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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."

Our general meeting is **Wednesday, June 17th**

@ 7 p.m. via Conference Call

A few minutes before 7 p.m., dial **1-605-475-3235**. When prompted for the pin number type **269856#**

Remember to announce yourself before speaking since no one will be able to see you..

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Member Activities



It's a great time to fly! Went to see my Dentist in Napa and remembered hardly any planes in the air so I asked for clearance thru Bravo. Wow it was a nice flight there and back.
Mercedes



About cover photo: 2 sets of planes, Alpha and Bravo. Mercedes is the silver plane (on left) in Bravo group. Her husband, Sean Farrell on right. Lead pilot is Scott Randolph (from Watsonville). Alpha team went right and Bravo team went left to make the heart. New team name is Lightning Formation Airshows sponsored by Lightspeed.

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Prop Wash



June 2020 Prop Wash

Theresa brought to my attention, a recent comment from Women in Aviation concerning an acknowledgement of deceased members of the WASPS on Memorial Day. I am writing this prop wash on what always seems to me to be the traditional Memorial Day, the last day of May. It made me reflect on 'our' own WASP, Gene Fitzpatrick. I have asked Jeanne to include a couple of articles about Gene in future issues of the LOGBOOK. Former chapter member, Lynn Hsia, (now of Antelope Chapter), current member, Carolyn among others had Gene as their flight instructor. We collectively believe her ashes were scattered on the family property at Rocky Creek (the arch bridge prior to Bixby Bridge is above that creek) along Hwy 1 on the way to Big Sur. Perhaps next year without COVID 19 restrictions, we might just distribute some flowers off that bridge come Memorial Day.

This is my last prop wash for the Chapter. I appreciate members putting up with my often discombobulated attempts to direct a meeting, write a prop wash, organize a project, etc. I am deeply disappointed I was not able to shepherd the chapter to a reliable, stable income stream to support our activities rather than lean on our reserves. It is difficult for non-profits in good times and with the aftermath of the pandemic, it will be an ongoing challenge. I so appreciate each member that donates at the beginning of the fiscal year to the chapter to cover our core expenses and for the selfness of the members that have been taking on the booth for 2nd Saturdays at WVI and the off and on 4th Saturday at SNS. My hope is we will discover new sources of income before long.

Know Jeanne will do well as Chair, Mona will have her back, Paula will record and Alice will guard the treasury, the chapter will do as it always does and step up to the plate when help is needed. I have been blessed with generous chapter support in all the projects we undertake and want to express my gratitude and appreciate to each and every one of you.....Blue Skies and strong Tailwinds!! Joanne

MONTEREY BAY 99s

June

Chapter Reports Due to International

MB99s—History & Scrapbook Remembrance/Updates

Identify pilots for Section Award @ Fall SWS meeting

Salinas Air Show**Postponed**

July

International Conference.....**Postponed**

Officer Installation—Bi-annual

Membership donations due

Oshkosh/ EAA Airventure.....**Postponed**

Share the Holidays—start collecting toys

August

Chapter Anniversary—August 14, 1965

National Aviation Day—Orville Wright’s birthday August 19th

September

Reno Air Races (Sept. 16-20) ??????

