

# SUTTER BUTTES

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## 8 MARCH Meeting Tidbits

April 17<sup>th</sup> - National Stand-down Day – Safety Seminar will be held at the Nevada County Airport Sandy Mills will outline potential ways for our Chapter to participate by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Chapter meeting**, following safety seminar. Will include nomination of new officers.

April 30 - May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spring Section Meeting in Concord, CA. SB 99s Representatives may include: Carol Andrews, Thelma, Cull, Valarie Bush, Shana Nussbaum, and Mary Fairbanks

July 5-9<sup>th</sup> – International Conference in Hawaii  
<http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/conference.htm>

July 17<sup>th</sup> - Our chapter will participate in the EAA event, type and scope of involvement is yet to be determined, contact Sandy Mills for more info.

July 27 – Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Oshkosh

Alta Sierra airport association has requested further airmarking, contact Valarie Bush for info.

## SURVEY SAYS...

13 members responded concerning the future of the SB 99s. Top three areas to focus on in 2010:

Community Education – Adults, **18.5%**

**Flying Companion Seminars 33.3%**

Safety Seminars 26.7%

Refresher Courses 23.3%

Developing Women pilots **16.7%**

**Scholarships – private/advanced 13.5%**

Mentor programs 11.5%

Lessons at meetings 1.5%

Tips/tricks in newsletter 9.6%

Flying Activities **13.0%**

**Fly-Ins (everyone flies to meet somewhere) 35.7%**

Flying Competitions (landings, etc.) 21.4%

Fly-Outs (meet and fly somewhere) 17.9%

Overwhelming response to WHY DID YOU ORIGINALLY JOIN THE 99S? To connect and associate with other women pilots

## Local Airport Profile: Columbia (O22)



Where?

Within 100 miles southeast of Sacramento

Facilities?

Asphalt Runway, 2600x100, 2100' elevation

Fuel

Airport Campground

DO you remember to check for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) when you go for a flight? Doing so could save you some major embarrassment or unplanned re-routing. For graphical TFRs, check out <http://map.aeroplanner.com/mapping/TFR.cfm> Click on the colored areas in your area. In the Sutter Buttes area, there is typically a TFR in the vicinity of Beale for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. In the summer it is extremely important to check before flights in case there are restrictions associated with firefighting operations. Remember that UTC refers to Universal Time Coordinate, also referred to as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) or Zulu time. A TFR effective *1004051855 UTC UNTIL 1004060055 UTC* is for April 5, 2010 from 1855Z to 0055z. Subtract 7 hours to convert to Pacific time when daylight savings is in effect, 8 hours otherwise.

## VFR Vitamin



## IFR Insight

The beautiful weather around here means most of us practice IFR approaches are in VFR conditions. Here are a couple options to make the best use of flight following:

- Request clearance for the practice approach. You will be expected to remain VFR, maintain VFR cloud clearances but should get traffic advisories
- Request 'pop-up' IFR clearance. You should be assigned a new squawk, controller should confirm radar contact, and may assign a new altitude to comply with MEA where you are. This way you can maintain the integrity of the approach by even if there are a few clouds around and VFR traffic will be vectored around you.

Check out our new FACEBOOK PAGE! Just go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search for Sutter Buttes 99s!

### Forum Talk from *Int'l forums & Facebook*

GoodSearch will donate a \$1 for every toolbar downloaded between April 6th - 9<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/ninety-nines-99s-endowment-fund-international-organization-of-woman-pilots>

Love animals and need an excuse to fly? Check this out <http://pilotsnpaws.org/>

[mypilottests.com](http://mypilottests.com) has a wide range of practice tests by knowledge area

For the next newsletter, please tell your favorite spot in the area to fly to for lunch and what you like to eat when you get there. You can post on facebook or e-mail [af\\_shana@yahoo.com](mailto:af_shana@yahoo.com).

If you would like to receive the newsletter by snail mail, just let me know. For those who request a print copy, please also let me know if you intend to use the facebook site. We respect that many members have personal or practical reasons, and want to make sure you are not left out of the conversation. By letting me know I can add a synopsis to your e-mailed or mailed newsletter!

“There is an art . . . to flying. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

— Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.*'