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2020

“Important Dates”

General Meeting

October 10th

8:30 AM

Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

Merced Regional Airport

HANGAR 10

Board Meeting

November 5th

700 PM

Mike Bodine

2519 Sea Breeze Ct.

Merced, CA

Happy Halloween!



Bonnie Gottschalk
Editor

Hello Flight Enthusiasts!

Had a wonderful flight this month! For a weekend get away we decided to finish our 2015 cross country journey and go to Bryce Canyon; we were to exhausted at the time to stop there. It was a great decision. We saw Bryce Canyon from the ground and then a glimpse of Zion National Park from the ground as well. I was not aware that you could only see Zion via shuttle or hiking; which meant we did not see much from the ground.

So, we opted to see it from the air when we headed back home. We flew over Zion and then Bryce then headed back to smokey California. All in all it was a relaxing and extremely pleasant four days.

This General Meeting we are going to make wooden gliders with Linton's supervision. So bring your grandkids if they are free. I am sure Xavier would love some kids closer to his age there. He also will be bringing an interesting collection that he has composed over his years of travel. Should prove to be a fun and interesting meeting. Hope to see you there!

President and Treasurer are open for nomination this month. If you would like to nominate someone or want to take on either position be sure and attend. Then in November we will vote them in.

The meetings are still being held at the EAA Hangar for safe distancing. Please wear masks as a courtesy, so those who feel uncomfortable when people are not wearing them will attend. We want everyone to 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. We will have coffee and bottled water available please use the sanitation methods put in place so you can serve yourself. Please use the sanitizer available and help stop the spread of COVID. If you want to bring your own beverage or snacks that is allowed. Until the 12th stay safe on the ground and in the air!

Bonnie G.

2020 Gateway EAA Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings	General Meetings	Meeting Location	Meeting Agenda and Activity
Sept 24	Oct 10	Merced Airport KMCE Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Nov 5	Nov 14	Merced Airport KMCE Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Dec 3	Dec 12	Bodine's	Chapter Christmas party



Chapter Events

Suzi Wallace & Kim Ochoa



Our History

The organization was founded November 2, 1929, at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York. All 117 women pilots at the time were invited to assemble for mutual support, the advancement of aviation and to create a central office to keep files on women in aviation. Louise Thaden was elected Secretary and worked to keep the group together as they struggled to establish themselves and to grow. Those early purposes continue to guide the organization today.



First Meeting of The Ninety-Nines, November 2, 1929

In 1931, Amelia Earhart was elected the first President, and the group selected the name "Ninety-Nines" to represent the 99 charter members. Membership was immediately opened to other women as they became licensed pilots. In recent years membership has been open to women with student pilot certificates.



[The Ninety-Nines \(99s\) 90th Anniversary,
International Organization of Women Pilots](#)



"In the air, everywhere,
It's the song of The Ninety-Nines.
Wings in Flight,
Day and Night,
with the Song of The Ninety-Nines;
On the line,
fliers fine,
ships and spirits tuned in rhyme,
Keep that formation
over the nation
with the song of The Ninety-Nines. ©

[The Song of the Ninety-Nines](#)

Lift Your Spirits

Corny Halloween Jokes Anyone Can Remember

Q: Why do skeletons have low self-esteem?

A: They have no body to love.



Q: Know why skeletons are so calm?

A: Because nothing gets under their skin.

Q: How do vampires get around on Halloween?

A: On blood vessels.



Q: Why did the ghost go into the bar?

A: For the Boos.

Q: Why did the Vampire read The New York Times?

A: He heard it had great circulation.

Q: Why did the headless horseman go into business?

A: He wanted to get ahead in life.



Q: Why do girl ghosts go on diets?

A: So they can keep their ghoulish figures.



Q: The maker of this product does not want it, the buyer does not use it, and the user does not see it. What is it?

A: A coffin.



Q: What do you call a witch's garage?

A: A broom closet.



A BIT OF HISTORY

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Frank Prentice



Frank Prentice in air tanker 21 in 1956.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Prentice Danley.

Pioneer Air Tanker pilot, former Ukiah resident and original owner of Ace Aerial Service, Frank Prentice, 93, passed away July 16, 2020, at his country home near Chico, CA. Frank lived in Ukiah from 1960 to 1971. He was one of the founding members of the first Air Tanker Squadron of pilots flying for the Mendocino

