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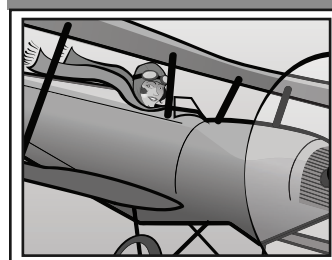
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THURS., AUG. 16, 7 PM
at P.L. United Methodist Church
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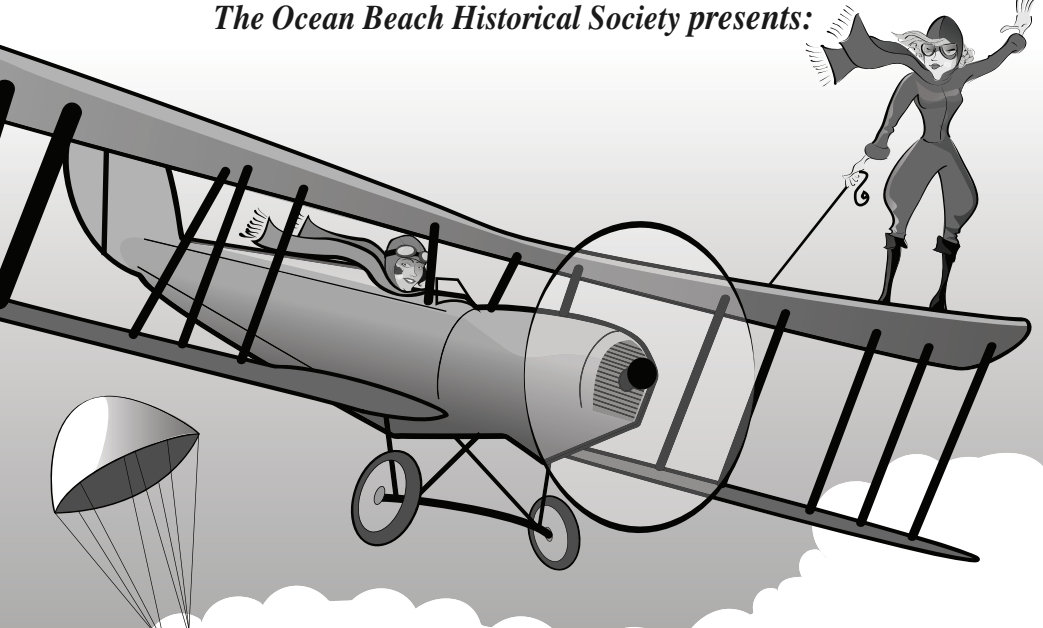
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The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents:



ANGELS AT 7 O'CLOCK
SAN DIEGO'S PIONEER FEMALE AVIATORS
by California State Parks Historian
ALEX D. BEVIL
Thurs., Aug. 16th, at 7 PM
P.L. United Methodist Church,
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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San Diego has played an important role in American aviation history. Indeed, some of the earliest attempts at controlled flight have occurring here. While most historians recognize the pioneering work of Montgomery, Curtis, Ryan, and Lindberg, most ignored the role women played in San Diego's aviation history.

Alex's program, *Angels at 7 o' clock*, will focus on the untold story of San Diego's female aviators within the broader context of the history of women's aviation. Faced with gender bias, ridicule, and sometimes even outright sabotage, these "First Ladies of Flight," whether they realized it or not, were pioneer feminists. All possessed a single-minded determination to fly, often paying the ultimate price for their efforts. Ironically, Alex's presentation will be held less than two miles from the forgotten crash site of one of these brave women, whose crashed aircraft was described coldly as "a pile of lumber."

Alex Bevil is past-recipient of the Congress of History's prestigious Ben Dixon Award, California State Parks Historian. Alex is deathly afraid of flying. As part of his therapy, he has been involved in researching and documenting historic aviation-related crash sites in several California State Parks. His article about a 1922 airplane crash in San Diego's mountainous backcountry received the James S. Copley Library Award in 2005. Last year he successfully nominated a World War II-era bomber crash site near March Field, in Riverside County on to the California Register—the first of its kind listed in California.

AUTHOR/LECTURER RICHARD CARRICO-Thurs., Sept. 20, 7 PM
P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.



**PRESERVE
OB's HISTORY!**
OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ARCHIVES
We NEED: • HISTORICAL PHOTOS,
ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION • CASH DONATIONS
• HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

**GIVE A GIFT THAT HELPS
PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY
ARCHIVES**

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives Room is housed in space rented from the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held.

The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters & artifacts. Also, there is an extensive biography index and San Diego City Directories from 1926 to 1984 which list people, their spouses & occupations. Residents are also listed by street address. Dedicated volunteers assist with the processing.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE WELCOME.
Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are!

Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs, especially, depict people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones appear. The cliffs erode and scenery changes. The OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into O.B.'s past.

When donating photographs to the Archives, please remember to date, identify the people and places in them.

Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archive's staff would be happy to copy and safely return items to you with your permission to use the materials.

Preservation work often needs support & supplies.

GIFTS MAY BE DONATED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

It's important to preserve our history and maintain the archives.

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CONTACT OBHS ARCHIVIST MARY ALLELY TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: (619) 223-7784

MEMBERS June- July:
New Members: Carol & Rick Callejon; Peter David Clark; Downspell Photography; Teresa & Jeff Eckert; Mike Horvath; Lynn Reed; Anna M. Thurston.
Welcome back: Tracy Glover; Shauna Peck
THANKS FOR DONATIONS:
Laura Buxton & Tim Cohelan;
Jane Meiners; Barbara & James Peugh.
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THANKS FOR DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES:

SHAUNA AIKEN- Photos & genealogical documents (3 generations to present). The original house on 4690 Del Monte Ave. is gone, but there is a new one. Also sent the obituary of a neighbor - Aldridge.

DONNA BERGERSON- Ocean Beach Womens' Club papers on behalf of the club.

JENNY BEST- Cash archive donation.

TITLOW FAMILY- Ned's assorted OB collection

CRAIG GERWIG- "Ocean Beach Bathing Plunge 1918" blueprints

DEANIE POWELL- OB newspaper clippings & Narragansett Ave. house fire photos

HEATHER REED- 200 postcard protectors

OB EXPOSED! Correction (name typo): Vintage Winner-Mark Huston

**JUNE 21, 2012 WAS A PICTURE PERFECT EVENING
THE OBHS AND CALIFORNIA SURF MUSEUM PRESENTED
OB'S NOTABLE WOMEN SURFERS**

This event was living proof of the many champions and fantastic women surfers that makeup Ocean Beach's fabulous surf history!



**THANK YOU
GARNETT**

We thank Garnette Fletcher for the many years of serving on the OBHS Board, and serving as Treasurer. Your hard work and enthusiasm was deeply appreciated.
—the OBHS Board



**"92107" POETS, FRIENDS & FAMILY
REUNITE IN CELEBRATION OF LOVERNE BROWN**



©Photos by Steve Rowell

The July Ocean Beach Historical Society program honored the achievement of LoVerne Brown and the important part she played in Ocean Beach's history.

Many poets of the *Ocean Beach Poetry Circle*, which for years published the annual anthology "Zip Code 92107" attended, including Steve Kowit, who published a collection of LoVerne's work (*The View from the End of the Pier*). These poets read some of LoVerne's favorite poems and told stories that included one about Jim Morrison (of the Doors) getting drunk at one of their meetings at Cal Western.

LoVerne's favorite foods were served including rootbeer floats, cake, cashews and cupcakes.

*A sampling of LoVerne's poems can be read at:
www.lovernebrown.wordpress.com*