

In lieu of a February newsletter, the Chairman's Note:

Death Valley Fly-Out! Fantastic weather! Erin and I flew over in the 150. Despite missing the large note on Char's airplane that she would be at the inn, we ate lunch at the ranch and toured the two museums. It did take a loooooong time for the 150 to reach an acceptable altitude to cross the mountains.

Carol, Erin, Lynne H., and I attended the Winter Business Meeting in Camarillo in January. The informational agenda was enlightening and seeing a great number of 99s that I know well was, as always, a nice surprise. Staying at Lynne's Friday night was even better! She has a lovely place near the beach.

A few factual highlights from the meeting:

- 1 When posting photos of the 99s on Facebook or other social media, make sure they reflect the 99s mission statement, i.e., the Christmas photo should state something about being a fundraiser for our scholarship fund.
- 2 Women of Aviation Worldwide Week: their event takes place the first week or so in March. This year they are celebrating 100 years of combat flying. I encourage you to google their site and register to receive updates. Next year, I would like our chapter to sponsor some type of essay contest with aviation- focused schools. Jacqui Sickles (Bakersfield Chapter) and I are going to put together some ideas for both our chapters.
- 3 Issues with 'gambling events' were discussed. I will be seeking board approval to send an application to the CA gambling control group. The fee is \$100 but is well worth it in order to maintain our non-profit status. I spoke with Judy McCarthy (Ventura County Chapter) who has done this for their Casino Night. She gave me some specific instructions on how to do it properly.

Congratulations to Erin (IFR) and Nancy (CFI) for passing through written exams. Nancy and J. J. are officially signed up for the Air Race Classic. Let's put some energy into helping them complete the process!