Installation—Forest of Friendship.....**Postponed**

October

Southwest Section Fall Meeting

November

Nov. 2—91th birthday of the 99s

December

Holiday Potluck/Party

“Share the Holidays” aviation related toys for children drive

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

January

Southwest Section Winter Workshop Meeting

February

Cookies for the towers, airport staff & businesses

March

MB99s Nominating Committee—Bi-Annual

WIA

April

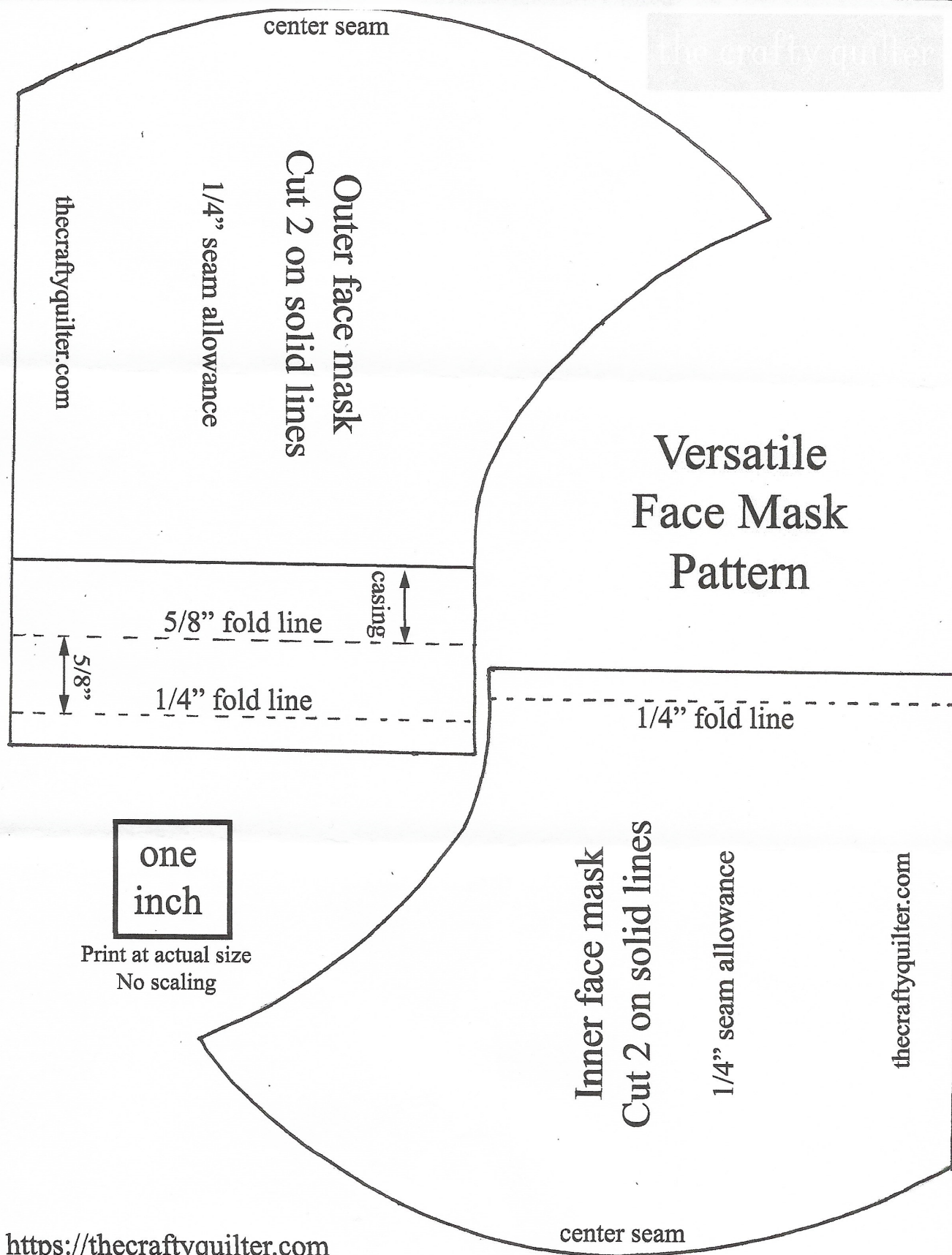
MB99s ballots distributed for new officers—Bi-Annual

Southwest Spring Section Meeting

May

MB99s Scholarship Award & Luncheon

Versatile Face Mask Pattern



Mask Directions

- ♦ Sew the center seam of the 2 inside and 2 outside pieces. Notch each.
- ♦ Right sides together, sew top edge and bottom edge. Clip curves.
- ♦ Turn right side out. Making casing on each side.
- ♦ Thread ties or elastic—cut 1/8” or 1/4” at 9.5 –10”.
- ♦ Sew elastic into circle after threading through casing. (Use safety pin w/elastic to push through casing.)

