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Geneva Cranford

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Our beloved Geneva, a charter member of the MB99s, flew to new horizons on July 25 at the age of 88. Above, Geneva completes a skydiving jump from 15,000 feet on her 80th birthday in a gold lamé jumpsuit she designed and made herself for the occasion.

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August Chapter Meeting

The August meeting will begin at **6pm** on Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the EAA hangar at WVI. **Fly-In Work Party & Pot Luck Dinner.** Exit Hwy 1 at Airport Blvd., go toward hills, turn left after 3rd stop-light (Hangar Way) onto Aviation Way, proceed past WVI terminal and Zuniga's restaurant. EAA hangar and parking lot is on the left.

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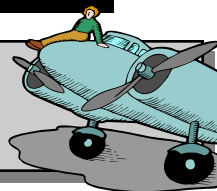
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Prop Wash By Alice Talnack



It's showtime! That is, "Watsonville Fly-In & Airshow 2011" showtime.

This month's MB99s meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. instead of our regular 7:00 p.m. time. That gives us time to enjoy our traditional potluck dinner before we roll up our sleeves and get to work on what we need to do for our airshow responsibility of Pilot Registration.

For the pilot registration to go smoothly, we need all available chapter members to attend and help out. And we can always use volunteers from the community that are not 99s (yet). This a great opportunity to highlight all that The 99s does to support aviation.

Before I close this article I want to say how impressed I was at the 2011 Ninety-Nines International Conference held in Oklahoma City. From the time I joined The 99s I have wanted to visit our headquarters and museum. I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and seeing the new compass rose tile design. If you have not been to headquarters ever or recently, I recommend you add a visit to your list of things to do.

Tip those wings to say thanks to the tower staff,
Alice

22 Sharp MB99s!

Listed below are 22 brilliant, wonderful women who paid their dues to the Chapter. If you haven't paid your \$15 please do so now. **Make check payable to Monterey Bay 99s and send to Sarah Chauvet, 147 Mesa Verde Dr., Watsonville CA 95076.** Our local dues run from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. You'll be in the company of these great women:

Gabrielle Adelman
Earline Arnold
Olive Bundgard
Sarah Chauvet
Donna Crane-Bailey
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Monterey Bay 99s Membership Meeting

July 20, 2011

Attendance: Alice Talnack, Donna Crane-Bailey, Mona Kendrick, Kryss Crocker, Carolyn Dugger, Kay Harmon, Theresa Levandoski-Byers, Laura Barnett, Dena Taylor

Guests: Ashley Egan, Claudia Contreras, Mary Doherty, Becky Taylor, Dena's grandsons

Donna Crane-Bailey: Tonight's bio question: Have you ever had an experience where you felt a less than positive attitude toward you as a pilot?

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report delivered by Alice Talnack in Sarah Chauvet's absence.
- Sarah has filed the paperwork in accordance with new CA state regulations to establish the MB99's chapter as a non-profit organization.
- Budget June 2010-May 2011 attached.
- Draft of proposed budget for next year distributed.

Secretary's Report

Kay Harmon moved that the June minutes as published in the Logbook be approved. Motion passed.

Reports and Unfinished Business

- Donna Crane--Bailey needs a liaison for Girl Scouts Workshop. Carolyn Dugger volunteered.
- Donna Crane-Bailey needs volunteers to design decorations for the Southwest Section Meeting. Carolyn Dugger, Alice Talnack, and Dena Taylor volunteered to help.
- Flying activities: Paso Robles trip will be rescheduled.
- Donna Crane-Bailey, Alice Talnack, and Michael Sersasio reported on International Conference.

New Business

- Alice Talnack: everyone should get busy hanging up WWI Fly-In posters!
- Winter Business Meeting update: Alice Talnack is negotiating motel room rates; menu under discussion; needs drivers to pick up attendees at the airport.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Program

Showing of the film *Breaking Through the Clouds: the First National Women's Air Derby*.

Submitted by Mona Kendrick, Secretary

Fall Section Meeting in Durango

For everyone planning on attending, be sure that you make your hotel reservations before 9/20 which is the cut-off date for the 99s room rate for both hotels. Also if you're planning on going on the train ride to Silverton on Friday, be sure to send in your registration right away as space is limited. Also for anyone with health issues the altitude at Silverton is over 9,000 ft.

Updated registration documents for Durango are available at <http://sws99s.org>. The room block for both hotels is guaranteed until 9/20. After that the rooms can be released to other customers. Also the Fly Market will be open on Friday as well.

Remembering Geneva

When I think of something, I'm going to do it!
Geneva Cranford

Those words epitomize Geneva Cranford. From learning to fly to designing and building the official Ninety-Nines booth, to carving the plaque which resides at Ninety-Nines' Headquarters in Oklahoma City, to creating the bear that brought in the highest amount of money at the Annual Conference in Anchorage to creating her own clothes and shoes. . . The list of Geneva's accomplishments could go on for many pages.