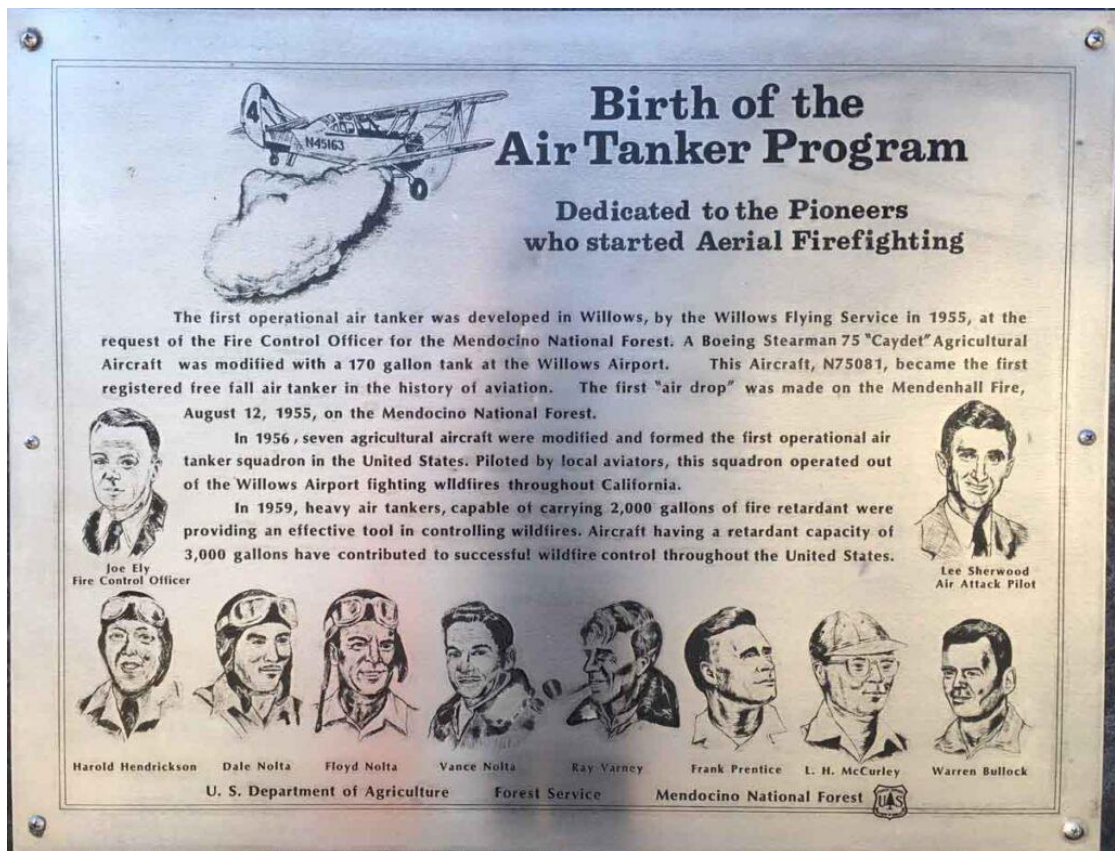
National Forest based at the Willows, CA airport. The group included seven pilots from the Sacramento Valley flying Boeing Stearman 75 and Naval Aircraft Factory N3N's, converted into agricultural, and then air tanker planes. The first strike was in 1955 on the Mendenhall fire in the Mendocino National Forest. By 1956 the seven elite agricultural pilots were flying the converted planes with 170-gallon drum of water/borate and other fire retardants over forest fires all over the state.

In 1958 Frank contracted with California Division of Forest (CDF) and eventually moved his family to Ukiah, establishing Ace Aerial Service as an aircraft maintenance shop in 1960. He continued to fly air tankers during that time.

With billowing towers of smoke and ash obscuring their view, he and his team carried out precision strikes until the fires they were fighting were extinguished. This practice remains an invaluable technique in wildland firefighting today, and would not have been as widely used or evolved had it not been for the first Air Tanker Squadron. Frank was the last surviving member of that historic crew.



In 1971 Frank moved back to Willows/Chico area to farm his in-laws' Walnut & Almond orchard, leaving professional aviation behind. He and his wife, Lila, were joined by their three children in establishing an impressive legacy near Willows & Chico.



Plaque at the Willows, California Airport honoring the early history of using aircraft to fight vegetation fires.

Frank & Lila celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in November of 2019. Frank is survived by wife Lila, Chico; Elizabeth Ann Danley (Wade), Willows; Marilee Susan Doolittle (David), Butte Valley; F. Steven Prentice (Yolanda), Chico. They have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with #13 due in November.

