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**2020**

## **“Important Dates”**

### **General Meeting**

**July 11, 2020**

**Gateway EAA Chapter 1401**

**HANGAR 10**

**Merced Regional Airport**

### **Board Meeting**

**July 30th**

**700 PM**

**Mike Bodine**

**2519 Sea Breeze Ct.**

**Merced, CA**

# Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July



**Bonnie Gottschalk**  
Editor

Hello Flight Enthusiasts!

This year has definitely been challenging if nothing else. We have been making up for lost time since getting our baby (Cessna) back. Flew down to Oceanside a couple of times to visit with friends. Then we flew to Solvang for the day which was just lovely. Lots to see and everyone in masks so safe. Flight was calm and quite speedy.

Our trip to AZ and visiting the grandchildren there was postponed due to COVID but hopefully next month I will be able to report we saw them.

The meetings have been moved to the EAA Hangar for safe distancing. Please wear masks for those who feel uncomfortable when people are not wearing them. We want everyone to come see the presentations without fear of becoming ill, and unless you are physically unable to wear one we would appreciate your cooperation in wearing one for them. Also, we can not provide food or beverages but feel free to bring your own.

As usual Linton Wollen's presentation on past Fly-Ins at Merced Airport was both informative and fun. We appreciate him sharing his knowledge of the local area events past and present. Thank you Mr. Wollen!

This month's presentation is special to me as John and my father-in-law are the facilitators. The Gottschalk Flight Center was a big part of the Valley's General Aviation from the late 50's to the mid 80's, which was not big in computer technology so this presentation will not be found on any internet site. I hope you can all attend for this bit of Valley Aviation history. I anticipate seeing you there. Until then, may all your journeys be safe & all your touchdowns be smooth.

Bonnie G.



Mike Bodine

# President's Post

**July 11, 2020**

**Gateway EAA Chapter 1401**

**8:30 AM HANGAR 10**

**Merced Regional Airport**

## EAA General Meeting

Presentation: History of the Gottschalk Flight Centers

**Please wear face masks**

No food or drink will be served

## Regional Airport Advisory Board Meeting

A meeting is being scheduled for 7:00PM July 21<sup>st</sup> at city hall. This meeting may be of interest to all Merced Airport tenants. The government is providing a \$3 Million grant for airport improvements.

**Regretfully your EAA Board has voted to eliminate the Young Eagles Event Scheduled for this year, because of the Corona virus .**

### Board meeting

July 30<sup>th</sup> 7PM

Bodine residence

2519 Seabreeze Ct.

Merced

Mike Bodine

# 2020 Gateway EAA Meeting Schedule

<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>General Meetings</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Meeting Agenda and Activity</b>
July 2	July 11	Merced Airport KMCE Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social Gottschalk Flight Centers CK & John Gottschalk
July 30	Aug 8	Merced Airport KMCE Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Sept 3	Sept 12	Merced Airport KMCE Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Oct 1	Oct 10	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social
Nov 5	Nov 14	Gateway Community Church	Aircraft Display and Social
Dec 3	Dec 12	Bodine's	<b>Chapter Christmas party</b>

