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# LOGBOOK

Top Photo—Mona and Petra enjoying a flight to Half Moon Bay

Bottom photo of Petra flying over snow covered Red Rocks, Sedona Arizona

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May 19th at 7 p.m. hopefully will be our last ZOOM meeting. We will primarily be talking about the international 99s' bylaws. See Zoom info on page 2

#### The Ninety-Nines Mission Statement:

"The Ninety–Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promote advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."

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Members have been very active behind the scene working as a chapter board member, committee chair, or participating in aviation activities. Some of what the members have been doing will appear in the April minutes (email on May 17th). Some members are on international committees, others are on our local committees.

Marjorie Bachman works hard to represent our chapter on the WAAC-Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee. Theresa Lewandoski-Byers and Jeanne Sabankaya are on the WEACT board. Sophia is the president of the SPA-Salinas Pilot Association and she works at Jet West. Sierra Lewis is ready to take her oral and practical and works at Specialized Helicopters. Michaele Serasio is on the logos international committee and just completed a major air marking at the Hollister Airport. Alice Talnack is involved with everything and often is the go-to person for answers. She has been on our chapter board for various positions for most of her membership and has extended her efforts to the international organization as well. Gabby Adelman keeps our information available on the web. Laura Barnett organizes, safeguards, orders our books, and downloads info on the web and updates the library. Joanne Nissen organizes the refreshments, bakes cookies, and provides expertise as a former chair of our chapter. Paula Johnson takes, types up and submits minutes of the meetings so everyone can be aware of what was discussed and be informed. Kay Harmon—see's in the news again! In addition to that, Kay is active with our Facebook account and membership. Carolyn Duggar has graciously been our ZOOM hostess and allowed us to use her account for our meetings.

Thank you, ladies!

#### **Prop Wash**

By Jeanne Sabankaya

Do you remember that defining moment when you were bitten by the aviation bug?

For me it was decades ago when I was a little girl, around 10 years old. Dad had hired an agricultural spraying service to spray his crops. When the plane was scheduled to arrive, he told me to go inside the house so not to inhale any of the chemicals used to spray the crops. I watched



from a window that gave me a clear vantage point of the spraying. With wonder and amazement, I watched how the airplane flew low and horizontally to the field, sprayed, climbed, made a sharp bank and turned around to spray a different section of the field. I remembered straining to watch the plane but when it flew over the house I couldn't see it any more. I would listen for its engine, knowing that the plane was getting closer when the sound became louder. It seemed the plane was done spraying in such a short time. I asked my Dad if I could have a ride. He told me the plane was carrying chemicals so it wouldn't be safe for me. The subject ended there but the burn inside me just started.

I had always wondered about the pilot that flew the crop duster. Was he still alive? What happened to the company and the plane? Did the business still exist?, maybe passed on to a different generation? I never pursued my curiosity until last year. I lost my mom in October (to natural causes) and while clearing out her belongings, my son found a tape measure in the glove compartment of her car. She was a realtor so she would need to take measurements of odds and ends for her clients, hence the need for measuring tapes. On the tape was an advertisement for agricultural spraying by Trinkle and Boys. Certain that this was the aerial spraying company that was my aviation inspiration, I sent them a letter. It's been a few months and I haven't received a reply. I expected that there might not be a response due to the length of time when I first saw the plane fly. At least my mail was not returned.

There's no news to share yet about the situation between United Flight Services and the Watsonville Airport. Rumor has it that the case went to court and now a decision will be given soon.

