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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."

## ZOOM MEETING

No Meeting for December

## Monterey Bay

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## Member Activities



Petra—IMC flying into Atlanta—November

### Upcoming

**EAA Webinars—free but preregistration (go to EAA website for more details and selections) WINGS credit**

12/8 5 p.m. PST—Aerobatic Airplanes Made Affordable & Enjoyable

12/9 7 p.m. PST—Hot Topics in Aviation Medical Certification

12/16 5 p.m. PST—Night Flight

**San Carlos Flight Center—[sancarlosflight.com](http://sancarlosflight.com) on-line contact school**  
**12/5 12:00-1:30 pm**

Handling an Electrical failure while IFR in busy airspace

**12/9 7 –8:30 pm**

Investigating Airplane Ownership

**12/16 7-8:30 pm**

Operating at non-paved airports

**12/19 12-1:30 pm**

Airport Signs and Markings

**Check their fly-out challenges/events**

**AOPA Podcasts (go to [AOPA.org](http://AOPA.org))**

#### Mystery Flight (SCV99s)

Santa Clara Valley Chapter set up a Mystery Flight that anyone can fly - there is no gathering, no landings necessary. Just follow the clues, send photos to prove you found the checkpoints and answer aviation trivia questions along the way. It's going to be December 12 so anyone in the area is welcome to join in the fun. You will get your clues via email the night before the flight so send your name, email and tail number to Pat Gregory [plowers@pacbell.net](mailto:plowers@pacbell.net) if you want to come along.

## Prop Wash

The holidays are upon us and as we try to go about our regular routines, we realize that this year is different. There are no longer any in-person meetings nor activities; instead we are having our meetings telecommunicating and through Zoom. Propelled into the modern age of technology took some of us a few tries but with everything, practice made perfect. We missed seeing everyone in person where we could hangar talk, laugh and pat each other on the backs...oh, and to have refreshments at the meetings. Our holiday party has been postponed till maybe summer when we could all gather and have a grand potluck and possibly a white reindeer.

After 7 years of being afraid, making excuses, and hesitating; I finally took and passed my written. Written tests have always been my nemesis and for some reason, it became a cloud over my life, raising my blood pressure and consuming my free time. I'd read my book, then had to re-read everything because months and then years lapsed between the first reading. What I once knew, I forgot over time and the fear of the test loomed in front of me as if I had to jump into the ocean with Jaws waiting in the water for me. Taking ground school online and in a classroom helped but due to the length of time between learning something and taking the test required that I repeat my education. I wish I could say that I passed with bells and whistles but I didn't. Now I can see my folly of doubting myself and for waiting so long. A pass is a pass; and I'm glad that hurdle is in my past. One of the on-line flight school, MzeroA, has a motto that is so relevant. "A good pilot is always learning." My education continues.

I have some exciting news to share with you about the January Monterey Bay chapter meeting on January 20th. Our member, Mercedes Eulitt will be sharing her aviation accomplishments with us. She will give a presentation about her time working for Lockheed, Skunk Works, aerobatic experiences, and other exciting aviation adventures. Please attend via Zoom for this exciting event.

I noticed that Dr. Charles Eldridge. AME has his name on a door next to Specialized Helicopters. I couldn't find any details on the internet about the location but for him, that would be a good spot.

Clear skies and crisp air right now. Enjoy your flying.

Jeanne Sabankaya

## MONTEREY BAY 99s

### December

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

### January

Southwest Section Winter Workshop Meeting

### February

Cookies for the towers, airport staff & businesses



## Monthly Aviator

The Seabird Protection Network Newsletter

Last month 25 pilots from across the state pledged to protect coastal wildlife in California - and we couldn't be more grateful.

This Thanksgiving, we want to sincerely thank all of you for making a difference in the lives of seabirds and marine mammals on our coast by giving them the space they need to thrive. We're honored to partner with you and couldn't be more grateful for your support. We wish you a very happy and safe holiday!

Take the Pledge (go to website)... "I fly at or above 1000' AGL for safety and wildlife. It's a good practice!"

## Have You Witnessed a Wildlife Disturbance?

Seeing marine wildlife in their natural environment is a thrilling experience; however animals need space to find food, choose mates, raise young, socialize and rest.