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# CHAPTER EVENTS

MERCED PILOTS ASSOCIATION

## 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MERCED WEST COAST ANTIQUUE FLY-IN

### AIR SHOW (Sat.&Sun.)

Antique & Experimental  
Aircraft on Display

### Radio Frequencies

121.0 Tower

121.8 Ground

114.2 VOR (Monitor Merced VOR for ATIS)

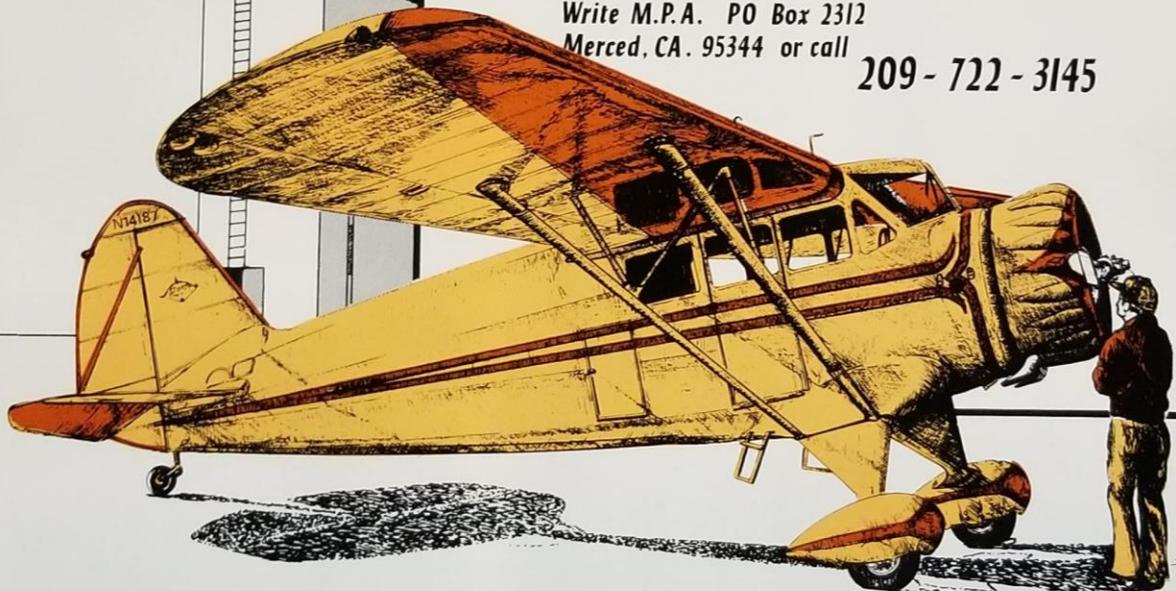
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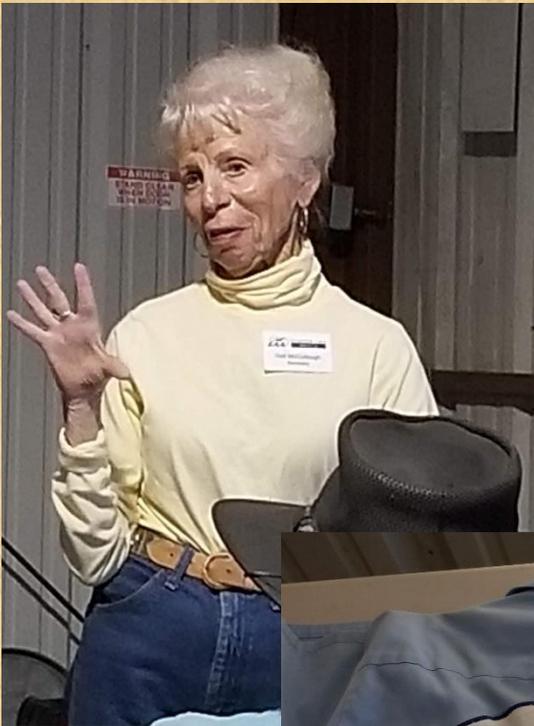
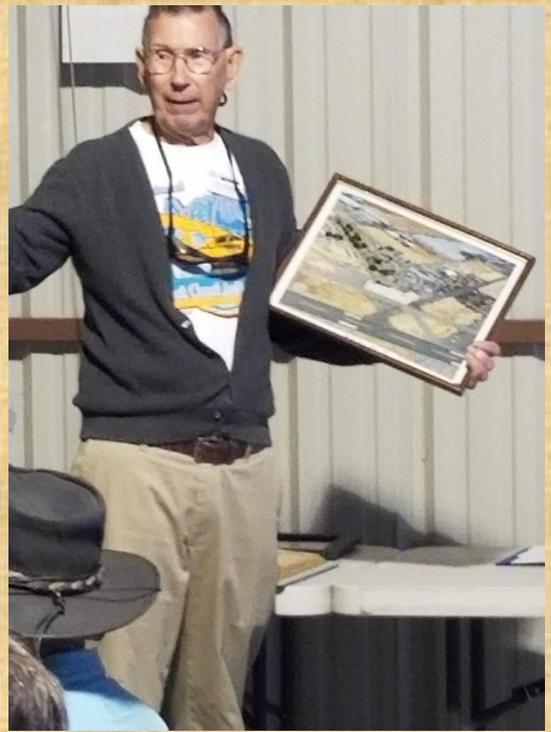
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# 50th Annual Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In

