> - Pilot gear for the pilot girl! Lots of cute T-shirts and hats for the female flyer or kids who love aviation.

Girls with Wings <http://www.girlswithwings.com>

A site dedicated to encouraging young girls to consider a future in aviation.

Female Firsts in Commercial Aviation <http://www.iswap.org/html/firsts.html>

WASPs <http://wingsacrossamerica.us/wasp/>

These pioneers & heroines paved the way for all women with dreams of wings!

Flight Aware <http://flightaware.com/>

Tells you real time speed, altitude, and position of your selected airline or general aviation flights!

Airliner.net <http://www.airliners.net/>

Over 1 million aviation photos

Aviation Humor

A Huey Cobra practicing autorotations during a military night training exercise had a problem and landed on the tail rotor, separating the tail boom. Fortunately, it wound up on its skids, sliding down the runway doing 360s in a brilliant shower of sparks. As the Cobra passed the tower, the following exchange was overheard:

Tower: "Sir, do you need any assistance?"

Cobra: "I don't know, tower. We ain't done crashin' yet!"

The story goes that an F-4 pilot out of MCAS Beaufort, SC flew under the Savannah, Ga. bridge (possible). The RIO was so mad that he threatened to eject if the pilot attempted it again.

The pilot proceeded to do it again... inverted!
