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Jeanne @ the B-25J crash site

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."

ZOOM MEETING

Oct. 21 @ 7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8081003160>

Meeting ID: 808 100 3160

(invitation by Carolyn Dugger)

Monterey Bay

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Member Activities



Mercedes Eulitt



I've been training to become one of the jump pilot for Hollister Go Jump, in the PAC 750XL. Fun plane to fly. The rapid descent is crazy scary after letting out jumpers the first time.

Kassie Avilez is flying with Erick Teeters in his newly overhauled Warrior. She has had 7 lessons, practicing power on and power off stalls. Recently she was practicing slips on landing. She receives instruction with one of our members Danielle as well as Erick. She is anxious for this air to clear so she can get back at it again. In the meantime, she is still flight attendant.

Jeanne Sabankaya

First-hand visit of the downed B-25J

Prop Wash

by Jeanne Sabankaya

Much thanks to Mona who stepped in to handle the last few months' general meetings while I was evacuated from the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire. Some of what we have learned from this year's multiple hardship have also amplified our humanness. Pilots helped deliver needed medical supplies by the California Pilot Association and CalDART; members checked up on one another and offered any assistance they could; essential to our economy, flight schools were still open; pilots reported status of smoke and fire and assisted in whatever ways were needed; others helped make masks and PPE's. When the call goes out, people find a way to help.

Another fact that we recognized during the Coronavirus's social distancing and quarantining is that we are social beings. We want and eventually need to be around others. Even my nineteen-month old granddaughter gravitates to other youngsters at the park who look like her age. She wants to interact with others and so do we. That leads me to the next item. Our next general meeting will be October 21st (Wednesday) @ 6:30 p.m. at the EAA hangar. We will be having an in-person Halloween potluck. Everyone is asked to wear a mask and keep your social distance. The hangar provides ample space to spread out. Wear a costume or something Halloween-ish if you like. (see flyer in this Logbook)

Thank you to Carolyn Dugger who has offered to host the next conference call. She will use her own Zoom service so we can meet virtually. We will announce when this might be...probably November's meeting.

Aviation Emergency Go-Bag

When I received the order to evacuate from the CZU fire, I had a vague sense of what to pack and take with me. I thought I'd be back the next morning and basically took only one change of clothes. I have a checklist for overnight stays which I used but I was not planning on being away for more than a few days. I was evacuated for 21 days. I had to buy clothes for myself and my husband and I didn't have my computer. I did grab my flight bag that had my head-phone and logbook in it. If you had to evacuate, do you have an aviation go-bag ready and do you have an evacuation checklist? It is times like this that make me reminisce and help me plan a better evacuation. Are you prepared? If, not, get started.

MONTEREY BAY 99s

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

October 21 meeting info has changed

7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting hosted by Carolyn Dugger

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8081003160> (via computer)

Meeting ID: 808 100 3160

One tap mobile (via phone)

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Dr. Robert Keller—Senior AME

Just an update. Dr. Keller is retiring and has moved his office next-door to his current office. He will be coming back into town couple days in the month and will still be doing Flight Physical's.

950 Cass Street, Monterey, CA (831) 373-1100

Monterey Bay 99s Library Availability

Have you read an aviation related book lately? Please send Jeanne a book report to share with our chapter members. Don't have any books to read during our stay at home orders? Call or email me to set up a time and I'll meet you at the EAA hangar so you can peruse the library! I live five minutes away, so it's easy!

Laura Barnett (831) 722-8491 H or (831) 334-6342 C

Scholarship Winner

Sierra Lewis, Monterey Bay 99 is the 2019 Aviation Scholarship winner. She finally received her certificate.



San Carlos Flight Center

Sancarlosflight.com/join

When you go to this site there are many different tabs to choose from such as San Carlos Flight Center Info, Flight Training Activities, Events (live streams, seminar podcasts), Special Programs, Members only.

You can go to the “Events” tab and select live stream or seminar podcast and see all the selections you can listen to for free

Fly With a Purpose

In the “Monthly Aviator” The Seabird Protection Network Newsletter, a special request was sent out to pilots. The following has been copied from that magazine.



We're Seeking Kelp!

Northern California has lost an astonishing 90% of its kelp forest in just a few short years due to climate and other impacts. This fall, our colleagues at the [Greater Farallones Association](#) are mapping the extent of remaining kelp forests to understand where recovery efforts should be focused.

