



Major J.C.P. Bartholf landing his SE-5 biplane in New York after his cross-country trip from San Francisco.

## A BROKEN PROPELLER

### America's First Coast to Coast Air Race

by Betty Goerke

In October, 1919 fifty nine pilots flying in open cockpit planes and with no parachutes, competed in a long distance round trip race that began simultaneously in San Francisco and Long Island. Pilots battled rain, fog, snow and ice. There were forced landings, crashes and fatalities. Goerke's father was one of only eight who finished the race.

#### UPCOMING AUTHOR TALKS

**Saturday, March 3rd** | 11:00am

*Book Passage, Corte Madera*

**Wednesday, April 4th** | 7:00pm

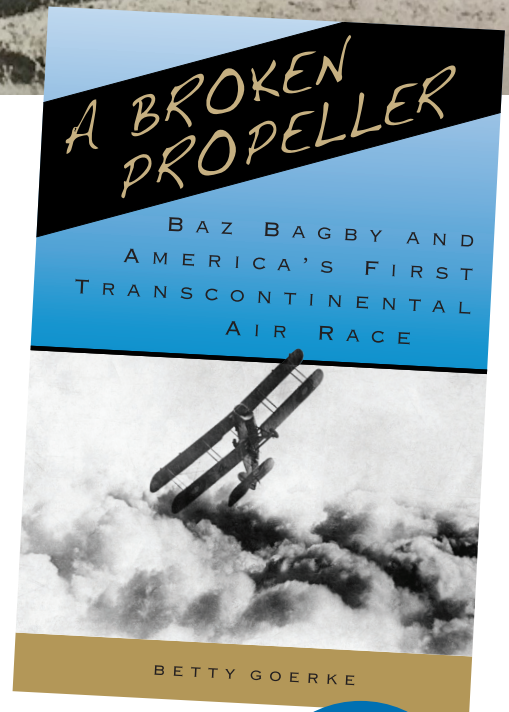
*Mill Valley Public Library*

*Registration recommended via the reference desk (415) 389-4292 or millvalleylibrary.org*

**Tuesday, April 24th** | 12:00pm

*Presidio Historical Association, Presidio Golf Club House, San Francisco*

*Luncheon & Talk: \$55. Reservations (415) 359-9910 or presidio-assoc@att.net*



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