June 1-2, 2007

Come celebrate our 50th anniversary at the Merced Municipal Airport, 20 Macready Drive, Merced, CA. Admission is only \$6.00 for adults - \$2.00 for children 12 - 6 & ages 5 and under get in free!

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society

**Friday**  
12:00 - Gates Open  
5:00 - Earlybird Dinner  
7:00 - Live Band "Stagger-By"

**Saturday**  
8:00 - Gates Open  
1:00 - Aerobatic Airshow  
6:00 - Annual Awards Banquet

**Both Days**  
Hundreds of Antique Aircraft \* Airplane, Aerobatic, Helicopter & Jet Rides  
Food \* Crafts \* Car Show \* Displays \* Kids Zone \* Firecat \* much more!

Join us Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Merced Theater to see "The Barnstormers"! Admission is only \$5 and all proceeds benefit the Merced Theater Foundation.

**Merced Pilots Association**  
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<http://www.mercedflyin.com>

## MERCED WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN

16th ANNUAL

WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN

JUNE 12-3

THE FUN FLY-IN

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**AIR SHOW - JUNE 3, 1-3 P.M.**  
ANTIQUE FLY-BYS  
PARACHUTE JUMPS  
MONITOR MCE VOR 114.2

NO TIE-DOWN OR REGISTRATION FEES

## MERCED WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

JUNE 1 and 2

1974  
MERCED  
CALIFORNIA

Air Show & Air Races Saturday & Sunday!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

MONITOR MCE VOR 114.2

NO TIE-DOWN OR REGISTRATION FEES

## 22nd ANNUAL WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN

AIR SHOW

JUNE 15-16-17

VOR 114.2  
TOWER 121.0

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# Airport Group Names Officers

New officers and an executive director for the 18th annual Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In have been named by the Merced Pilots Association.

Maj. Robb Steinheider, a B52 scheduling officer at Castle Air Force Base heads the association for the coming year with Linton Wollen as executive director for the 1975 Fly-In.

They succeed Tom Tiner and Mrs. Gail McCullough, respectively.

Other officers include Jim Wilkerson, vice president; Ann Chaney, secretary; Howard Prine, treasurer, and Tiner, Mrs. McCullough and Wollen, directors.

The 1975 event is scheduled June 6, 7 and 8.

Steinheider, a pilot since 1967, has 630 hours in light aircraft and 5,400 hours in military craft. He served as association vice president last year.

Wollen, an electricity-electronics teacher at Merced High North Campus, has 825 hours as a pilot, accumulated since 1960. He has served as both president and vice president during his four years on the Fly-In committee.

As usual the Fly-In will open

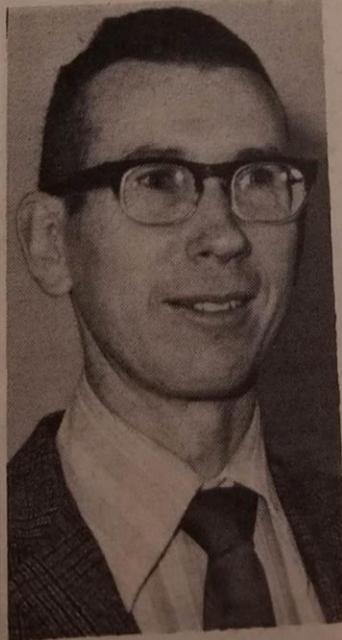
with the early bird reception the first day with aircraft judging and fly-bys the second day. The traditional awards banquet is set for June 7 and an afternoon air show concludes the program June 8.