When we get too close, approach too fast, or make too much noise, we can disrupt these natural behaviors and cause unnecessary stress.

Any activity that disrupts the natural behaviors of marine wildlife is a disturbance.

Report a disturbance—[seabirdprotectionnetwork.org/disturbance/](http://seabirdprotectionnetwork.org/disturbance/)

# COVID won't stop NORAD from tracking Santa, but 2020

## Call-center will look different

By Lolita C. Baldor — Associated Press 11.18.2020

WASHINGTON — Children of the world can rest easy. The global pandemic won't stop them from tracking Santa Claus' progress as he delivers gifts around the globe on Christmas Eve.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command has announced that NORAD will track Santa on Dec. 24, just as it has done for 65 years. But there will be some changes: Not every child will be able to get through to a volunteer at NORAD's call center to check on Santa's whereabouts, as they have in years before.

Normally, 150-160 volunteers crowd into a conference room at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, taking two-hour shifts to answer the phones as eager children call to see if Santa and his sleigh have reached their rooftops. All together, 1,500 people over 20 hours have participated in the call center in the past, fielding more than 130,000 phone calls, beginning at 6 a.m. Eastern time on Christmas Eve.

This year, due to safety restrictions forced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of volunteers has been drastically cut to what NORAD expects will be fewer than 10 people per shift.

"We understand this is a time-honored tradition, and we know undoubtedly there is going to be some disappointment," said NORAD spokesman Preston Schlachter. "But we're trying to keep it safe for everyone involved."

Schlachter said NORAD will largely be limiting volunteers to people who already work there and their immediate families. But that could be expanded a bit as the time gets closer. He said that this year volunteers will answer health questions and have their temperature checked when they arrive, and a cleaning crew will wipe down surfaces throughout the day. There will be wipes and other supplies available, and between shifts the entire calling area will be sanitized before the next group comes in.

Faced with concerns about the virus, officials at NORAD have worked for weeks to figure out a way to ensure that the much-beloved tradition could go on. The military command has been fielding calls since 1955, when Air Force Col. Harry Shoup — the commander on duty at NORAD's predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command — fielded a call from a child who dialed a misprinted telephone number in a newspaper department store ad, thinking she was calling Santa.

A fast-thinking Shoup quickly assured his caller that he was. And the tradition began. Today, most early calls come from Japan and Europe, and as the day goes on the callers from the U.S. and Canada climb.

In addition to the call center, the NORAD Tracks Santa website — [\*\*www.noradsanta.org\*\*](http://www.noradsanta.org)

# AEMSF Scholarship Applications - Tips for You and Your Applicants

We're nearing the due date for gathering and submitting applications for the 99s Amelia Earhart Scholarships. The new due date to your Chapter AEMSF Chair i(Alice) is **January 1st** and to the Southwest Section Co-Chairs by January 15, 2021!

Here are some things we'd like you and your applicants to consider:

1. Read the General Requirements and Instructions as well as the application forms so you are **very familiar** with them! They change annually and it's important to be as knowledgeable as you can. Your familiarity will make a difference for the applicants as you can discover errors and have them corrected before submitting the applications to us, saving A LOT OF TIME and effort for all.
2. Read the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the Southwest Section <https://sws99s.org/scholarships/>
3. Send a notice to your chapter about the scholarship due dates and that applicants **MUST** read General Requirements and Instructions carefully. Don't accept any application unless the 99 has read the instructions!
4. If you haven't already, meet individually with each potential applicant to discuss her goals and plans. We suggest you both watch the recent 99s webinar on the AEMSF scholarships <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm>
5. Follow this file naming format for each application:
  - Surname\_Given Name\_Chapter\_AEMSF\_2020
  - Send only ONE PDF per email and send to all three of the Southwest Section AE Co-chairs. Our emails are:
    - [lorigparker@gmail.com](mailto:lorigparker@gmail.com)
    - [cecipilot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cecipilot@sbcglobal.net)
    - [phx99scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:phx99scholarship@gmail.com)
6. Your 99s Recommendation letter can make a big difference in whether or not your applicant wins! Read "Tips on Writing a 99s Recommendation Letter", also on the SWS website <https://sws99s.org/scholarships>. Don't just repeat what the applicant said in her essay. Give specific examples of what she's done and why she should be awarded the scholarship.
7. Before sending any applications to us, Check and Double Check each application!
  - Examine all parts for accuracy
  - Verify all sections are complete
  - Use a program like Grammarly for grammar & punctuation
  - Check document attachments for readability
  - Applicants should submit to their Chapter a few days early, but **DON'T RUSH**
  - Chapter AE Chairs should submit to the SWS co-chairs a few days early, also. **DON'T RUSH**

Please feel free to contact Alice if you have any questions or concerns.

