



The Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
of the National Space Society  
proudly presents:

**Craig S. Harwood**

**Author, *Quest for Flight:***

***John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West***

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 3:30 pm

Theater Room (2nd floor)

Columbia Memorial Space Center (CMSC)

12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242

Lecture admission is FREE; however, there is a \$5 CMSC admission charge for adults and children 4 years of age and up. Parking is FREE. For more details, visit <http://columbiaspace-science.org/>

CMSC is near the cross streets of Lakewood Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. From the 105 freeway, exit Lakewood Blvd. and head north. From the 605 freeway, exit at Imperial Hwy and turn west.

CMSC is accessible via the 117, 120, and 125 Metro lines. The Metro Green Line also offers easy access to the Space Center via the Lakewood Blvd station.

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As the gilded age drew to a close in 19th-century America, a lone inventor based on the west coast, John Montgomery, worked against seemingly insurmountable odds to solve one of the great scientific challenges of the ages – the “impossible art” of aerial navigation. *Quest for Flight*, an award-winning book, serves as the basis for an entertaining talk by author Craig S. Harwood, the great-grandnephew of Montgomery. Join him as he weaves the fascinating story of how Montgomery and a handful of his Californian peers collectively transformed science fiction into reality, impacted societal attitudes toward this visionary science and inspired a generation of Americans to take to the skies. *Quest for Flight* establishes, for the first time in the literature, a basis for understanding the foundation upon which California’s burgeoning aviation industry of the 1920’s and 1930’s was formed.

Copies of this book, nominated for the AIAA’s Gardner-Lasser Literature Award and honored in the Southern California Book Awards, will be available for purchase and personal inscription by the author.

**CRAIG S. HARWOOD** is a native Californian living in Santa Cruz County, an engineering geologist by profession with 25 years of practice, a technical writer and author of the multi-award winning and nominated book *Quest for Flight*. He is the great-great-grandson of a prominent Californian (Zachariah Montgomery) and therefore the great-grandnephew of American aviation pioneer John J. Montgomery. *Quest for Flight* is currently in nomination for the AIAA’s Gardner-Lasser Aviation History Literature Award.