Other committee appointments: Mrs. McCullough, public relations; Tiner, publicity; Marvin Green, special events; Maj. and Mrs. Steinheider and Wilkerson, program; Orvil Fleming and Doug Vining, judging and awards; Kathleen Wollen and Jean Feighery, registration; Dan Feighery, Howard Prine and Art Buehler, auto parking-gate; Helmich Boessenkoll, facilities; John Stallings, transportation;

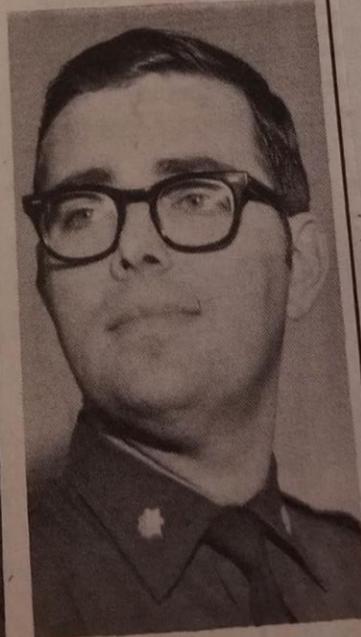
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ille and Joyce Austin, banquet; Ann Chaney, Lyn Tiner and Rene Askew, early bird reception;

John Dole, static display; Ken Crow, Bob Austin and Carroll Bracy, aircraft parking; Cal Chaney, fly-by; Lee Ward, spot landing; Ed Wheeler and George Fuller, safety; Wendell Olson, accounting, and Wayne Irwin, concession.

Merced, Ca. Sun-Star  
Monday, Dec. 16, 1974



LINTON WOLLEN

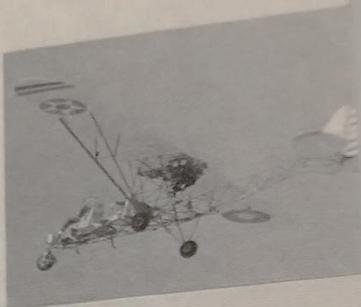


ROBB STEINHEIDER

TOP: Aerobatics, flour drops and taildrugging will intrigue fans during the May 22-23 antique fly-in.

RIGHT: More than 400 old ships will be on display. The black Spad (center) is the '74 champion.

FAR RIGHT: "Breezi," a craft that Ken Bunker of Santa Clara built at home, gets a workout.



## Early Birds Catch the Crowd

*THE PROP WASH* tugs at your goggles and the wind orchestrates an eerie whine on the struts. A firm pull of the stick eases the plane up, up, up. There. Now for a couple of lazy figure eights around that cloud trace, the compact ship responding like a pumming cat to another stroke on her arching back.

This is the siren call of flying the early birds — vintage airplanes that introduced the phrase "flying by the seat of

your pants" to our lexicon.

The call entices ground-locked flying fans, too. Some were smitten by movies such as "Wings" and "Dawn Patrol," others by the romance of the Wacos, the Stearmans, the Ryans, the Fairchilds, the Stinson Sentinels — doughty ships that airlifted mail, dusted crops (and still do), refined aerial mapping and introduced thousands of young men to the grim task of defending their country in the skies three decades ago.

Many of these aficionados will be heading for Watsonville for the Memorial Day weekend. More than 400 early bird collectors will descend on the airport there near Highway 1 for the 11th annual West Coast National Antique Fly-In.

They'll display their planes May 22-23. Added lures of aerobatics, "fly-by's", flour drops and taildrugging will keep thousands of spectators craning their necks.

So it's more than an antique show. One observer calls it "a happening," a time for swapping stories and restoration techniques amid the tents that many exhibitors pitch on the grass alongside runways.

There's the big prize too — the Grand Championship Award. Last year Jim Ricklets of San Carlos won it with a Spad, the legendary World War I fighter plane that took 2½ years, 5,000 man-

hours and about \$40,000 to restore. He discovered it in pieces near a small North Carolina town.

THE WATSONVILLE Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture co-sponsors the fly-in with the Antique Aircraft Association of Northern California.

"It started small," recalls Vernon L. Ackerman, airport manager. "The first year, 25 or 30 planes came in as a spin-off from the Merced fly-in. This year, besides the antiques, about 600 other planes will come in."

