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EARLY AVIATORS 1929



Up, up, up! Monta Vista boys are learning to be fliers, building and flying their own homemade gliders. The upper picture shows Robert Butcher some 20 feet in air in a glider of his own design and construction, as snapped yesterday by a Lomar Service photographer. The lower picture shows the three boys who are partners in the construction and flying of the frail craft. They are (left to right): George Fujii, Angelo Quinterno and Robert Butcher. The glider is towed against the wind by boys to lift it in the air, and will later be used behind an automobile, and in free flight from nearby hills.

Up, Up and Away!
a 2008 article by Donna Austin

Did you know that right here in Monta Vista, we had the equivalent of the Wright Brothers? Three 16 year old

boys designed, crafted and flew a glider 20 feet into the air in March of 1929. There were no TV's, computers, iPhones, iPods or Gameboys. Life was different for 16 year olds in those days and this is one of the things they did for fun.

Paula Quinterno brought me the newspaper article and photos of this momentous event. Her father was Angelo Quinterno, part of the trio that designed and built the glider. Her uncle Paul, the younger brother tagged along and made some of the flights because of his light weight.

Here is the article from San Jose News March 29, 1929.

"Let her go!

A dozen stout country boys ran down a field at Monta Vista yesterday afternoon, pulling on a rope attached to a home-made glider. Unlike the famous flying machine of Darius Green, the home-made contraption actually flew, getting more than 20 feet in the air. Four or five flights were made until, in one landing, a light brace cracked and flying was through for the day.

HOME-TRAINED FLIERS

The glider was designed by Robert Butcher, 16, a student of Fremont Union High School, after seeing pictures and stories published in The News about gliders constructed at Los Altos and Sunnyvale and seeing pictures of gliders in magazines.

The story of the 200-mile auto-towed glider flight in the south crystallized the boys' resolution.

Robert was aided in actual construction work by his partners, Angelo Quintero and George Fujii, students at Fremont and Santa Clara High Schools, respectively. The glider was made in George's home shop.

The glider is larger than the ordinary amateur glider, having a wing spread of 35 feet and a chord of five feet. The tail was seven feet wide. Spruce and ash wood were used for the framework. Light muslin was used for wing surfaces. Instead of Airplane "dope" or wing varnish, flour and water paste were used.

Wheels for old toy wagons were used for the running gear. Clothesline wire was used for bracing. Less than three weeks of spare time work was required to complete the "bug". A bath-tub seat was improvised for the flier, but was abandoned as it was too awkward.

The flier grips a light handrail on each side on which his forearms rest and guides the glider up and down by swinging his weight fore and aft, and shifts from side to side to execute a turn or to level the ship.

CRASH LAST SUNDAY

Paul Quintero, Angelo's younger brother, being lighter, made flights last Sunday. The ship rose readily enough, but he found it difficult to keep the wing horizontal. It tipped in one flight teetering to the ground and breaking off short. Paul was unhurt.

Yesterday's flights were made with additional precaution. In addition to the bridge rope pulled by a dozen or more boys racing down a field against the wind a light rope was run to each wing tip and held by boys on the ground to keep the glider level in the air.

Preliminary tests have been thrilling for the boys. They plan later to tow the glider by auto, when they have learned better how to control it, and will also launch it from some hill top near Monta Vista.

New Intern

AUDREY TRAN is a 1st year anthropology major at De Anza College. She began interning in April 2023 through the Humanities Mellon Scholars Program. She is working towards a Masters Degree in socio-cultural anthropology. Audrey enjoys learning about other cultures and connecting with other people.

New Board Members

KALPANA ARODA is a founding member and President of the non-profit "inAtalent" an organization dedicated to bridging age gaps by providing opportunities to volunteers to gain leadership skills through community services. Kalpana is also active in Cupertino Rotary, and Toastmasters International. She is an accomplished dancer skilled in many dance for such as Bollywood, folk and classical dance. Kalpana works full time at a software company.