## Mission: Opportunity

Dec. 9 @ 12 noon CST (10 a.m. PST)

Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day

We ask that they complete their free registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-oklahoma-women-in-aviation-and-aerospace-day-virtual-forum-tickets-129724255741>.

Join the Facebook event and post pictures of your Oklahoma Women in Aviation and Aerospace in the discussion panel at <https://www.facebook.com/events/385814492619282>. Thank you, and please call on us any time.

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## Book Reports by Joanne

**Teddy, the Airplane** is a delightful book for youngsters written by 99 Janis Keown-Blackburn. It is all about a little plane who is so excited to learn he is the most important plane of all, a *training* plane. I have already send some out as gifts.

**As the Prop Turns** I thought was a mystery book, and I suppose it could have been called that. However, it is really a biography of a plane as it moved thru many careers, owners, adventures....I obtained some copies that Alice will have for sale once the 2nd Saturdays begin again. That Waco was a very well built aircraft that needed to be rebuilt several times after various mishaps.

I also had a book from Women in Aviation called **Stars of the Sky, Legends All.** I wasn't sure what to expect, but there were short bios of several women pilots I was not aware of. Wonderful altho brief stories.

Tonight I finally finished **Charles E. Taylor, the Wright Brothers Mechanician** by H.R. DuFour. I had picked this book up when I was in Dayton a few years ago and visited the Wright Brothers Aviation Center in Carillon Historical Park. It described the dedication, expertise and design curiosity of the mechanic that built the engines which allowed 'the kites' to sustain flight. He was such a key part of the team!

Will be handing off the books to Mona with a request to eventually get them to our aviation library.

(More book related topics on following page...Book Section)

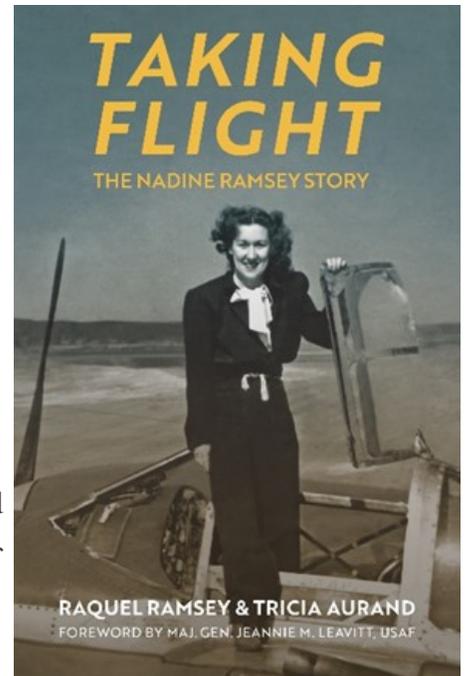
## BOOK SECTION

### Taking Flight

The Nadine Ramsey Story

Raquel Ramsey and Tricia Aurand

In October 1944, Nadine Ramsey was thirty-three and she was flying the cutting-edge P-51 Mustang to New Jersey, its last stop before heading to the war in Europe. The irrepressible young woman from Wichita had long been determined to fly and the gathering storm clouds of World War II had provided an unexpected opportunity. *Taking Flight* is the inspiring story of a girl from Depression-era Kansas who overcame tremendous challenges and defied convention to become an elite pilot—one of the few American women to fly fighter aircraft during World War II.

