



Montgomery Flight – 1904   Moffett Field -- 1933   China Clipper – 1936   Hiller XH-44 – 1944   NASA Ames Research Center -- 1981

## The Aero Club of Northern California

"CRADLE OF AVIATION"

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The Aero Club of Northern California invites you to the annual Crystal Eagle Award Dinner, one of the Bay Area's premier aviation events, this year honoring **John and Martha King**, educators who pioneered multimedia aviation training programs to make knowledge more accessible to millions of pilots throughout the world.

The award is presented annually by the Aero Club to someone whose achievements are among the highest in aviation and aerospace. The event will be at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road at San Carlos Airport. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

The Aero Club also will present National Aeronautic Association Certificate awards to **Max Trescott** and **Victoria Collom** for their significant contributions to aviation. Scholarships will be awarded to several students enrolled in Bay Area college and university aviation programs. Ticket prices cover only the cost of the event, so please consider making a cash contribution and/or Silent Auction bid, so we can fund more scholarships.

The Kings are being honored with the 35th prestigious Crystal Eagle for their use of technology and clear, simple and fun teaching to make aviation knowledge more accessible to pilots throughout the world.

In the early 1970s, they began teaching live seminars. After more than a decade they put their courses on video and began to revolutionize the flight training industry. Today their company, King Schools, Inc., which started in a spare bedroom in the Kings' house, operates out of complex in San Diego, California that includes a video and software production facility. Through video instruction John and Martha King have taught more pilots than anyone in the history of aviation -- for many years teaching more than half the pilots in the United States.

The Crystal Eagle Award was first presented by the Aero Club in 1983 to legendary aviator Gen. Jimmy Doolittle. Among past recipients are Gen. Chuck Yeager, Stanley Hiller Jr., Jim Nissen, Jeana Yeager, James S. Ricklefs, Darryl Greenamyre, Paul Poberezny, Eileen Collins, Sean D. Tucker, Steve Fossett, Brian Shul, C.E. "Bud" Anderson, Julie Clark, Rod Machado and, last year, Steve Hinton.

Dinner tickets, including museum admission, are \$80 each for Aero Club members and \$95 for non-members. Reservations are required. Tickets will not be sold at the door. After Oct. 20, tickets will cost \$10 more. Online registration is available on our website, [www.aeroclubnorcal.org](http://www.aeroclubnorcal.org). If you prefer to pay by check, a reservation form is available on our website too. Download it and send it in with your payment. For any additional information, contact the Aero Club at (408) 398-4174.

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