Pilots are in a unique position to help! Take photos of any kelp you see from your plane in September and October, and capture vital information from areas that are tough to reach from land. Just follow these three simple tips:

- Capture the full extent of the kelp bed, if possible.

- Record the location's GPS coordinates.

- Make sure to fly above 1000' AGL to avoid impacting coastal wildlife.

Send any photos or questions to info@seabirdprotectionnetwork.org or just reply to this email and be part of this important work.



Air and Space Award

We won again the Air and Space Award for a large chapter. All that record keeping of members' aviation activities monthly helped us win this award.

Send an email to Jeanne so she can list what you have been doing under the activities section of this logbook.



Fly Over for our

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK & MEETING

October 21 (Wednesday) @ the WVI EAA Hangar 6:30 p.m.

The hangar is large enough for us to have social distancing and still talk. Wear your mask as much as possible. Bring whatever dish you would like to share for our potluck. Keeping with the theme of Halloween, wear something Halloween-ish.

Watsonville Municipal Airport...an Airport of Opportunity, an Airport of Service

Watsonville's Municipal Airport (KWVI), the only airport in Santa Cruz County, was highlighted as an **"Airport of Opportunity"** in the December 2018 issue of [Business View Magazine](#). The article harkened back to the late 1920's when several hundred community members joined together to purchase eighty-five acres just outside of town to establish an airport. What many may not know is by 1939 the War Department selected a new location in Watsonville for a Navy Air Auxiliary Station (NAAS). NAAS Watsonville served as a Rigid Airship (Blimp) base and a training facility for fighter aircraft pilots assigned to the Pacific Theater during World War II.

In 1947 the three hundred thirty acre facility reverted to the City, with the caveat that it be operated as a civil airport in perpetuity. For the last seventy-three years Watsonville has done just that. In particular airport management has focused on the KWVI's vitality, viability, and value to the Community, City and County. Aviation utility has proved vital during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, but just as vital on a daily basis with professional pilots flying medical air ambulances and volunteer pilots flying Angel Flight and Los Medicos Voladores missions. Airport viability created \$67 million in total economic benefits in 2019. Last year Watsonville Airport provided over 450 jobs with a payroll of over \$27 million from on-field maintenance facilities, flight training operations, air taxi/charter flight services, thrill seeking aviation "adventures" and commercial business activities. Airport value to our community ranges from outreaches such as the annual July 4th Airport Open House (Fire-in-the-Sky) and monthly "Kids Fly Free!" events to on-field Red Cross Blood drives and serving as landlord to the 45 member unit of the California Conversation Corps. Watsonville Muni is in fact an airport of opportunity; however over the last few weeks our airport has demonstrated it is also an **Airport of Service**.

In mid-August the Airport received a request from CalFire to serve as a Helicopter Firefighting Attack Base ("Helitack Base") to combat the CZU-August Complex fire. On Sunday August 16th Watsonville Airport Operations activated an emergency aerial support protocol which dedicates a portion of the airport solely as an emergency operations area. The protocol supports not only aerial operations, but also ground activities: fueling, logistics, field access and security. Initially the Helitack Base consisted of two helicopters and support vehicles, but within twenty-four hours the number of aircraft expanded to seven helicopters, seven fuel tankers and associated support personnel and vehicles. During the week hundreds of water drop sorties were flown.

The following week the Municipal Airport received a request from the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) to provide support for helicopter survey operations over the CZU fire area. When ceiling and visibilities allow, over-flight survey is key to assessing the size, scope and relative success of the firefighting effort. The State OES visit required our airport be prepared to logistically support the arrival and re-fueling of US Army and Air Force Blackhawk helicopters. Citizens may have seen these aircraft with their distinctive pink paint scheme highlights, which depict military aircraft operating as a public service. Two Blackhawk aircraft transported sixteen visitors to Watsonville including the State OES Director, representatives of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and even a television film crew.

By the end of August, the Municipal Airport received two additional requests, one from the Governor's office and yet another from the California National Guard to provide logistical aircraft support. Substantial security measures were imposed during these visits. Watsonville's Airport Operations Center served as the briefing site for California's Governor, California's OES Director and the nation's FEMA's Administrator prior to inspecting the CZU's fire impact on Big Basin and also served as the arrival/departure point for a National Guard Two-star General to inspect the military's on-site support of the CalFire on-going operations.