Benefits of telecommuting General Meetings

- ♦ Ability to attending regardless of your physical location.
- ♦ Quick and easy way to check-in with others.
- ♦ No extra time required for traveling or completing tasks before attending meeting.
- ♦ You can multitask such as attend the meeting and paint your toenails.
- ♦ Ability to attend incognito and not actively participate (but just listen).
- ♦ No drawn-out meetings due to chatting members socializing.
- ♦ Others points not thought of.

EAA Webinars

<https://eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars>

Some EAA Webinars qualify for credit in the FAA's WINGS or AMT awards program. Visit www.faaafety.gov for details

These webinars are Central Standard Time (2 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time)

June 9 12 noon CDT	Chapter Food Service in Today's World
June 10 7 p.m. CDT	Pass your Checkride
June 16 7 p.m. CDT	Two Guys, One Airplane, and the 2018 World Advanced Aerobic Championship
June 17 7 p.m. CDT	The Doolittle Raid Story
June 24 7 p.m. CDT	Your Airworthiness Inspection—Be Ready
Etc.	

#HonorTheWASP with WAI

Visit a WASP gravesite to honor a WASP

May 18, 2020 – Women in Aviation International (WAI) members and friends will honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) by visiting their graves and leaving an appropriate decoration in the form of flowers or other remembrances. In its third year, the #HonorTheWASP program was originally envisioned to take place over the Memorial Day weekend each year. In an effort to allow participants to observe best social-distancing practices, WAI offers that large groups can be easily avoided by visiting gravesites over the next two weeks as opposed to just on Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day.



“The WASP served in traumatic and challenging times during World War II, and their dedication and sacrifices deserve our attention. We recommend that members and visitors participate while also staying safe...wear masks, visit outside of the Memorial Day weekend, and maintain distance from others in your party. We will not let COVID-19 stop us from honoring these incredible women who risked their lives to do their part for the war effort,” says WAI CEO Allison McKay.

You don’t have to be a WAI member to #HonorTheWASP. A database of WASP gravesites, including Google maps to their locations, may be found at <https://www.wai-crc.com/honor-the-wasp>. The original database was provided by Texas Woman’s University (TWU), the home of the Women Airforce Service Pilots archives, and is regularly augmented through research efforts of WAI staff.

“Remembering the WASP at Memorial Day is important because it honors their service as mentors, friends, and as an inspiration for whole new generations of women in aviation,” says

Kate Landdeck, an associate professor of history at TWU. “I am grateful for the genius of the late Patricia Luebke of WAI and the dedication of WAI chapters across the country in continuing this annual tradition to honor the WASP.”

In each of the previous two years, #HonorTheWASP participants have visited and decorated nearly 100 WASP gravesites annually. WAI and TWU continue to improve the database and add WASP burial sites regularly.

Participants are asked to tweet a photograph of their visit and include who they visited and where they are located using the hashtag #HonorTheWASP. WAI will retweet all posts to its over 18,000 Twitter followers and other social media outlets.

As many cemeteries have changed their hours of operation due to COVID-19, WAI also suggests that participants contact the cemetery to plan for hours to visit the gravesites and to check the database to confirm that their list is current as additions are made as necessary.

About the WASP: The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) were inducted into WAI’s International Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1993. The WASP flew for the U.S. Army Airforce from September 1942 to December 1944. Some 1,102 women wore the silver wings flying over 70 million miles and delivering 12,650 airplanes across the country during their time of operation. Today, (2020), there are 32 WASP still living.

On the following pages is a biography of **Gene Fitzpatrick** our own Monterey Bay 99 and WASP. This information was obtained from the Monterey Bay 99s website under “Biographies.”

There is no gravesite to leave flowers but Gene’s ashes were scattered above her property which was near the Bixby Bridge in Big Sur, according to members’ recollections.

Ninety-nines Webinars

Go to ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm and click on the “Webinars” link. You will find the upcoming webinars such as

June 18—Social Benefit Flying and previous webinars such as May 21, 2020

Safety First: NTSB Strategies for Improving GA Safety. Past links include a diverse selection of webinars from

Summer Flying Refresher

Aviation Communication Leadership

Behind the Scenes: Final Flight Final Fight,

International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Webinar.

