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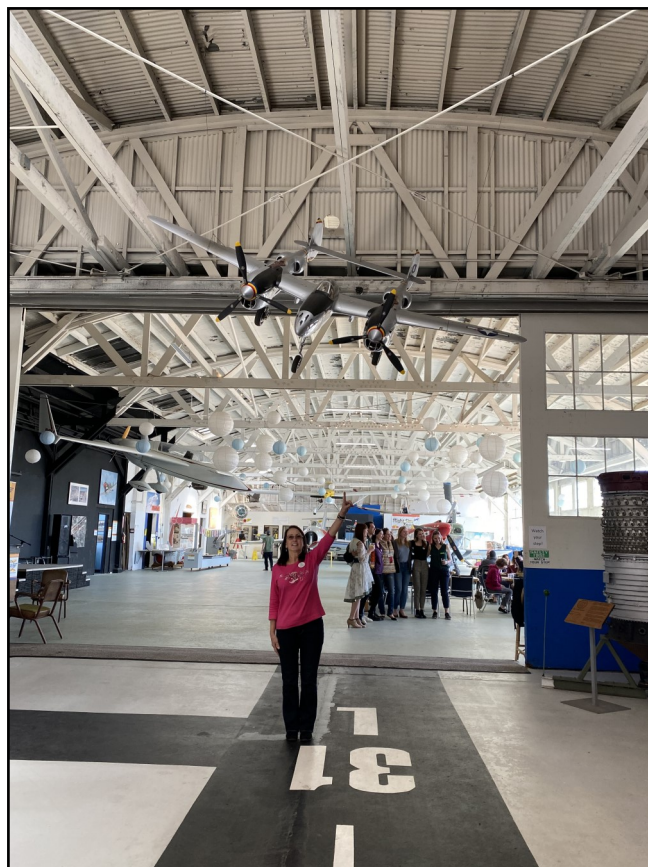
Michaele @ Oakland Aviation Museum

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## MEETING

April 20th (Wednesday)  
 EAA 119 hangar @ WVI  
 7 p.m. LIVE

## The Ninety-Nines Mission Statement:

"The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."

## Monterey Bay 99s Chapter Officers

**Chair:** Jeanne Sabankaya  
**Vice-Chair:** Mona Kendrick  
**Secretary:** Carolyn Dugger  
**Treasurer:** Alice Talnack

### Committee Chairs

**Aerospace Education:** Alice Talnack  
**Air Marking:** Michaela Serasio  
**Scholarship:** Alice Talnack  
**Membership:** Kay Harmon  
**Historian:** Carolyn Dugger  
**Librarian:** Laura Barnett  
**Aviation Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Legislative:** Alice Talnack  
**WebMistress:** Gabrielle Adelman  
**Public Relations** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hospitality Chair:** Joanne Nissen  
**Logbook Editor:** Jeanne Sabankaya

The 5th of the month is a soft deadline to submit articles, photos, notes for the current month's publication. Send info to [jeannesabankaya@gmail.com](mailto:jeannesabankaya@gmail.com)



## Member Activities

(information are from the members that attended the general meeting)

### Behind-the-scene committees

WAAC—Marjorie Bachman, Sarah Chauvet

WEACT—Theresa L/Byers, Jeanne Sabankaya

SPA –Kay Harmon

Hollister Airport—Kay Harmon

Palms-to-Pines Air Race—Theresa L/Byers, Jeanne Sabankaya

(please update the committees and members by sending Jeanne an email. Thanks)



Michaela and Jeanne attended Bay Cities 99s 90th anniversary at the Oakland Aviation Museum. The plane we are standing in front of is a KitFox made and donated by Gabby Adelman.

The director of the museum said that kids love this plane and when asked if they could imagine seeing the plane in the sky, what would they see. **Dragon** (the blue plane is camouflaged)

# Prop Wash

by Jeanne Sabankaya

**Giving support to our sister chapters.** Bay Cities Chapter and the Monterey Bay chapters have been interchanging activities actively for the last few years. When they had their fly-out to the Monterey Airport, our members went there and joined them for a lunch along with stories of flying and meeting some of their interesting members. The ladies came from three different airports. When we had the air marking at the Hollister Airport, Bay Cities had about 7 of their members helped out. Last month, they were celebrating their 90th anniversary as a chapter at the Oakland Aviation Museum. Michaela and I joined them. Sometimes when our chapter seems a bit flat, we can always piggy back onto another chapter's event and have fun that way. Keep your eyes open for such opportunities and participate when you can. It's always fun when you can talk aviation and meet like-minded women aviators.