The City's many departments serve not only our community members and citizens within the City limits, but reach beyond those limits to the county, the region and beyond. **KWVI, an Airport of Opportunity and an Airport of Service.**

Monterey Bay 99s Fund Raiser

Monterey Bay 99s –

Our chapter fiscal year starts July 1st. Time to make that yearly donation of **\$20.00 (or more)** for chapter operations. Several members choose to make multi-year donations.

Thank you to those who have already paid for this year:

Examples of how your donation is used throughout the year are:

We donate to the Women Pilots Museum, Amelia Earhart Museum, the 99s Endowment Fund and fund projects at our International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Locally, your donation helps the chapter maintain our storage hangar, aviation library, monthly meeting locations, chapter supplies for various aviation presentations and activities, aviation related toys for the KSBW holiday program, sponsor inductees to the Forest of Friendship, new member badges and more...

And, our yearly **Aviation Scholarship Program** to a local female applicant seeking her pilot license or new rating.

A great value for just a **\$20.00** donation for an entire year.

How to donate:

Make checks payable to the Monterey Bay 99s.

Mail to: Alice Talnack, 140 Dovewood Lane, Aptos, CA. 95003

OR, bring your chapter donation to the next Monterey Bay Chapter meeting.

OR, We also take donations via your credit card. Call me for this option.

Cell 831-332-3549.

Thank you for contributing to the goals and operations of our chapter.

As always, your support for all that we do to promote aviation is greatly appreciated.

Other Ways to Support the Monterey Bay Chapter -

Spread the word to friends and family. All of these donations are tax deductible.

Our **NEWEST** fundraiser is SECOND SATURDAY at Watsonville Airport. And we are starting FOURTH SATURDAY at Salinas Airport.

We sell water, books, memorabilia to pilots displaying their airplanes that weekend. It is also great community PR for the MB99s. To volunteer or donate items contact Alice (cell 831-332-3549). **Currently**, this activity is on-hold due to the Covid-Virus. I will send an update when we can resume this activity.

Shopping on Amazon? – Use [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to place your order.

Select the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines as your charity to support. Once you select Monterey Bay as your charity all future purchases will automatically be credited to our chapter.

B-25J—Old Glory crash



Sept. 19, 2020 emergency landing on a farmer's recently harvested field by Stockton/
French Camp, California

(story on following page)

Crash of Old Glory the B-25 (Mitchell) WWII bomber

On September 19, 2020 at 6:22 p.m., Old Glory the World War II B-25J, made a forced landing just west of Stockton in a farmer's neatly manicured field. The emergency landing was to precision but during the landing roll out, the plane hit a large irrigation ditch, launched over it, tearing out both Wright radial engines (2600 twin row, 14 cylinders) and ending partially on the other side. It was dragged across to the empty field nearby where it was then examined and eventually dismantled.

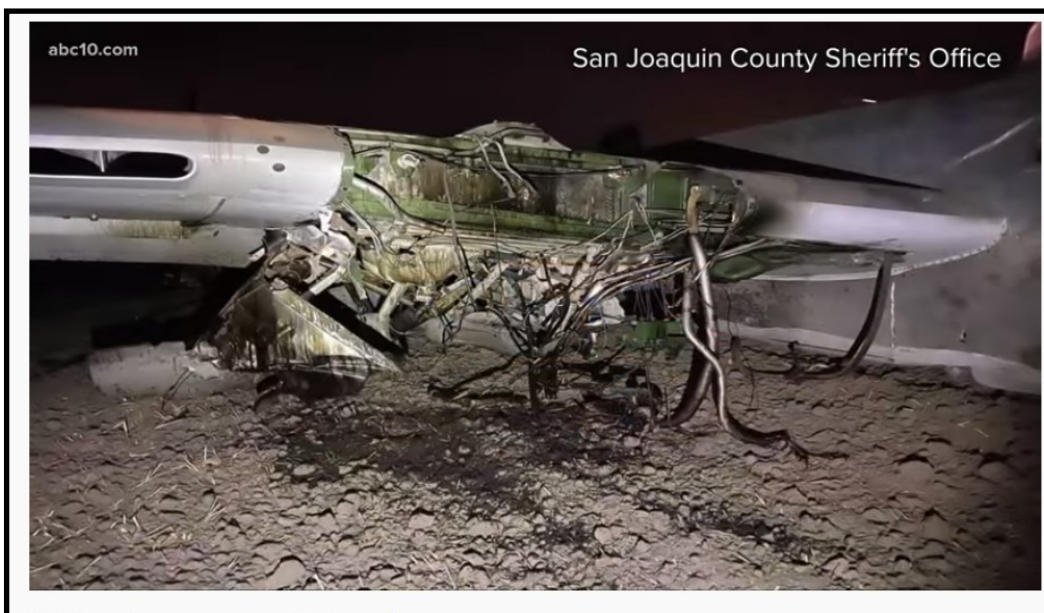
This plane was made in 1944 and named "Mitchell" after General Billy Mitchell who advocated for greater airpower in the armed forces. The B-25's are one of America's most famous airplanes, used in WWII as a medium bomber. The plane was originally intended for level bombing from medium altitudes but it was used in the Pacific theater for bombing Japanese airfields and beach enclaves from treetop levels and for strafing and skip bombing enemy ships.