Pictures show the plaque carved like the official Ninety-Nines membership pin;



the booth designed by Geneva that now resides in the front window at Headquarters; Geneva in one of the outfits she designed and made; Jam Bear from the Annual Conference in Anchorage; and Geneva's beloved, pristine Thunderbird with Ninety-Nines members from all over the area who gathered for Geneva's Memorial on August 1, 2011.

Fly high, Geneva, you have enriched all of our lives immeasurably.



WATSONVILLE FLY-IN & AIR SHOW
Friday, Saturday & Sunday- Sept. 2, 3 & 4

YOU'RE INVITED TO STOP BY
EAA 119— OPEN HANGAR —Noon - 5 PM

Classic Movie
Friday 8:00 PM

Guest Speaker
Saturday 4:00 PM

Kid Zone
Daily

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday & Sunday
7am – 11am

The Watsonville Air Show is on Labor Day weekend, September 2-4. Our chapter handles the judging of the aircraft on static display. Judging the aircraft is a great job; we can get up close and look at the airplanes and meet the owners. If you like building airplanes, fine restoration work, or just like airplanes in general this is a job for you!

We work Friday afternoon (Sept.2) and all day Saturday (Sept. 3). Anyone interested in being a judge, please contact Leslie Grate: 831-588-1451. Interested in helping the judges: contact Mary Doherty 831-331-7965. Anyone interested in doing judging photography (Saturday Sept. 3 only), contact Brian Moffet: moffetb@cruzio.com

Member Activities



Donna Crane-Bailey	International 2011, Oklahoma Headquarters
Kryss Crocker	Local
Kay Harmon	SOPA mtg; SNS Airport Tenant Day
Theresa Levandoski-Byers	Local; BFL
Michael Serasio	International 2011, Oklahoma Headquarters
Alice Talnack	International 2011, Oklahoma Headquarters

A Few Highlights from The 99s Conference in Oklahoma City

By Mary Doherty, et al

The 99s Headquarters and Museum



Above, Alice, Donna and Michaela at Headquarters putting their best foot forward per instructions by Alice! Below, Alice, Donna and Michaela stand on the new tiled Compass Rose trying to locate just where the Monterey Bay Chapter tile is located.



To the right above, the Board Room at Headquarters where the plaque carved by Geneva Cranford resides. Visitors to Headquarters are photographed using the plaque as a background; bottom right, a couple of the rolling shelves in the Museum archives where our history is stored.



Above, Alice and other members look at Amelia's scarf that was flown to the ISS by astronaut Randy Bresnik and back to honor both Amelia and his grandfather who was Amelia's friend and photographer. In 1995, astronaut and 99 Eileen Collins also took one of Amelia's scarves into space.



Meeting Shannon Walker, Astronaut



Left, International President Susan Larson, Director Joan Kerwin, Astronaut Shannon Walker and Sherry Walker, Shannon's mother. Shannon and her mother are both 99s and together they own a Piper Warrior. Right, Shannon on the far right with fellow crew members onboard Soyuz TMA-19. As you can see it is a tight fit!



Shannon Walker began her professional career with the Rockwell Space Operations Company at the Johnson Space Center in 1987 as a robotics flight controller for the Space Shuttle Program. During her career she applied many times to be in the astronaut program. She continually pursued things that interested her and that gave her a desirable skill set. In 1999, Walker moved to Moscow, Russia to work with the Russian Space Agency and its contractors in the areas of avionics integration for the ISS as well as integrated problem solving for the ISS. She returned to Houston in 2000 after a year in Russia and became the technical lead for the ISS MER as well as the Deputy Manager of the On-Orbit Engineering Office. Shannon was selected by NASA as an Astronaut in 2004.

Shannon chose to be part of the Soyuz program because that allowed her the opportunity to be the co-pilot. Dr. Walker launched and served as flight engineer (co-pilot) of Russian Soyuz spacecraft, TMA-19, on June 15, 2010 for a long duration mission aboard the International Space Station. She again served as a Flight Engineer during landing, which occurred November 25, 2010. The entire mission lasted 163 days, 161 of them aboard the Station.

Shannon showed a very funny video of trying to wash her hair on the space station. She commented that the food gets monotonous and she really missed showers. But 16 sunrises and sunsets per 24 hours was amazing.

Joan Kerwin had a watch owned by Amelia Earhart. She gave it to Shannon before her Soyuz journey. At the Conference, Shannon presented it back to Joan. So, within the last two years, Amelia's scarf and her watch have been to the edge of space.

A Truly International Experience



Michaela Serasio with Nivedita (Niv) Bhasin, Governor of the India Section. Next to them are Sabina Shrestha and Monica Prajapati of the Nepal Section.



A delighted Michaela modeling the sari lent to her by her roommate Niv for the Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

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*Aug. 17, 2011———MB99s Chapter Meeting: Fly-In work party & dinner
6pm, WVI, EAA Bldg.*

*Sept. 2-4, 2011———WVI Fly-In and Airshow
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Oct. 16, 2011———WVI Open House

*Oct. 23-25, 2011———South Central & Southwest Joint Section Meeting
Durango, CO*

*Jan. 28, 2012———Winter Business Meeting
Santa Cruz, Dream Inn*