Those planes must take off for home, too, after the show has ended Sunday afternoon.

"I get out there on top of the Jeep between two runways, with my son on the left and someone else on the right," Ackerman says. "They each have stop and go signs. I give them the signals and they keep the planes taking off about once every 20 seconds. Of course, the pilots fan out right or left to stay clear of trouble."

Do you have any other kind of trouble? he was asked.

"No. Oh, one year a fellow landed with his wheels up. He had his wife and kids along. Fortunately, no one was injured. After the landing, the man hopped out and started running. One of the kids hollered after him, 'That's the second time you did that, daddy.'"

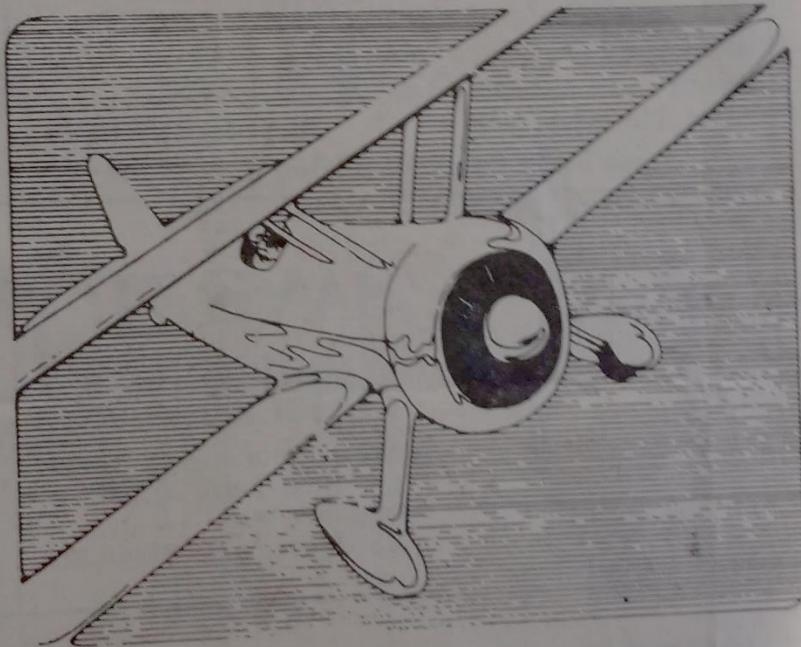


RUGGED Stearman, piloted by Gary Woy of San Jose, was a Navy trainer. It's a popular plane for the demanding chore of crop dusting.

MERCED PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
presents the 18th annual

# MERCED WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN

Saturday & Sunday  
June 7 & 8



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ANTIQUE FLY-BYS!

EXPERIMENTAL  
AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS

STATIC DISPLAYS!

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**SATURDAY** Between 2 & 3 P.M.

A special fly-by of the war birds of America,  
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**SUNDAY**

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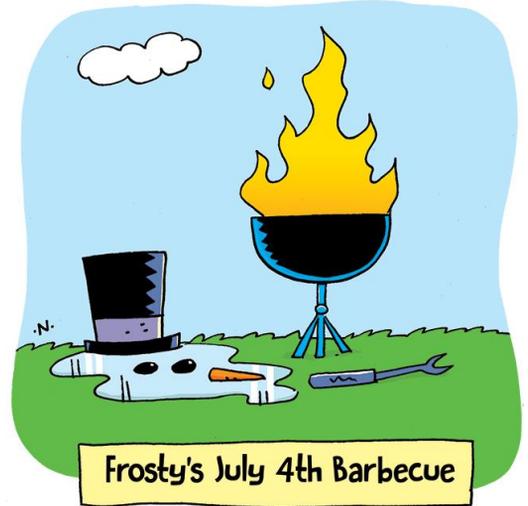
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# Lift Your Spirits

Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?



Because she can't sit down.



**Teacher:** More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War.

**Student:** Wow! They must have been pretty strong, four men defeating a whole army!

**Teacher:** Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

**Tommy:** Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.



What's red, white and blue?



Our flag, of course.



