



**Aviation Nose Art  
"From Sirens to Sea  
Monsters"  
Jerri Bergen on June  
7<sup>th</sup>**

Potluck Dinner: The McGowan's Hangar  
at 6:00 PM



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Jerri Bergen, owner of Victory Girl, an aviation art services company, will present an informative and entertaining presentation titled 'Aircraft Nose Art: From Sea Monsters to Sirens and Back Again'.

Jerri Bergen and her company 'Victory Girl' at Cable Airport in Upland, CA, have designed and/or painted hundreds of nose art pieces on leather flight jackets, aircraft, RC models, hangar walls, and even bathroom tiles! This slide show presentation takes a historic view of aircraft nose art, its origins in WWI, the heyday of nose art in WWII, and how the art form is faring today. Jerri has designed nose art for many commercial, military and general aviation aircraft – all of which have a story behind them. Jerri and her husband Chris, both AAHS members, own several aircraft, including a 1966 Mooney M20C, a Marine OY-1, and a 1941 Porterfield.

Jerri enjoys the history and stories behind aircraft nose art, and is pleased to present some of these stories for your enjoyment. See the Victory Girl website at [www.victorygirl.com](http://www.victorygirl.com) for more information.



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## *President's Column*

*By Lynne Orloff*

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes was everything and more than I thought she would be... a great speaker and a warm caring human being, so reflective of what we come to expect from a Doolittle. I hope you were able to attend the meeting and hear the story of General Jimmy Doolittle as told by his granddaughter. Many of us have talked about his contributions to aviation and believe him to be the one that comes under the heading of the "greatest single contributor". He was the first to receive his PhD in Aeronautics; he did the first outside loop, the first to fly solely by instruments, and the first to cross the United States in under 24 hours. He pushed Shell Oil to spend millions on developing high octane aviation fuel and the Army Air Corp into building bigger and more powerful engines/aircraft... and that single contribution allowed us to win the war against a nation ahead of us in aviation engineering. His aircraft carrier-deployed B-25 bombing of Tokyo early in WWII served to build the morale of our forces and destroy that of Japan's. He went on to strategically plan the North African theatre of air strikes with the 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force and later took over the 8<sup>th</sup> in England in the bombing of Germany. After the war he was on so many boards of different manufacturers and continued to contribute on into his late years. He was a leader among leaders and his men would follow him anywhere. He was an American Patriot and hero to most that had won their wings or those that could appreciate a man with an ability to get things done with passion and compassion. It is said that he took only "calculated risks". In those days it was common to not bring the airplane back in one piece and Jimmy certainly lost his share of aircraft while learning the laws of flight, construction, and nature as it pertained to flight. He applied his learning in ways that supported the development of aviation for all of us. Jonna says pilots are "crazy" but has a desire to learn to fly herself one day. We will keep in touch with this extraordinary woman and hope to make PML a home away from home for her.

This next month will be a fun program. Jerri and Terri are twin sisters with a great talent in art. They use it to paint "Nose Art". For those of you that do not know about nose art, you will get an education in it and I know you will enjoy it. It is a light, fast-moving program with lots of pictures and music that reflects the era depicted. Catherine and I got to see the program at a Ninety-Nines lady pilot's meeting a couple weeks ago and we immediately put it into our "PML" program list. The meeting will be at McGowan's hangar. Prior to the meeting, we hope to

have an open hangar time from 3- 5:30 where members can stroll the taxiway and look at our many projects, hangar queens, and flying stock before the meeting. Will hangar owners please let me know if you will be opening your hangars up (NO clean-ups required)? Will anyone having a golf cart and able to help with folks who cannot walk the airport comfortably also please drop me an email? They tell me that three of anything makes a collection, therefore, at this time I have a "collection" of hangars that have replied. Thanks everyone for your continued support of the board in getting our meetings together and staged. We have a very special community here and it shows to our visitors.

## *Social Column*

*By Dian Martin*

Thanks to Al, Wayne, and Shane for donating their hangar space for last month's meeting. Members were able to see several of the interesting planes that normally call the hangar "home" while enjoying a great potluck feast. The speaker was great too!

Our June 7th meeting at 6:00 p.m. will be held at the hangar of Mel and Suzanne McGowan on the north side taxiway. Set up time will be Saturday 10:00 A.M. There is no potluck "theme" this month, just bring your favorite dish to share.

## *Upcoming Events*

*By Janet Gregory*

### **Father's Day Fly In at Columbia Airport**

Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, 2014

Fly in or drive in. It's fun for the whole family!

Temporary control tower will be in operation. Stop by our chapter EAA booth for free water.



## Springtime Scenes

We have had some great aviation-related events this spring. Here are some pictures of what our members have been doing and seeing around the area.



**Mike Lella, Roger Sloan, and Ed Gregory at the Young Eagles Rally at O22**



**Al Craig and Young Eagles at O22**



**Mike Gustafson and friends at the Young Eagles Rally**



**Shane's Zlin at the May PMLAA Meeting**



**Helicopter Fly In at the Miller Ranch**

## Guess The Airport

The answer to last month's contest was E16, South County Airport in San Martin, CA. We'll resume this feature soon when the editor has a chance to visit some new airports!



## 2014 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
June 7	Jerri Bergen	6:00PM McGowan's Hangar
July	(No Meeting)	
August 9	Annual Block Party	Outer Taxiway loop

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