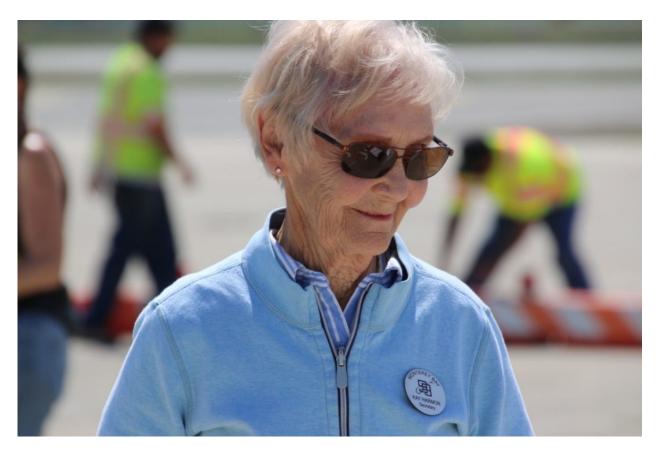
This May's ZOOM meeting might be our last one. Members are anxious to get back and meet in person doing real hangar talk. Santa Cruz is now in the yellow tier and everyone is biting at the bits for Governor Newsome to give us a "Green Light" for June's opening. If all goes as anticipated, we will be announcing a "Meet and Greet" in place of our June meeting. Keep tuned in.

Our members are very active as indicated in the April minutes (will be sent out on May 17th). Please take a look at it to see who is doing what. Many members are active but their activities have not been shared at the meeting. Marjorie is busy with the WAAC—Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee, Board members and committee members— Alice, Michaele, Joanne, Jeanne S., Kay, Paula, Mona, Carolyn have been active behind the scene. Other members such as Petra-flying in Hawaii, Red Rock/ Sedona Arizona; Sophia heading the SPA-Salinas Pilots Association and working at JetWest; Sierra—working at Specialized Helicopters and near to her check ride and final oral plus getting married in a few months are all busy working on their aviation goals.

Wishing you all, your perfect day of flying.

## A Bird's Eye View of life

Published <u>05/03/2021</u> BenitoLink Reporter, <u>John Chadwell</u>



Volunteer Kay Ackerman Harmon has a special connection with the airport in that her father-in-law Elmer Harmon was the first airport manager. Photo by John Chadwell.

**Kay Ackerman Harmon**, 88, has been around planes and pilots for a long time. She loves both. Kay Ackerman and Ronald Harmon were 12 when they first met on a dusty airstrip along Fairview Road. Her husband Ronald flew solo at 16 and the youngest of their four daughters became a pilot.

The Ackerman family has been in San Benito County several generations. Kay was born in Hollister, then lived in Tres Pinos. She also spent a lot of time at the family's apricot ranch north of Lone Tree Road along Fairview Road.

The man who started the family flying tradition was her father-in-law Elmer Harmon, who was not only a pilot but taught others to fly and eventually became Hollister Municipal Airport's first manager after World War II.

Kay said Elmer, who was originally from Hollister, was a flight instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps in California, Texas and Utah. After the war he wanted to continue flying and the federal government said he could move his flight school business from the dirt field to the airport after the Naval Auxiliary Air Station was deactivated in 1946. He made a deal with the Hollister City Council to manage the airport for \$1 a year in exchange for using it for his Harmon Flying Services. Many of his students were ex-military who settled into the area and used their G.I Bill for flying lessons. He managed the airport until 1954.

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Kay said that between the apricot farm and the neighboring orchard was a 1,900-foot dirt landing strip on the Westin Frank ranch where Elmer gave flying lessons and rides beginning in 1946.

"That's where I got to know the Harmon family," Kay said. "I would walk through the orchard after school and watch the airplanes. I met Ronald when we were both 12. He was what they called the gas jockey. He would help refuel and dust the airplanes off."

Navy planes would fly into Hollister from Southern California using Highway 25 as a navigational aid and this is why it is also called Airline Highway. Kay would watch them fly over Fairview Road headed for the airport. In visiting the airstrip where Elmer gave lessons and watching the Navy planes fly overhead, her love affair with flying and airplanes began.

Kay and Ronald flew together for many years. He was always the pilot and she the navigator. She told BenitoLink she had no desire to be a pilot.

"Around 1965, as the girls grew older and were getting married, he started flying out of the Salinas airport," she said. "I never wanted to touch the controls. I would look at the charts and landmarks."

One day in 1972, Ronald made an appointment for Kay to receive her first flying lesson.

"I said I didn't want to do that," she said. "I liked flying with him and I didn't want to learn to fly. He said just do it, I might like it. I took that one lesson and 90 days later I was a licensed pilot."