BRITTANY BARNES was born and raised in the bay area. She graduated from De Anza College and received her degree in marketing/advertising from San Jose State University. Brittany currently is a Realtor and specializes in the Cupertino area. She bartends at Paul and Eddie's Monta Vista Inn, a tavern which her grandparents started in 1943. Her roots run deep in Cupertino/Monta Vista community and she works to keep the family traditions alive.

MEENU DEVRANI is an entrepreneur & multidisciplinary artist. Founder of "Fyoli Fyoli USA"- a fashion and accessories brand. Meenu is a Board Member at Agaati Foundation where she has been helping with artisan partnerships, content creation, and fundraising. Meenu loves to draw, design jewelry and textiles, paint and sculpt. Her work represents fusion of contemporary and ethnic art mirroring her identity as a South Asian Indian and American woman. She has volunteered at local schools in various educational and student wellness projects. Meenu hopes to help CHSM fulfill its vision and to promote its significance to the Cupertino community.

SARINI KAKKAR, founder of "Sarini's Creations" is a jewelry and dress designer. She innovates jewelry design to match the personality of a bride to blend harmoniously with her wedding dress. Sarini works with the Cupertino Historical Museum and other non-profits, helping create exhibits which highlight Indian culture and tradition. She believes that art, in any form, inspires compassion and confidence.

SUNIL KAKKAR, is a computer engineer by profession. He spends his fun time "romancing the Degchi" a small cauldron used for Indian cooking. Sunil also writes shayari/poetry. His blogs, interviews, and thoughts have been presented in the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury newspapers.

In Memory of Frances Bush

Frances Alice Mack Bush passed away March 11, 2023, in Livermore, CA at the age of 96. Frances was born in Sacramento, CA to Lorraine Cutting Mack and Charles Edwin Mack III.

Her early years were spent on the family ranch in Sacramento, CA before moving to Stockton, CA. She graduated from Stockton High School and College of the Pacific in Stockton receiving a BA in English, minor in Psychology and completing her Elementary Teaching Credential.

Frances utilized her passion for teaching throughout her life by teaching Elementary school, leading Campfire Girl groups, and developing course study and teaching Confirmation classes at West Valley Presbyterian Church in Cupertino, CA, where she and Philip were charter members.

Frances participated in many organizations including the De Oro Club in Cupertino, CA, where she served as President from 1980- 1981, Governing Session of West Valley Presbyterian Church 1976-1979, and The Cupertino Historical Society Traveling Trunk Program where she and Philip were honored with a CREST award for their numerous volunteer hours.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Philip Bush, whom she married at Morris Chapel at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. She is survived by her daughters, Alice Fahy (Mike), Jane Jewell (John), grandson Brian (Sara) and great granddaughter Kinsley

Phil and Frances Bush were two young teachers when they arrived in Cupertino in 1951. At the time, there were four schools in the Cupertino School District. Downtown Cupertino was truly a crossroads; the old general store, a gas station, a few houses and the Cali Mill surrounded by orchards. They lived in a tank house for one school year. Phil started teaching at Lincoln School in 1951. Frances substituted from Fall 1951 to Fall 1956 in the Cupertino School District.

Phil and Frances joined the Cupertino Historical Society in 1993 and six months later, Phil became President of the Board. He served in this capacity for three years. Both Phil and Frances became docents in 1994. They started volunteering for Henrietta Marcotte with the Traveling Trunk and inherited the chairmanship of the program when Henrietta died in 2000. The couple both

won the CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Award in 1999 for their service to the museum. In 2004, the Bushes were honored at the San Jose Junior League Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and in 2006 at Cupertino Historical Society's 40th Anniversary Dinner.



Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

On the weekend of April 29-30, 2023, Cupertino celebrated its 39th annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Memorial Park. The nice warm weather provided a substantial visitor turnout. Complaints of difficulty finding parking at DeAnza College (with its huge parking lots) was proof of the event's popularity. The cultural displays were all inside the Quinlan Center.