He was the last surviving member of the air tanker program that began in Willows, California in the 1950s. ~ Author [Bill Gabbert](#)

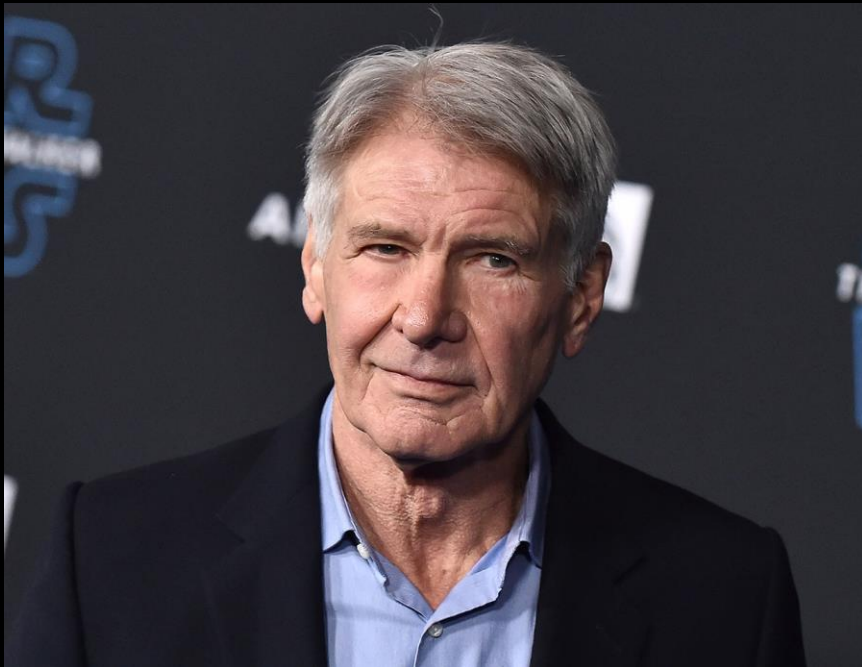


[Plane fire fighting Exclusive footage](#)

Plane & Pilot



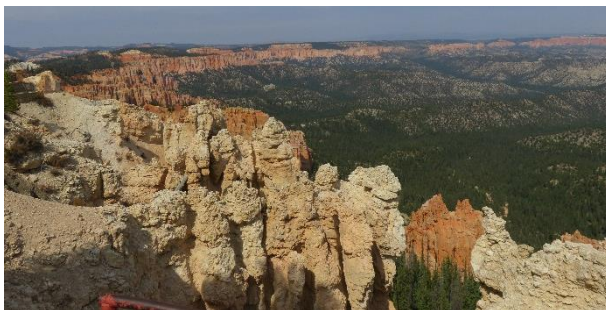
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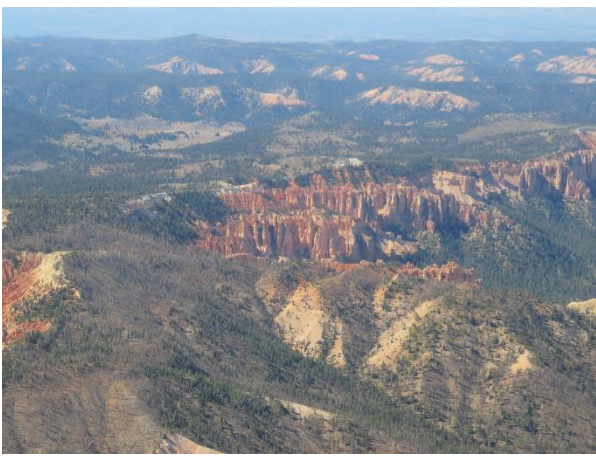


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We also drove to a very nice Lake Resort while we were in Utah



Just in case some of you like boating and fishing and staying in a cabin they have an airport nearby. <https://airnav.com/airport/U55>

SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EAA CHAPTERS FLY-IN
SUNDAY OCT 11, 2020
HOSTED BY PASO ROBLES EAA CHAPTER 465

Join us in Paso Robles for a one-day event centered at the Estrella Warbirds & Race Car Museum www.ewarbirds.org, which has the highest tourism visit rate on the central coast after Hearst Castle!!!



The one-day event will include:

- Full day access to the Estrella Museum which opens at 10:00 AM
- A catered lunch
- Presentation and "Fast Credit" by the FAA Fast Safety team and/or a retired NTSB official
- Fuel Discount anticipated, usually 0.25 off self-serve price and delivered to your plane by truck.
- Pre-registered cost per person for the day is \$32 up to Oct. 4, later or on-arrival registration \$42.

To register please send EAA 465:

- An Electronic Mail message to EAA465@sbcgloabl.net, including the: (i) your name(s), (ii) type of plane, (iii) N number, and (iii) your EM and Phone number
- A check for the number of people in your plane times \$32 to: Treasurer EAA465, 7460 Pinal Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422, or send payment to our EAA 465 Pay Pal Account at EAA465@sbcglobal.net

Hope to see you there. To find out more about EAA465 go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465> which has a link to send us any questions you may have.

Dave Fretwell, President EAA 465

PS: if you want to come a day earlier or stay later, to enjoy Paso Robles, the wine country, etc. be sure to book a motel ahead of time, camping is allowed on field, Uber, & the airport Café is open 6AM-2PM.



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