By the time she stopped flying in 2000, she had logged a little over 2,500 hours of flight time. They flew together all over the western states and British Columbia.

"We flew a couple of air races together," she said. "Our youngest daughter [Dianne Harmon Price] and I flew an air race together from San Diego to Concord. We placed 19th out of 99 air-planes and were first of the first-time racers."

Still active with the 99s, Kay said the club was connected to legendary pilot Amelia Earhart.

"Amelia Earhart started the 99s and there are more than 6,000 members now," she said. "I thought I wanted to be part of that. It was organized in 1929 when she called together all the women pilots she could get a hold of. The meeting was at an airport in Long Island, New York, and there were 99 original members. That's where the name came from."

Ronald passed away in 2007 and Kay is no longer a pilot, but she still supports airports and aviation. She said even though she lives in Salinas, she still considers Hollister her home.

The early days of flight have passed and many of her mentors are gone, but for Kay, the thrill of flight is still alluring. "No. I don't fly anymore, I just jump out of airplanes," Kay said. "I plan my third skydive over Marina from 15,000 feet in two and a half years, on my 90th birthday."

(photos of Kay on following page)



Kay and Ronald Harmon met when they were 14 at the dirt airstrip where Elmer Harmon taught locals how to fly. They would both become pilots. Photo courtesy of Kay Harmon.

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Kay and Ronald with one of their planes. Photo courtesy of Kay Harmon.  $\rightarrow$ 

**KAY** 



## **HARMON**

← Kay and her daughter, Dianne Harmon Price, raced for a short time. Photo courtesy of Kay Harmon.

Kay Harmon sky dives over Marina on her 80th birthday. She is planning to do so again on her 90th in two and a half years. Photo courtesy of Kay Harmon. →



#### **Bylaws and Standing Rules Information**

#### (including the Bylaws Modernization Project)

Welcome to the International Bylaws and Standing Rules (IBL/SR) Information page. This page began in 2018 as the Bylaws Modernization Project with the goal of improving our bylaws and standing rules by reflecting the appropriate level of detail, adding missing information, conforming to the Delaware state code, and clarifying current content which may be redundant and/or conflicting.

However, going forward, the primary focus of this page will become communicating with members regarding proposed amendments to the bylaws and standing rules.

#### **2021 Proposed Amendments**

Since the 2020 proposed amendments were withdrawn due to the new online annual meeting format, the IBL/SR Committee has worked with the submitters of the withdrawn amendments to determine their disposition, and to consider new submissions. The result is 13 proposed amendments to be voted on during the 2021 annual meeting on July 10, 2021. These proposals are listed in the table below.

Also, two new Briefing Notes have been added to the "Presentations..." resource links below. These notes, prepared by the IBL/SR Committee, provide background detail and analysis that informed the writing of Proposed Amendment #13 on One Member One Vote and Quorum. A third document in the resource links below is the paper produced by the ad hoc committee on voting technology to support combined online and in-person voting at an annual meeting .

**Editor's Note:** Go to the International Ninety-Nines' home page for "members area" and find the tab for Bylaws and Standing Rules Information. There is more information there plus you can access videos discussing the proposals. Also attached to this newsletter are the drafts of the amendments and changes.

The following page has a table with the amendment numbers and a brief description.

#### May 19th @ 7 p.m. last ZOOM meeting?

Topic: Monterey Bay 99s-General Membership Meeting

Time: May 19, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 808 100 3160

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#### **International Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee**