The CHSM museum hosted displays of sumptuous artifacts loaned by the Japanese Consulate as well as displays of exchange gifts from the collection of the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities organization. The San Jose Kimono Club dressed four mannequins in spectacular outfits and visitors voted for the best kimono with pompoms. However, the big hit of the show was the museum volunteers dressing folks up in kimonos and taking their pictures in front of a selfie wall with a cherry blossom backdrop. People waited in lines for the opportunity and our total attendance inside the museum was 2200 visitors.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members, Sponsors, and Colleagues,

I am humbled and honored to assume the role of President of the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum. I am deeply grateful to my predecessor, Darryl Stow, for his leadership and outstanding contribution and to the members of the Executive Committee, Board Members, and Advisory Board Members. Their commitment and achievements inspire me. Indeed, the growth of CHSM has been driven collectively by the individuals and all the past presidents and board members. I look forward to continuing CHSM's remarkable legacy and this important work toward fulfilling its mission.



I wholeheartedly welcome our new board members – Kalpana Aroda, Brittany Barnes, Claudio Bono, Meenu Devrani, Sarini Kakkar, and Sunil Kakkar. I look forward to working closely with you on the rewarding journey of making CHSM a success.

Let us never forget that the CHSM is you – our members. The key lessons I learned over the past two years as a board member have been the importance of being sensitive to the needs of our members and working as a team to get things accomplished. We are all one community, realizing the need is great, and the time is now. CHSM is ever more committed to fulfilling the mission and vision of the organization – every day and in every way.

We have been able to open the museum in support of city events held at the Quinlan center, both to promote the city and to introduce many more people to their city history. We have been able to attract docents to keep the museum open for walk-in visitors. When our off-site exhibit of the Baer Blacksmith Shop at McClellan Ranch is open, we are there with docents to support the live demonstrations. We want to be in-person and of service wherever our citizens come past our exhibits.

We are planning multiple events to get everyone together again. Please join us on May 17 at Paul & Eddies, May 27 at McClellan Ranch, and at our summer party on August 3 at the Cupertino Hotel. As always, I look forward to seeing you at each of these events.

All of this is only possible because of the dedication of our members, staff, interns, and volunteers and through our sponsors' support and generous donations. This is why we have so much hope for the future of our community and CHSM.

Warm regards,

Neeraj Mathur

President, Cupertino Historical Society & Museum

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Details & photos of each exhibit are available at the CHSM website.

CUPERTINO: FROM OHLONE TO CROSSROADS TO INCORPORATION

See the history of early Cupertino unfold in this exhibit about the story of Cupertino before it was Cupertino. It traces the natural history of the area and early Native American settlements through the “Crossroads” and Incorporation of the City in 1955. Explore artifacts, original documents, and photographs paired with the incomparable pen and ink drawings of Cupertino's own Pete Emig as you find yourself in pre-1950s Cupertino.

STEPPING OUT IN 1890

An exhibit of the garments and accessories a woman in the late Victorian era would use to get ready for a social outing such as a cotillion dance or a theater performance (movie theaters had not yet arrived). Up until the 1950s ladies felt required to wear a hat and gloves. Hat pins and handkerchiefs were also needed. The black dress on display has a waist level bow with pockets for giving and receiving calling cards. Our sailor in an early 1900's uniform stands ready to escort any lady. His rank is of a Petty Officer Second Class and his rating is of a Storekeeper (crossed keys).

CUPERTINO WINERIES

A small hallway display case along with explanatory signs hanging on the wall illustrates the story of the many wineries along Montebello Road that winds its way up the mountains west of Cupertino. It is available for viewing anytime the Quinlan center is open. Typically, 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday and during any special weekend events.