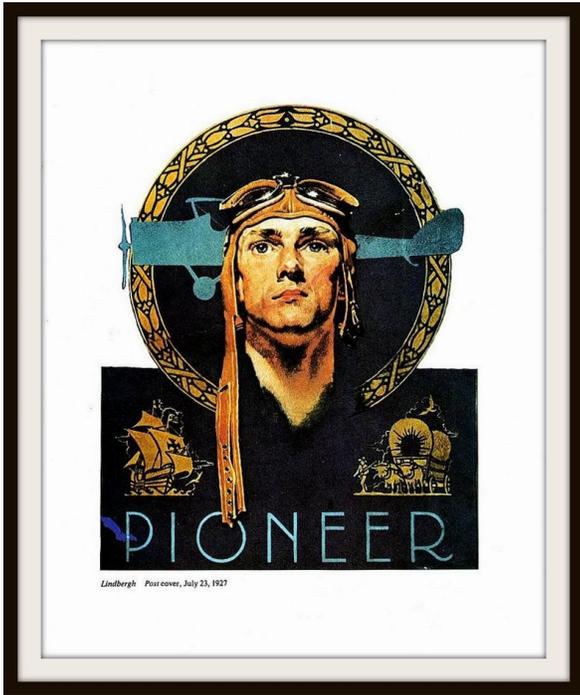


*Taking Flight* follows Nadine as she became one of 1,102 women to join the Women's Airforce Service Pilots and one of only 303 WASPs to take to the skies in military cockpits, transporting aircraft to bases across the nation for use in the theaters of war. This book marks her milestones: the first Kansas woman to earn a commercial pilot license; among the earliest women to fly the US Air Mail; one of only 26 WASPs who flew the Lockheed P-38 Lightning, a fighter aircraft—and the first woman to own one; the only woman in the country to instruct male pilots to fly fighter planes after the war. Disbanded in late 1944 to make way for male pilots and barred from piloting for commercial airlines, the WASPs spent the next three decades fighting to win veteran status.

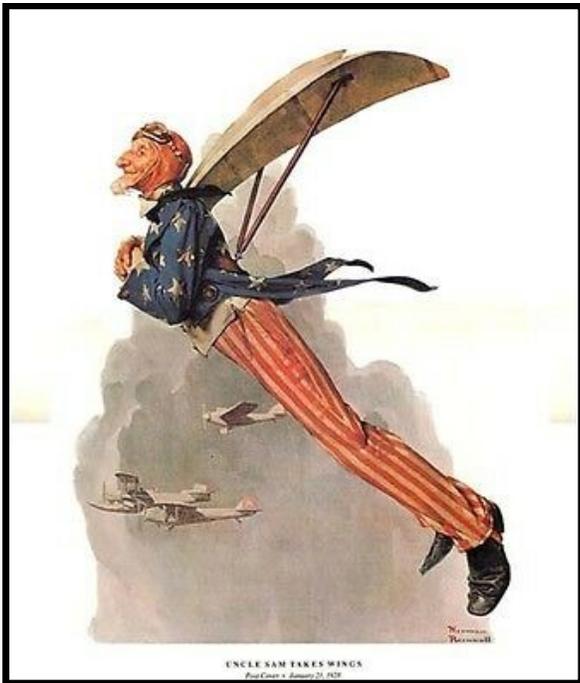
**Aviatrix Book Club** ([www.facebook.com>groups>aviatrixbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/aviatrixbookclub))

A place where women in aviation can suggest, review, and promote books related to women in aviation, and where women connect through stories. (Thank you, Carolyn for sharing this info).