Nope, an unhappy candy cane.

# A BIT OF HISTORY



Douglas Ruby

American Champion Aircraft

Doug worked for the Flight Center from age 14-17, sweeping hangars, washing airplanes, and cleaning up the FBO to earn his flight time. His primary instructor was Clayton (C.K.) Gottschalk.



Champion Citabria 7ECA N5146T - With a young (16 or 17 yr old) pilot. This airplane was purchased new in 1966 by Gottschalk Flight Service in Modesto, CA. (photo shared on Facebook with CK Gottschalk)

# Remembrances of Former Gottschalk Flight Center Pilots and Students

## **Jo Titus**

“You never forget the first plane you learned to fly in. Mine was a Cessna 172 Tail # 89V. It was a kind of old model and was in need of an upgrade but probably too expensive to make it worth CK’s wife. Anyway one day I came back to check out that old Cessna and it was gone. When I asked CK what had happened to it he said he had sold it. I waited awhile to see if the person he sold it to would refurbish it and I would see it at the airport again but no luck. Finally I bugged CK to let me know who he sold it to. CK finally caved and informed me that he had sold it to Hollywood and they were going to use it as a prop in a movie. Unfortunately they had crashed it into a mountain before doing so. “

“Harry Sham airport manager and namesake shared office space with the Flight Center was in a partitioned office that did not go entirely to the ceiling and he and some friends who would come and play gin rummy. They would forget that the partition did not go to the ceiling and they would just be cussing away. Not thinking about the woman in the other part of the building. We would just laugh it off though.”

## **CK Gottschalk**

“After moving from MI in 1951, Dad had a Stinson from his "fleet" flown out to Modesto by one of his managers/instructors. He flew it once...then sold it. A few years later he bought a Piper Super Cruiser, N2392M.”

“Mother flew; she flew at the urging of Dad. Dad had pushed Mother ahead of him, so she got more pay (from the military) because she had more certificates.”

# Pat's Memories



**Cross-country Flight** with Roberta Gottschalk was to a Cessna factory in Wichita, KS to pick up a new plane. They took off to test flight the plane; they felt a severe vibration and had to go back. They found a road with a housing area with a pond in the middle but it was the wrong landing strip so they had to make another attempt to find the correct flight line. There was a AFB almost on top of the airport along with several other airports so it was a bit of a task to find the right one. They had to fly 300 feet above ground to get to the pattern to stay out of

the way of the AF jets. She went back up with the mechanic and he verified the vibration was a problem. It turned out to be a step that was there with a handle and the handle was touching the cowling so he had to shave the cowling so it would not touch the handle. Before this time they did not have steps on the Cessna 182 so they were not aware of this being a problem.

They headed out and landed in a small Texas town where they had to find a ride into town. The phone booth was broken and there were no cell phones. They luckily found a man in a hanger and he gave them a ride. They spent the night in a motel where they put chairs in front of the door for their safety. They were a bit nervous being two women alone in a strange town in a small motel.

The next day they were trying to fly home but could not make it over the Sierras due to huge thunderstorms and had to turn back to Foxx Field at Lancaster where, as usual they were greeted by strong, strong winds. So spent the night at a better hotel, no chairs this time.

Next morning they flew home to Modesto.



**Palms to Pines Race** went from Santa Monica to Sun Valley or Bend, OR with a timing stop in Modesto or Merced and an overnight one at Red Bluff. Pat flew it with her sister, Judy Newman. It was a timed race. No GPS at that time so it was all Pilot skills. Sixty-three airplanes were in the race was an amazing flight.

“Roberta was a good spot landing pilot.” Very accurate. Pat said. Roberta flew the Palms to Pines race as well but Pat could not recall with whom.

Once she received a check from Emily Gottschalk near elections time and was unable to cash it because Emily had written it out to Patricia Carter. Pat said she must have been watching the Election on the news while she was making out the payroll.

# Plane & Pilot



Friday's Just The Facts Roundup Of Aviation News:  
Week Of June 27, 2020



Stranded Cessna 150 Tries To Take Off From A Sandbar.

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