This B-25 was most active during World War II in Italy and the Mediterranean areas. Then from 1959 to 1965 it was a fire bomber; and in 1995, it became "Old Glory" and was seen in many airshows and fly-ins.

At the end of last month, the Mitchell and 13 other warbirds made fly-over tours in Hawaii to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. The planes were again crane-lifted onto a Navy amphibious assault ship and returned to San Diego. The B-25 planned to make a few more commemorative stops before returning to New York. The plane flew to Chino then to Nut Tree Airport (didn't refuel) and proceeded to the Stockton Airport for some maintenance. At 1300 feet AGL, both engines failed nearly at the same time.

Four days after the crash, I was able to see the plane first hand and my initial reaction was to cry, seeing this magnificent plane in the middle of a farmer's dirt field. The person dismantling the plane worked for the insurance company so I asked him what he thought the reason was for the crash. He said, "ran out of fuel." Knowing that the pilots of this plane were "type" rated and experienced flying this plane, that explanation didn't make sense to me. Later I learned that the NTSB will be examining the fuel system and its status.

(information from Bloncolirio channel Juan Browne and The Aviation Geek Club by Dario Leone)



By

Jeanne Sabankaya

New Horizons

Carolegene Dierolf's husband John passed away on September 24, 2020.

Dana Dumont—Monetary Bay 99 died on August 24, 2020

VC99s Pilot Proficiency Webinar WEBINAR free

Check their schedule of classes on line @ ventura county 99s

Topaz Film Festival—check it out on line.



WOMEN IN FILM DALLAS AN- NOUNCES TOPAZ FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP



DALLAS, Texas, August 24, 2020: The Topaz Film Festival presented by Women in Film Dallas (WIFD) is proud to announce the 46 films chosen for the 2020 Festival. The festival is adding two days to its calendar to accommodate an expanded lineup of 6 shorts blocks and 4 features.

In light of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the WIFD board of directors has decided to hold this year's festival on a virtual platform. The difficult decision was also made to postpone the Topaz Awards Brunch to a future time when "we feel it is safe for us to celebrate our female filmmakers and contributors in person," stated WIFD President Alicia Pascual.

This year, the festival will be held from September 8-13, 2020 through the Eventive virtual platform. Screenings will include short blocks in the following categories: Student, Texas, Comedy, Narrative and Animated/Experimental. All of these female-driven selections were curated from a large pool of submissions from across the nation and around the world. The Topaz Film Festival has also expanded its feature film presentations to 2 documentary films and 2 feature films.

Movie Title: Rise Above: WASP

Director: Kara White

Country: United States

Running Time: 19:42

Synopsis: A documentary film exploring the history of the WWII veterans known as the WASP (Women Air-Force Service Pilots). Designed for an immersive 170 degree wrap-around screen, the film envelopes the viewer in its custom made theater.

The WASP were the first women to fly for the United States Armed Forces. While not permitted in combat, these high spirited women broke barriers to serve their country and fulfill their dream....to fly!

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Logbook



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

2020

Oct. 10	9 a.m. Saturday, Young Eagles Postponed
Oct. 10-11	11-2 Saturday—Second Saturday WVI Postponed , <u>WVI open for discount fuel</u>
Oct. 13	7 p.m. Tuesday—SPA meeting
Oct. 21	7:00 p.m. Wednesday—Monterey Bay 99 meeting via Zoom
Oct. 24	10 a.m.—2 p.m. Saturday—Fourth Saturday SNS Postponed
July 7-11, 2021	Long Beach International Meeting
July 6-10, 2022	Charleston, South Carolina international meeting
2023	Jordan (Francis Marion Hotel)
2024	Vancouver, British Columbia