

Monterey Bay Chapter

Chronological History

- 1965 August 14th – Chapter Charter – Sister Chapter, Santa Clara Valley, and other 99 delegates attend luncheon.
- 1966 Airmarking: Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Airports
20th Powder Puff Derby (PPD) Team: Helen Shropshire and Geneva Cranford – Seattle to Clearwater, Florida
- 1967 Airlifts for fundraising and education
Airmarking: Hollister Airport, August
- 1968 Hosted the SWS Fall Meeting in Carmel, CA.
Airmarking: King City Airport
22nd PPD Teams: Helen Shropshire and Joanne Husted & Dell Hinn and Trish Marks – Van Nuys, CA. to Savannah, Georgia
- 1969 Airmarking: Watsonville and Fat City Airports
Flew for the Direct Relief Foundation
23rd PPD Teams: Helen Shropshire and Delores Boyman, Joanne Nissen and Connie Hood Breien, Dell Hinn and Trish Marks
- 1970 Hosted Powder Puff Derby Stat – Monterey, CA. to Bristol, Penn.
24th Annual PPD Teams: Trish Marks and Connie Hood Breien, Helen Shropshire and Mardo Crane
Early 1970's Geri Halfpenny Chappell, acting as one of the city airport commissioners, was instrumental in getting the instrument landing at Salinas Airport
- 1971 Airmarking: Santa Cruz/Skypark Airport
25th PPD Teams: Trish Marks and Connie Hood Breien, Helen Shropshire and Mardo Crane, Joanne Nissen and Armida Belt
Received the Salinas Airport Beautification Award
Airmarking: of the Fat City strips
Dell Hinn leads a flight of 99s to Santa Barbara to deliver donated medical supplies to Direct Relief Foundation
Hosted the Pacific Air Race Terminus
- 1972 Kay Harmon soloed
Hosted the SWS Fall Meeting, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
- 1973 Sponsored General Aviation Accident Prevention Pilot Safety Clinic
10th Pacific Air Race Teams: Kay and Diane Harmon (mother & daughter team), Geri Halfpenny and Laurie Brady
27th PPD Teams: Thon Griffith and Dell Hinn, Rosemarie Schoening and Lainie Brady

- 1974 Monterey Aviation Exposition
Fly-In Fashion Show
SWS Airmarking Award '73-74
- 1975 Monterey Aviation Exposition
29th PPD Team: Dell Hinn and granddaughter Gail Champlin
- 1976 Monterey Aviation Exposition
Hosted Companion Flying Seminar
30th PPD Team: Jo Dieser and Geneva Cranford
Co-sponsored the His & Her Air Race – Racers: Geri Halfpenny, Kay Harmon, Dell Hinn, Sandy Pratt, Christy Hoyt
Dell Hinn & Kay Harmon participated in the Direct Relief Foundation
- 1977 Monterey Aviation Exposition
Hosted Flying Companion Seminar
31st PPD Team: Sandy Pratt and Hallie McGonigal
Co-sponsored His & Her Air Race – Racers: Dell Hinn, Kay Harmon, Sandy Pratt, Lorrie Gilligan, Judy Dake
- 1978
- 1979 Sandy Pratt, Pilot of the Year
- 1980 Hollister Air Show – Monterey Bay food concession
- 1981 First official International booth design was submitted for approval by Geneva Cranford
Monterey County Air Tour '81
Salinas His & Her Great Pumpkin Classic
Lynne Kastel, Pilot of the Year
International Ninety-Nines Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Kay Harmon
- 1982 Fashion Show “Around the World in Fashion”, Salinas Elks Lodge
Monterey County Air Tour '82
Geneva Cranford, Pilot of the Year – Received acknowledgement for her official 99s booth design
- 1983 Pilots Lynne Ulicki of Salinas and Jayne Overgard of Pacific Grove, both air traffic controllers at Monterey Airport, finished 6th in the Air Classics Race from San Diego to Grand Rapids, Michigan
Flying Companion Seminar at Salinas Community Center
- 1984 Direct Relief International flight to Santa Barbara
1st Watsonville Airport Airmarking: “Ville” needed repainting again in April, 1986 due to runway repair
Mountain Flying Seminar – Speaker: Sparky Imeson, author of Mountain Flying Magazine
Lynne Hsai, Bobbi Garin, and Susan Tarabetz received a Certificate of Appreciation for developing the SWS Chapter Chairman’s Handbook