#### **2021 Proposed Amendments**

#### PROPOSED 2021 DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

| 1  | Standing Rules Amendment #1 on Student Pilots: defines a consistent standard for the documents that a student pilot, or pilot in training, presents to apply for membership. (Approved on interim basis by IBOD in July 2020; requires ratification by members to become permanent)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  | Standing Rules Amendment #2 on Election Balloting: provides flexibility for sections and chapters when they use electronic balloting for their elections. (Approved on interim basis by IBOD in July 2020; requires ratification by members to become permanent)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | <u>Standing Rules Amendment #3 on Investment Fund Advisory Committee:</u> changes the Investment Fund Advisory Committee membership to match current practice. (Approved on interim basis by IBOD in July 2020; requires ratification by members to become permanent)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | <u>Standing Rules Amendment #4 on Election Results Deadline:</u> changes the election results deadline to match current practice. (Approved on interim basis by IBOD in July 2020; requires ratification by members to become permanent)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | Bylaws Amendment #5 on Online Meetings: adds provisions to clarify that the annual meeting and other regular meetings may be conducted online at the discretion of the IBOD.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendment #6 on Modernization: adds clarification and removes obsolete wording. Some additions are necessary to clarify intent or to match current practice. Some detail is moved to the standing rules or deleted where already covered in the standing rules.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendment #7 on Corporate Governance: clarifies the structural relationship and governance between the international level, sections, and chapters.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | Bylaws Amendment #8 on Nominating Committee Term Limits: brings the Nominating Committee into alignment with The 99s and best practice   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendment #9 on Trademarks: continues the modernization process of moving provisions to the most appropriate document, and clarifying intent   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendment #10 on Publications: continues the modernization process of moving provisions to the most appropriate document, and clarifying intent.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Bylaws Amendment #11 on External Relationships: combines The 99s external relationships into one bylaw to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of such relationships in the best interests of the corporation  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Standing Rules Amendment #12 on Election Deadlines: lengthens the Intent to Seek Election window by two (2) months, and shortens the voting window by two (2) weeks. Other dates were adjusted in consultation with the Nominating, Election Procedures, and Publications Committees to ensure these committees have sufficient time to complete their work.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendment #13 on One Member One Vote and Quorum: replaces the delegate system with one member one vote, plus revises quorum. The current practice of using a delegate system for voting at the annual meeting is complex and difficult to implement, is not always fair, and does not follow best practices. The recent use of online meetings and the new technologies and software applications that are available allow The 99s to adopt improved processes |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Air Marking at Hollister Airport











Michaele Serasio is the airmarking chair for the Monterey Bay chapter. She contacted the airport manager at the Hollister Airport who wanted the compass rose painted there. Bay Cities chapter was contact and they had 7 members come to help. In addition to that chapter, Michaele contacted the Hollister Airmens' Association, Hollister and Salinas EAAs and 4 members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the 99s, Michaele, Kay, Carolyn, and Jeanne S.were there to help. It took a day of prep work and laying out the compass rose and points, and two days of painting.

The Hollister Airport staff was very helpful and made the work go smoothly. They provided two day's of lunch and the glider school provided everyone a free glider ride.



More photos from the air marking



↑ Compass Rose





Views from the Glider

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

May 13 Rusty Pilot webinars—AOPA Being prepared and self aware when incorporating newer technology into your flight deck can feel daunting. With so many options available, it can be a challenge to select and effectively use the right tool. Join us for an enlightening session of tips and tricks to avoid problems and make the most of your cockpit tech.

If you would like to review one of our previous webinars in this series, you can find the playlist by going to https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQCVVyDKYo3K\_AblL\_6XvxoEZJNLgqjr0 or https://webinars.aopa.org/category/videos/you-can-fly-webinars or https://www.gotostage.com/channel/4ac6b09017c641bb8d09cd62355cb356

#### May 18— Webinar series Turbulence to Triumph: Navigating Experiences to Empowerment

The 99s International Member Council's fifth webinar of the 2021 Webinar series Turbulence to Triumph: Navigating Experiences to Empowerment presents::

"The Power of the Pivot: How to Navigate Your Next Chapter" (presented by Carole Hopson—Boeing 737 pilot for United Airlines)

How: go to <a href="https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm">https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm</a>

May 21 Webinar discussing what Bylaw 13 means...one member, one vote and about the quorum. Go to the 99s webpage and then to <a href="https://www.ninety-nines.org/bylaws-and-standing-rules-information.htm">https://www.ninety-nines.org/bylaws-and-standing-rules-information.htm</a>.

May & June—EAA has a lot of diverse webinars available. Check them out on their web site.

June—tba fly-out to Fresno/Chandler Airport hosted by the Bakersfield Chapter

### **May 2021 (times shown are Pacific Standard Time)**

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