Gene FitzPatrick

Personal Biography

Growing up in Oakland, California Gene was exposed to aviation at very young age. At age seven she attended the welcoming party for Charles Lindbergh at Oakland Airport after his successful around the world flight. All this excitement left a lasting impression on this young girl.

While taking a journalism class in high school, she used her initiative to obtain an interview with



Gene Fitzpatrick interviewing
Amelia Earhart in Oakland CA

Amelia Earhart. Earhart was at the Oakland Airport preparing for her around the world flight. Gene and her friend skirted around airport security, borrowed a camera, and by announcing that they were "The Press" managed to gain entrance into hanger #4 which contained the Electra II and Amelia Earhart. Gene's question to Amelia was, "Why are you flying around the world?" Amelia responded, "I want to." Oakland Airport was chosen as the departure point for this historic trip because it is 200 miles closer to Honolulu than any other air field on the West coast. Gene sidestepped her mother's criticisms of her un-lady like conduct by taking lessons from Robert Donovan, in 1943, at Reno Sky Ranch. (Ladies did not fly airplanes). The lessons were taken in Reno because of civil flight restrictions along the coast of California during World War II.

In August, 1943, Gene joined the Civil Service Program and trained to become a test pilot, ferry pilot and flight in-

structor at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. She graduated in February 1944, receiving her wings to become a Women Air Force Service Pilot (WASP). There were 105 trainees enrolled in her class and 48 earned their wings.

During training she flew the PT-19 Fairchild with 175 HP, PT-17 Stearman, Vultee BT-13 with 450 HP, North American AT-6 with 650 HP. After graduation she also flew the B-18 and the Douglas DC-3, also called the Gooney Bird.

Gene's first assignment was to Gardner Field, Taft, CA., a basic flight training school, as a test pilot. Her next assignment was to Randolph Field, "The West Point of the Air" where she trained to become a Basic Flight Instructor in the BT-13. Gene then attended the required Officer's Training Program at Orlando, Florida.

In August 1944 the Army Air Corp was changed to the U.S. Air Force, and although the WASP's were still in the Civil Service, they were attached to the AAC and Air Force and all received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Air Force.

When Gene left the Air Force she had accumulated approximately 500 hours of flying time. She did not fly again for the next 20 years while raising her family. Then in 1967, she reactivated her flight instructor's license at Rose Aviation located on Hawthorne field in Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND: Women Air Force Service Pilot (WASP)

While the war was on in 1942, Nancy Love enlisted women pilots with over 500 flight hours to start ferrying aircraft from factory to port's of embarkation. Jackie Cochran, who at this time, did not know about this event was recruiting with their Air Transport Command, as our government was showing no interest. Then, Jackie received a dinner invitation to the White House. Over dinner Jackie had the opportunity to sit next to Eleanor Roosevelt, and asked her if she would like to go flying. They quietly slipped out and Jackie took Mrs. Roosevelt on her first night flight over Washington DC in 1943. Quite impressed with the experience, Mrs. Roosevelt succeeded in convincing her husband of the benefits of having women participate in ferrying aircraft for the United States.

AIR RACING

Gene has participated in over six Powder Puff Derbies, the Pacific Air Race, the Palms to Pines Air Race and the Air Race Classic.

Gene instructed her daughter Kay at Rose Aviation where Kay received her private pilots license on her 17th birthday, May 4, 1969. Together they flew in the Air Race Classic the following June.

The Air Race Classic ran from San Diego to Dulles National Airport in Washington, D.C. The festivities at the terminus included a "tea" honoring the women pilots at the White House, hosted by Pat and Trisha Nixon. Special congratulations were extended to the mother/ daughter team of Gene and Kay by the First Lady, Mrs. Pat Nixon.

So, with the help of General Hap Arnold, Jackie Cochran started the WASP program with the full approval of President Franklin D. Roosevelt creating a place in history for Gene and other women pilots during World War II.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Gene joined the **Civil Air Patrol** (CAP) in 1981 in Torrance and was with them until she moved to Monterey in 1984. She subsequently joined the Watsonville Squadron and was asked to start a new CAP squadron in Monterey. The Monterey Bay Squadron #60 still meets at the Monterey Airport. Besides serving as a Major, she also a checked pilot for the squadron and any other CAP personnel who need check rides. Missions included Search and Rescue, live organ transport, counter narcotic surveillance, and transport of dog teams.