New Vice President

Celebrated International Hotelier **CLAUDIO BONO**, moved to Cupertino in 2014, He began serving as a member of the Silicon Valley Rotary Club as well as President of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce in 2022. Claudio is now the Vice President of the CHSM and believes in public service. Claudio is the Hotel General Manager of The Grand Hotel Sunnyvale as well as The Cupertino Hotel since 2014 & manages events at The Vidovich Vineyards. He was recognized in 2019 and 2022 as one of the top 3 Hotel General Managers for the state of California by the California Lodging Hotel Association. Claudio never shies away from assisting his community and is happy to give his time.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 6:30 - 8 pm

- Tavern Talk & CHSM Annual Meeting
- Paul & Eddies Monta Vista Inn, 21619 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014
- Paul & Eddie's turned 80 this year and we plan to celebrate its history in style with: presentations from descendants of the original owners, photos and news clippings from the museum's archives, and an opportunity to share our favorite Paul & Eddie's story...everyone's got one. The \$20 ticket includes one drink in addition to the night's festivities.
- Tickets and more information can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/625463587427>.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 11 am – 3 pm

- CHSM off-site collection display and live blacksmith demonstration
- McClellan Ranch Preserve, 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino, CA 95014
- The restored Baer Blacksmith Shop at McClellan Ranch has most of the CHSM collection of blacksmithing artifacts on display. Come and learn a bit about early Cupertino history and the craft of blacksmithing with live demonstrations of the art.
- Free parking and admission (more overflow parking to the west of Stevens Creek)
- No reservation required.
- Last Saturday each month through August

- Contact D'Miles Salmon, City Naturalist at 408-777-3134 or DmilesS@cupertino.org. He can also schedule blacksmithing demonstrations for schools and groups for a fee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 4 pm

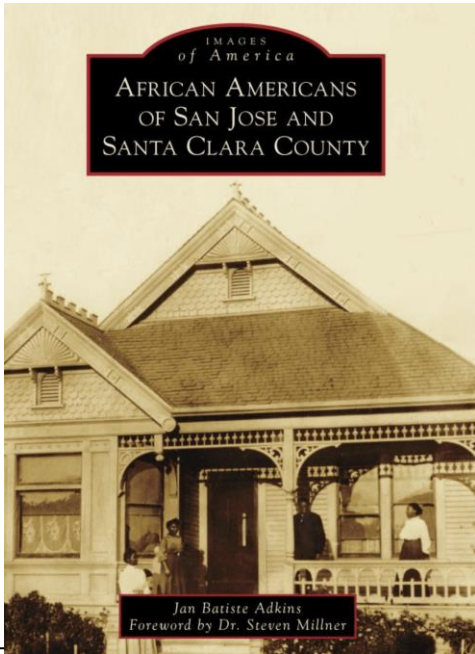
- CHSM Board Meeting
- Cupertino Chamber of Commerce conference room, 20455 Silverado Ave Cupertino CA 95014
- Zoom call-in available.
- Contact president@cupertinohistoricalsociety.org for agenda & zoom link.



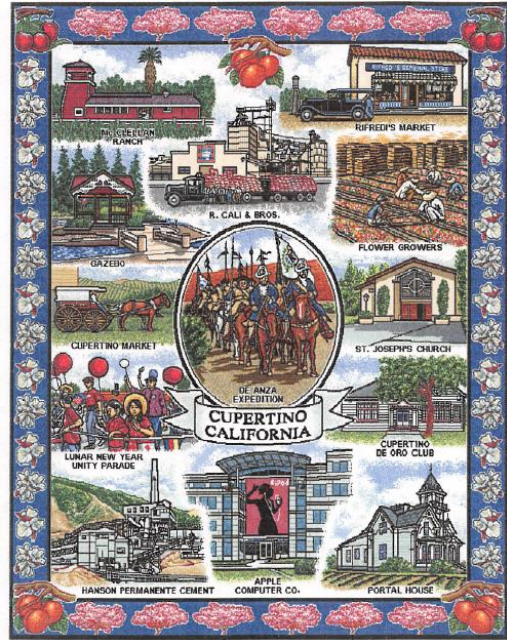
SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

- CHSM Summer Reunion & Fundraiser
- The Cupertino Hotel, 10889 N De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014
- 50's Jazz Themed social mixer to re-introduce history-oriented citizens to CHSM. Entertainment & silent auction. Free ticket includes refreshments and one glass of wine.
- Free parking.
- RSVP to jazz@cupertinohistoricalsociety.org.



New book at the museum store \$27



Cupertino History Blanket – 100% cotton
Exclusively at the CHSM museum store for \$65

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