- Air Race Classic: Pasco, Washington to Gainesville, Georgia
 2nd Place – Lynne Ulicki, Jayne Overgard
 22nd Place – Lynne Kastel, Diane Peterson
 Chair Lynne Kastel was married at Bobbi Garin’s Arroyo Seco home
 Cindy Bergstrom, Pilot of the Year
- 1985 Flying Companion Seminar, Salinas Community Center
 Airmarking: King City
 Watsonville Airport Fly-In & Airshow
 Airmarking: Carmel Valley
 Air Race Classics: Theresa Levandoski’s first air race. Along with Diane Peterson placed 14th,
 Santa Rosa, CA. to Toledo, Ohio -Sponsored by AT&T
 Hollister: Fly-In booth
 Celebrated 20th Anniversary – Naval Post Graduate School
 Pinch Hitters Course at Air Trails, Monterey
 Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipient: Cindy Bergstrom
 Salinas compass rose
 Pacific Air Race: Diane Peterson, Ann Haile
 Pilot of the Year: Diane Peterson
- 1986 “Watson” portion of WVI was repainted
 Fly ‘N Friendly BBQ, Childers Park, Salinas Tower
 52nd SWS Fall Meeting, Asilomar – 200 women pilots attended. Media coverage by KMST/46.
 Entertainment by the Canadian students from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey
 Pacific Air Race: Diane Peterson and Ann Hailem Placed 2nd
 Salinas His & Her Great Pumpkin Race – Race #24: Carolyn Dugger
- 1987 First climb of the Amelia Earhart Peak in Yosemite Valley to commemorate the 50th
 Anniversary of Amelia’s last flight
 Flying Companion Seminar
 Pilot of the Year: Theresa Levandoski
 International 99s Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Geneva Cranford
- 1988 MB99s booth at Watsonville Air Show
 Hosted the 11th Annual Air Race Classic from Salinas to Huntington, West Virginia. Theresa
 Levandoski-Byers served on the ARC Committee
- 1989 Start of the MB99s Library for members to learn about aviation history
- 1990 Celebrated the 25th MB99s Anniversary
- 1991 Santa Cruz County Air Tour and Banquet
 Salinas Municipal Airport’s “Ambassador of the Air” awarded to Ron & Kay Harmon
- 1992 At the Southwest Section Meeting held in Palm Springs, CA. Dell Hinn’s biography was printed
 on the back of the program. In her autobiography she wrote of her first lesson in October of
 1946, just as World War II was winding down. By 1947 Dell had her private pilot license and by
 1950 her commercial and flight instructor ratings. During the 1960s she was flying prisoners and

charters out of Monterey. In 1986 she joined the Civil Air Patrol and Search & Rescue Team. By the time she retired in August 1994 she had compiled 45 years of flying and 9,200 plus hours in the air and was flying Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand. Competed in PPD: 1955, '56, '62, '64, '68, '69, '73, '75

- 1993 Chapter Whale Watching Flight
4H Aviation Project
Flying Companion Seminar, Salinas
Airport Tours, Salinas
Wheel chair standards Air Tour
Fly-In & BBQ at Wayne Handley's ranch
Strawberry booth at the Watsonville Airshow
Aero Education Award presented to the chapter at the SWS Spring Meeting
Summer Pot Luck at Elkhorn Slough
MB99s members attend the play "Blue Skies Forever" Guest for the event was Bobbi Trout
International Conference, Portland, Oregon
Salinas Open House – 5 cents-a-pound rides
Off Airport Landings Seminar, Salinas
50th birthday for Watsonville Airport – Open House and 5 cents-a-pound rides
- 1994 Airmarking: Watsonville Airport
- 1995 International Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1996 2nd Amelia Earhart Peak Commemorative Climb
- 1997 Flying Companion Seminar, Air Trails, Salinas
- 1998 MB99s Chapter starts the Aviation Scholarship program
- 1999 Marina Airport, first civilian Airmarking
- 2000 Palms to Pines Teams: Donna Crane-Bailey & Jill Smith, Pat York & Earline Arnold placed in the top ten
Monterey Bay 99s host the SWS Fall Meeting in Monterey, October 13-15th
- 2001 International Conference, Calgary, Alberta
- 2002 Earline & Jean Schriffman enter the Air Race Classics (ARC)
Space Camp participants: Theresa Levandoski-Byers, Pam Cabak
Annual Palms to Pines Race from Santa Monica to Bend, Oregon took place. Racers Donna Crane-Bailey & Jill Smith
SWS Award "Continuing Efforts in Airport Airmarking"
Chapter campout at Bobbi Garin's Arroyo Seco home
- 2003 Chapter receives SWS plaque for "Continuing Efforts in Airport Airmarking"
Airmarking: Salinas Airport repaint and compass rose
Chapter enters the first "Human Race" as a fundraiser for the MB99s Aviation Scholarship

Geneva Cranford celebrates her 80th birthday with a parachute jump at Marina Airport