WIMSA

WIMSA (Women in Military Service) dedicated a Memorial at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery on October 18, 1997. This is a tribute to all women who served in any capacity in the Service. In September 1997, a statue of a WASP in training was dedicated at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Gene was a member of Salinas Owners and Pilots Association (SOPA), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Civil Air Patrol and the Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines.

Gene Fitzpatrick passed on to New Horizons on December 6, 2000 in Monterey, California. She will be missed by us all.

New Officers for July 2020 – June 30, 2022

Chairperson	Jeanne Sabankaya
Vice Chair	Mona Hendrick
Treasurer	Alice Talnack
Secretary	Paula Gail Johnson

Monterey Bay 99s Fund Raiser

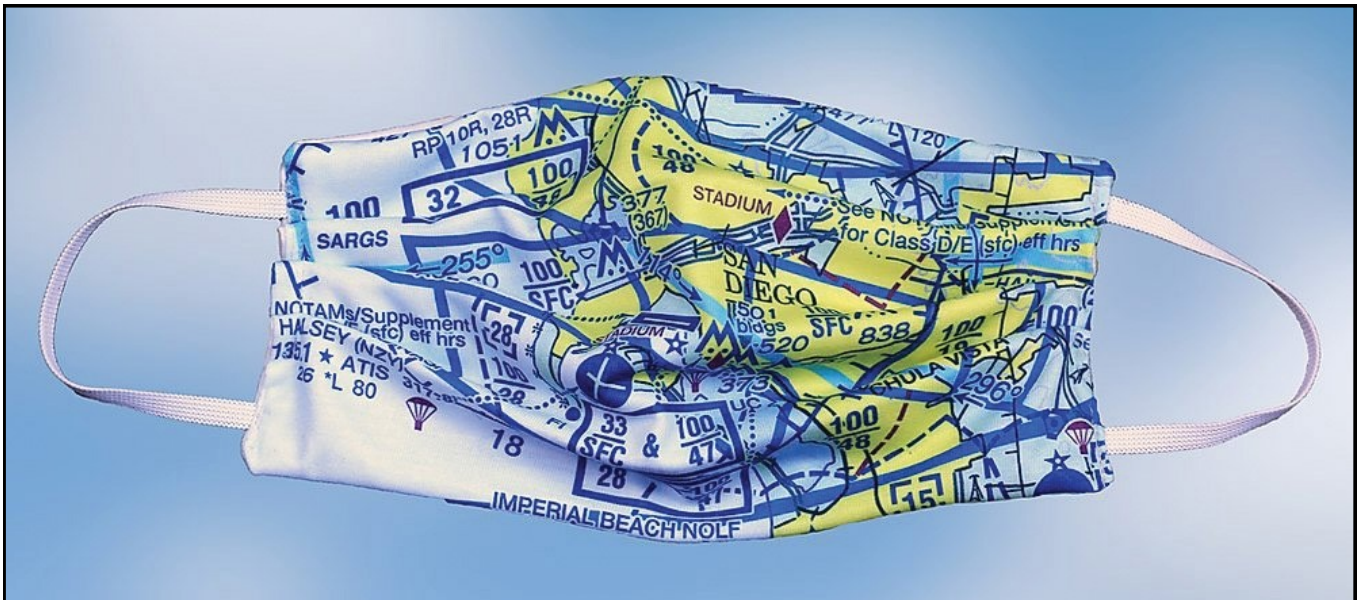
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Logbook



Calendar of Events (There are details of some events inside this Logbook)

2020

June 6	9 a.m. Young Eagles rally (EAA hangar) Postponed
June 13	11-2 pm Second Saturday WVI , historic aviation display Postponed
June 17	7 pm Monterey Bay 99s general meeting—Phone Conference
June 6,7	Salinas Air Show Postponed
July 8-12	International 99s conference—Long Beach (Queen Mary) Postponed
Sept. 16-20	Reno Air Races ??????????