**Encountering a helium filled Mylar balloon during flight.** Observing a balloon that has just been released slowly take flight into the air, one doesn't think how the characteristics change once that balloon is airborne. At high altitudes, where air pressure decreases, the helium inside the balloon increases and expands the balloon to a point when it pops. Upon doing an internet search, one research group tracked a helium filled balloon up to 29,537 feet before it popped.

While flying around 3,000 feet, I observed a silver speck on the horizon and within minutes I realized it was a Mylar filled helium balloon coming right toward my plane at a very fast speed. I had just seconds to turn the nose away from the balloon as it whizzed past me. I had no idea that a balloon could move that fast! When I was on the ground I let my imagination wander a bit to the question of "What would happen if the balloon popped and blocked the air intake?" My friend Petra and other pilots have told me it's like winning the lottery; almost impossible that such an occurrence could happen. Anything from a bird strike to other objects blocking the air intake would affect the internal combustion engine and any air flow. It would be an emergency descent & 7700.

Mylar and helium filled balloons are a menace for pilots and for the environment. In a recent article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel it identified some of the problems such as choke and entanglement situations when wildlife encounter the balloons. Also tie offs, clips and strings from a freed balloon are serious issues when wildlife mistakes them for food. I was on a whale watching boat enjoying the ocean and observing the whales, dolphins, and leatherback turtle. Everyone spotted something red bobbing in between the waves. It was a red balloon. It was amazing how quickly my boat and another boat communicated with each other to decide who was going to retrieve the balloon. Balloons are a serious issue so when you can, please educate whenever you can the dangers of balloons both in the water, land, and in the sky.

# MONTEREY BAY 99s' PERPETUAL CALENDAR

## April

MB99s ballots distributed for new officers—Bi-Annual

Southwest Spring Section Meeting in Chandler, Arizona (April 7-10)

## May

MB99s Scholarship Award & Luncheon

International elections

Monterey Bay chapter's election

## June

Chapter Reports Due to International MB99s – History & Scrapbook Remembrance/Updates Identify pilots for Section Award @ Fall SWS meeting

## July

International Conference Officer Installation – Bi-annual Installation – Forest of Friendship Membership donations due  
Share the Holidays – start collecting toys

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**When selecting your charity, go to International Organization of Women Pilots, SWS, Monterey Bay chapter.**

Did you know that Amazon gives a small percentage to our chapter if you select the Monterey Bay 99s charity and order from Smile.Amazon? This is one of our income sources.

Some of the Smile.Amazon orders arrive just as quickly as Amazon Prime, in most cases.

You can have both Smile.Amazon and Amazon Prime accounts.

**Select Monterey Bay Chapter of the Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines as your charity to support.**

## FAA Medical Examiners

I just received post cards in the mail from two

FAA Medical examiners. I chose to renew my medical certificate using Basic Meds this time. If you want an in-person flight physical appointment, here are two examiners available.

### **Dr. Robert Keller**

**831-373-1100**

(Senior Aviation Medical Examiner)

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### **Dr. Peter W. Brown**

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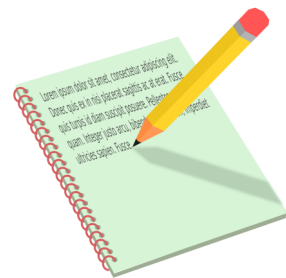
(Senior FAA medical examiner. Board certified family practice, U.S.N.R. retired...pilot since 1975, 40 years o helping airmen and expediting process)

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## Submission for Logbook

Please send me pictures, articles, personal stories, etc. to share with our readers. I do not want to monopolize the Logbook with all my pictures and stories. Thanks you from your Logbook editor. Jeanne S.



## First Saturday—Kids Fly Free

Please contact the Watsonville EAA 119 to see how you can help. They especially need pilots with planes. There were over 50 kids signed up but only 2 pilots. Please sign-up to help, if you can. Contact Tom Hail @ 831-531-8440. 9 a.m.



# NEWS

## Air Time

The Salinas airport is entering the 21st century with potential commercial flights and unmanned aircraft.

By David Schmalz

Imagine you're flying into Monterey Regional Airport and the runway is fogged in, and instead of your plane being diverted to Fresno, Bakersfield or San Jose, it could instead land in Salinas.

And imagine that you land at San Jose or San Francisco and need to get to Monterey County, and instead of driving on a road, you can travel in an electric, unmanned vertical takeoff and landing aircraft—called eVTOL, in industry lingo.

That's the vision in mind for the Salinas Municipal Airport, which is going through an update to its master plan, last revised in 2004.

Airport Manager Brett Godown presented the Salinas City Council with the vision for the master plan update on March 8, explaining how he and his staff are seeking to modernize the airport and make it more of an asset going forward. The only councilmember expressing reservations was Anthony Rocha, who cited

a recent, peer-reviewed study at two airports in Santa Clara County that found elevated amounts of lead in the air. (Both airports have since shifted to strictly unleaded fuel for aircraft.)