- 2004 SWS Governor – Donna Crane-Bailey
Chapter receives SWS Aerospace Award
- 2005 “Centennial of Flight” honoring John Montgomery, Aptos, CA
South County Airport Open House – Wings of History Museum
41st Watsonville Airshow & Fly-In – MB99s booth -Pilots Registration
September, 3rd - Chapter celebrates 40th Anniversary, Veterans Hall, Spreckles, CA
- 2006
- 2007 Model MB99s Booth donated to Headquarters
Participation in Human Race and Day in the Sky and WVI Fly-In, Pilot Registration & Open House
Donna Crane-Bailey, Joanne Nissen and Zoe Dell Nutter inducted into the Forest of Friendship,
Atchison, Kansas
Earline Arnold and Jean Schiffman win 1st Place in Palms to Pines Race
- 2008 Display – Aptos Public Library
Participated in Human Race, Day in the Sky, WVI Fly-In, WVI Open House, KSBW “Share Your
Holidays”
Kay Harmon honored by Salinas Pilots Association
Gabry Adelman donates her Kitfox to the Oakland Museum
- 2009 Flying Companion Seminar, SCCOE
Participated in: Day in the Sky, WVI AirShow & Fly-In, WVI Open House, KSBW “Share Your
Holidays”, Human Race, Presentation at Freedom School, SCV 99s Whale Watching
- 2010 Participated in KSBW “Share Your Holidays”, Whale Watching, Winter Workshop, Day in the Sky,
Human Race, WVI Fly-In, 10 Cents-A-Pound
November, 5th, Chapter’s 45th Anniversary, Severino’s - Aptos
- 2011 Participated in KSBW “Share Your Holidays”, Whale Watching, Winter Workshop, Human Race,
“Cookies for the Tower”/switched to Valentine’s Day
Donna Crane-Bailey – Mentoring at the Museum of Flight/Boeing Field
Tour of Cal-Pacific Airmotive Facility, SNS
Hosted SWS Winter Workshop, Santa Cruz, CA.
Charter Member Geneva Cranford dies, Chapter helped with the service and memorial luncheon
- 2012 Participated in KSBW “Share Your Holidays”, Whale Watching, Winter Workshop, Human Race,
“Cookies for the Tower”/switched to Valentine’s Day, Girl Scouts Career Day, WVI Fly-In, WVI
Open House
Airmarking -Marina Airport
SWS Meeting- Hollywood, Special Tour of Amelia Earhart’s home
Pam O’Brien died, chapter members attended and spoke of Pam’s contributions to the 99s
Tour of Jet West Facility, SNS
Kay Harmon sky dives/tandem on her 80th birthday

- 2013 Participated in "Cookies for the Tower" WVI Open House, WVI Fly-In, WVI Dime-A-Pound, Human Race
 Received SWS Airmarking Award
 Repaint of SNS letters
 Kay Harmon inducted into the Forest of Friendship
 Visited our sister chapter, Santa Clara Valley, for Pasta Night fundraiser
- 2014 Participated in: SIRs presentation- SNS, Santa Clara Valley, for Pasta Night fundraiser, SNS Tenant Appreciation Day, Cookies for the Tower, WVI Tenant Appreciation Day, WVI Open House, WVI 50th, KSBW "Share Your Holidays", Fly-IN, Dell Hinn inducted into the Forest of Friendship
 SWS Airmarking Award
- 2015 Participated in: Whale Watching, SNS Girls Scouts Day, Human Race, SCV Past Night fundraiser, KSBW "Share Your Holidays",
 Celebration of chapter's 50th Anniversary (August 14th,1965), Hosted SWS Fall Section Meeting, Chaminade Resort,
 Dell Hinn inducted into the Forest of Friendship
 Zoe Dell Nutter inducted into Dayton, Walk of Fame
- 2016 Participated in: Human Race, SNS Tenant Appreciation Day, NIFA-Reid Hillview Airport, WVI Wings Over Watsonville, KSBW "Share Your Holidays" Hartnell College "Lyceum"
 Contributed to the International Quilt
 Donated a bench to the Museum of Women Pilots
 Donated Amelia Earhart's autographed book "20 hrs. 40 min." to the Museum of Women Pilots
 SWS Governor: Alice Talnack
- 2017 Participated in: Cookies for the Tower, WVI W.E.A.C.T exercise, SNS Tenant Day, Yard Sale, Wings Over Watsonville, Movie Night with Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Lyceum, SNS Airshow, KSBW "Share Your Holidays"
 Kay Harmon tandem jumps on her 85th birthday, Marina Airport, Jeanne Sabankaya jumped with her
 99s International Award presented to Sean Tucker, Sponsored by MB99s Chapter
 Purchased Amelia standup to use as events
 SNS Birthday Cake for Orville Wright
 SWS Airmarking Award
- 2018 Participated in: WVI Second Saturdays and SNS 4th Saturdays, Lyceum, W.E.A.C.T, Whale Watching with Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Cookies for the Tower, WVI "Fire in the Sky", Lyceum
 SWS Air & Space Award
 Airmarking: SNS Airport
 International Director: Alice Talnack
 Forest of Friendship Inductee: Alice Talnack

2019 Participated in: WVI Second Saturday, KSBW "Share Your Holidays", Whale Watching, Cookies for the Tower, SOPA Mystery Flight, WVI Fly-In -Bay Cities Chapter, SNS Young Eagles, WVI "Fire in the Sky", SNS Tenants Day, W.E.A.C.T, Lyceum, SWS Fly-In to WVI
SWS Professional Pilot of the Year: Marjorie Bachman
SWS: Airmarking & Air & Space Awards

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