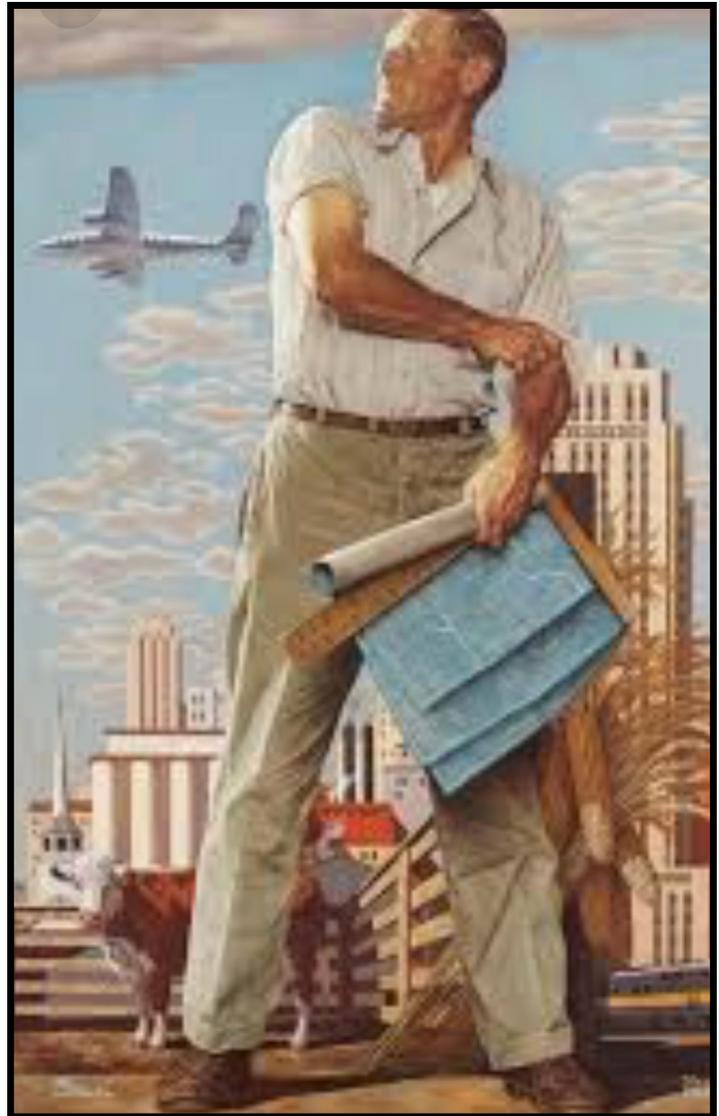
Norman Rockwell reprints are available on line from various sources. Some have aviation themes and are really cool.



Aviation Art Print, Lindbergh, Norman Rockwell 1927 Portrait of Charles Lindbergh, First Solo Flight Across Atlantic, Unframed Illustration Etsy \$14.95



Patriotic Print Uncle Sam \$14.99



Kansas City Spirit Pintrest

This very helpful information was shared with me by Alice who received it from Judy Stark.

## Unfamiliar Airport?

Use Google Earth to get a pilot's eye (satellite) view of an unfamiliar airport. I've done this a few times and found it very helpful—once for the Santa Monica airport before the Palm-to-Pines race because I've never been pic flying into the LA basin and I wanted to be sure that I would recognize the airport, and again for the section meeting in Ashland because I figured it was a small airport that might be hard to see.

Once you've downloaded the necessary software from [www.earth.google.com](http://www.earth.google.com), you can zoom in on your destination, move to the area from which you'll arrive relative to the airport, and then go to the appropriate altitude. Voila! A pilot's eye view of the airport that you can print out and take with you.

Alice's note: After you locate your airport, print it out in color so you'll have it.

## Mercedes Eulitt (guest speaker for January)

Guest Speaker for the January Zoom meeting on January 20th 7 p.m. will be Mercedes Eulitt. Mercedes will be talking about her aviation experiences including formation flying, being a test pilot, an aerospace engineer, working for NASA and the infamous Skunk Works. Contact information will be sent out with the agenda and November minutes. Feel free to share this information with others who would like to hear Mercedes' stories and have an opportunity to interact with her.



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# Logbook



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

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### 2020

- Dec. 8                    7 p.m. Tuesday—SPA meeting
- Dec. 9                    Women in Aviation & Space Day (see details inside)
- Dec. 12                   9 a.m. Saturday, Young Eagles **Postponed**
- Dec. 12                   11-2 Saturday—Second Saturday WVI **Postponed**,
- Dec. 12                   Second Weekend—WVI open for discount fuel (contact office)
- Dec. 12                   Mystery Flight—Santa Clara Valley Chapter 99s (see inside for details)
- Dec. 16                   7:00 p.m. Wednesday—Monterey Bay 99 **CANCELLED**
- Dec. 26                   10 a.m.—2 p.m. Saturday—Fourth Saturday SNS **Postponed**
- Jan. 1                    AEMSF Scholarship application du3**

- 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