"I wasn't hearing much about these environmental justice concerns happening at other airports," Rocha says.

**"I would love to fly out of Salinas, that would be amazing."**

Godown welcomes that feedback—"We need those checks and balances for someone to hold us accountable," he says.

One potential project is a runway expansion; currently, the Salinas Airport's two runways are not long enough to accommodate Monterey's fleet, Godown says. The longest runway in Salinas is 6,000 feet, and he estimates it would need to be lengthened to 7,000 feet. Further study is required to hone in on the exact min-



Salinas Municipal Airport currently averages 207 planes daily, but is not large enough to accept commercial flights. The airport has a workforce of 185 people.

imum length.

Mayor Kimbley Craig expressed excitement about that possibility: "I would love to fly out of Salinas, that would be amazing."

The vision, Godown says, is not to compete with the Monterey Regional for commercial traffic, but to be a viable backup option if fog delays landings and takeoffs in MRY.

"We want to play our part in the region, but that requires us to do significant analysis of whether we can accept the fleet that comes into Monterey," Godown says, both from a financial and environmental standpoint.

Another prospective development is a research and development facility at the airport for eVTOL aircraft. Already, eVTOL testing is happening at the airport now by a Silicon Valley startup, Archer. That was precipitated, Godown says, after he and some

fellow staff members traveled to Silicon Valley about three years ago and met with executives from Boeing and Airbus, telling them about the opportunities Salinas offers. Some of those executives from Airbus went on to form Archer—an eVTOL startup—and later came knocking.

Godown says Salinas is the "perfect place" for such testing for a host of reasons: Its proximity to the Bay Area and Santa Cruz, and the fact that south of the airport is miles of unpopulated agricultural fields. And there's also mountains, and sea nearby. "You get all the geographic and atmospheric [elements] to prove the aircraft," he says.

Godown says public meetings will be held throughout the planning process. While the final draft plan likely won't be done until fall of 2023, "the idea is to incrementally release portions when they're finished." ★

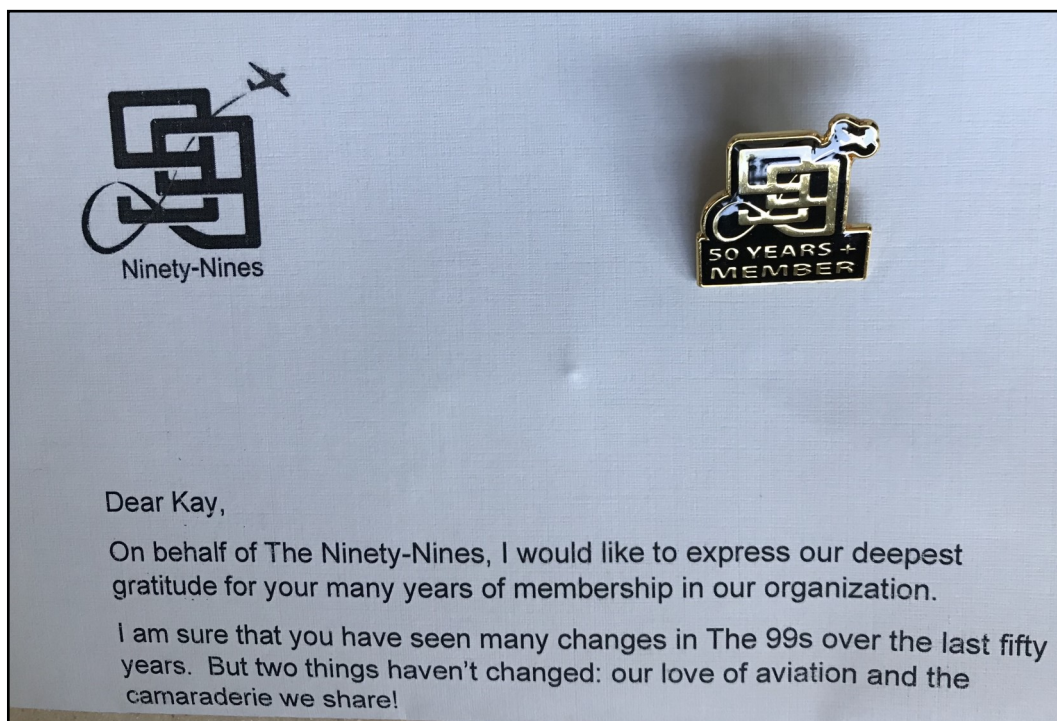
## 2022 Scholarship available from Salinas Pilots Association

The Salinas Pilots Association is awarding one \$2,000.00 scholarship to a resident of Monterey County (16 years and older) pursuing a pilot's license or other aviation related license (i.e. mechanic, instrument, CFI, rotorcraft, etc).

The application can be found on the website [salinaspilots.org](http://salinaspilots.org) and attached to this newsletter.

Submission deadline is June 15, 2022. The judges will decide on a winner by July 15, 2022

Kay Harmon is duly awarded a pin from The Organization of Women Pilots



## Elections are Here

The Organization of Women Pilots is currently holding its election (through April 31st) Your electronic ballot should have been send out to you. Look on the web site if you didn't find one.

Monterey Bay 99s is working on finding candidates to run for office.. If you don't volunteer, you might be asked to run. Please keep in mind that many of our senior members have run numerous times in most offices. We are looking for different energy and hope you can contribute your time. Our election will be in May. See March's Logbook for the descriptions of each position and the By-Laws that govern the election. Thank you

## **Subject: Salinas Airport Administration Offices Moving**



**Date:** March 29, 2022 at 3:38:54 PM PDT

Dear Airport Tenants, Businesses, and Associates:

I wanted to provide you with a rather significant update regarding airport administration, operations, and maintenance (AOM) activities. In the coming months, AOM will be relocating and consolidating from 10 locations/facilities to 2. For many years, AOM activities have been spread throughout the airport. The AOM functions will be relocating to 342 Airport Blvd (the old Mosquito Abatement Facility). As of this week, Airport Staff began relocating maintenance activities. We are hopeful maintenance activities will be fully relocated by the end of April. We estimate the Airport Administration and Operation staff will relocate around mid-May. The administration move is fully contingent on setting up the City Network within the new facility.

The City will maintain the 30 Mortensen Ave mailing address for several months and provide several updates and notifications when we transition to the new mailing address. If you have been attending the pilot Association (SPA) meetings, or the monthly safety and security meetings, we have discussed this transition since January 2022.

The number one question we receive is, what are we going to do with the City Facilities that we will be vacating? We are going to rent out most of the spaces.

The second question we receive is, did the City buy the new building? No, in January 2020, the Mosquito Abatement District quitclaimed the building to the City at zero cost to the City. The quitclaim was a condition of the lease being offered to the District.

As we get closer to the Administration and Operation move, we will publicize more information and hopefully do an open house after we are settled in.

Sincerely,

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**Southwest Section Conference** is on July 7-10, 2022. The following one-minute report will be shared at the conference about our chapter. Information is based on activities since the last conference in the Fall of 2021.

- Delivered to 25 aviation businesses cookies and info flyers about the 99 organization
- April is our last month to man a booth during Second Saturday talking about the 99s and spreading the word at the airport. Limited foot traffic.
- Organizing Palms to Pines Air Race fly-by location at the Salinas Airport (KSNS)
- Still having Zoom meetings but will begin hybrid or live meetings starting in April
- Watsonville Airport – (KWVI) is working with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District to provide educational field trips to the airport to their fourth graders. The EAA is just one of four sites on the airport and has its own presentations and the 99s will be there to provide woman power, talk about women pilots, and have female pilots present along w/ their planes
- Will be working with Young Eagles on First Saturday to give support to EAA, educate youth & show female pilot presence.

Submitted by Jeanne Sabankaya  
Monterey Bay 99s chairperson

## Palms to Pines Air Race

If anyone is interest in participating, registration for women pilots is now open. The \$300 early-bird fee is for 2 pilots or whomever is in the plane. Money also will be diverted for scholarships and basic expenses. There will be trophies and prizes for the various categories of participation and a special banquet at Madras, Oregon (the end point).

Anyone who is interested in being a timer or spotter should notify Jeanne or Theresa. Training is scheduled for May . We will still need extra people to help with the sack snacks, help with ground control, information, and directing access to help. Of course, everyone is welcomed to come and watch; just don't get in the way of those racers!

Flyer is attached

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## **Calendar of Events**

April 7-10	Spring SWS meeting Chandler, Arizona hosted by Phoenix Chapter
April 20	7 pm—chapter meeting - LIVE @ EAA 119 hangar WVI
April 22, 29	9 am EAA 119 hangar—PVUSD fourth grader tour
May 7	9 am EAA 119 hangar—Young Eagles
May 6, 20	9 am EAA 119 hangar—PVUSD fourth grader tour
May TBA	Saturday @ Sandy Pratt's (bring sack lunch) near Barnyard, Carmel
July 6-10, 2022	Charleston, South Carolina International meeting
Sept. 14-21	African section meeting—Rwanda
Fall 2022	(pending) Fall SWS meeting—Air Hearts, Utah
Dec. 2022	India Section Meeting—Delhi
2023	Jordan (Francis Marion Hotel) International meeting
2024	Vancouver, British Columbia International meeting