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FROM THE CHAIR

Happy Holidays to all. Talk about a culture shock. I returned from Arizona the 29th of November to find plenty of snow and zero degree weather!

On the plus side, the trees and scenery are just so beautiful, it's breathtaking! The snow certainly does put one in a Christmas mood.

I'm really looking forward to our Christmas Party on Wednesday, the 14th. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Don't forget to call and make your reservations with Clarissa (248-5530) or me (694-4571).

We'll be having our Chinese Auction. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10-\$15 value)

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

- WHAT:** ALASKA CHAPTER 99S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY
- WHEN:** WED. DEC. 14
- WHERE:** HILTON HOTEL, CHART ROOM
- TIME:** BAR: 6:00 P.M.
DINNER: 6:30 P.M.
- COST:** \$25

for each person wishing to participate. This is always lots of fun. (I understand the "whirly bra" will be among the wrapped gifts this year.)

To all of you, whether I see you at the party or not, have a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year celebration!

Melanie

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The national site includes news updates, scholarship opportunities and mentor connections.



FLYPAPER FACTS

The submission deadline for the January issue is Dec. 20, 2005. If you have an article, ad or information for the Flypaper, please contact Michelle Bartleman by phone 1-877-552-8926 or by e-mail at michelle@loscher.ca. Ads in the Flypaper are free for members.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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| February—September | (Half year) | \$10 |
| June—September | (Summer) | \$ 5 |

The subscription cost is to cover printing and mailing. You can also read the Flypaper online at ak99s.org.



*Let Us Keep Christmas
Whatever else be lost
among the years,
Let us keep Christmas
still a shining thing;
Whatever doubts assail us,
or what fears,
Let us hold close
one day, remembering
It's poignant meaning
for the hearts of men.
Let us get back our
childlike faith again.*

— Grace Noll Crowell

Come join us for the Christmas Party!

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for the Wednesday, December 14. It will be held at the Hilton Hotel in the Chart Room.

We should have plenty of space, so please plan to attend and bring a friend, spouse or a companion.

The price of \$25 per person covers the dinner and the gratuity. The menu is:

- Garden salad with tomato and cucumber, served with raspberry vinaigrette
- Breast of chicken stuffed with sun-dried cherries and almonds
- White chocolate raspberry mousse

There will be cash bar in the room beginning at 6 p.m. serving a selection wines and beers. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

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We will celebrate with our Chinese Auction gift exchange. Price of the gift should be \$10 - \$20. Each person wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift for the exchange.

Please plan to join us for dinner and lots of fun!

Please mail your check to: Alaska 99s, P. O. Box 91962, Anchorage, AK 99509. Make checks payable to Alaska 99s. You must have your reservation paid for no later than December 9. Please make your reservations with Clarissa (248-5530) or Melanie (694-4571) if you have not done so yet.



CALENDAR

WED. DEC. 14 @ 6 P.M.
The Hilton, Chart Room
Alaska chapter Christmas dinner and party.

See details left.

If you have an event you would like published in the calendar, please contact Michelle Loscher at 868.4736 or e-mail michelle@loscher.ca.



MOVING UP

PRIVATE PILOT
Diane Erickson
Congratulations!



**HAVE A
WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY!**

UPDATE: 2008 International Conference

OK, we have officially decided on the preposition "under." So our Conference theme is: "Aviation Fun Under the Midnight Sun."

The Hilton gave us some exciting options for the

conference banquet: possibilities include having the banquet at the Fed Ex hangar perhaps with some airplanes displayed or at the new Alaska Railroad depot at the International Airport.

We are looking for sponsors and collecting information on who knows who. If you are aware of any likely prospects, please let Angie or Mio or anyone on the committee know. The information needed is the company, person to contact, phone

number and e-mail.

Having any activities off-site will require transportation costs that need to be planned for.

We also have some ideas for the "goodie bag." We were considering the possibility of a small Alaska Bush Flying survival kit with fishing flies, duct tape and moose nuggets (fire starter). When the time comes we will need some help putting these things together - but that's a ways off yet.

DETAILS

THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT PEGGY'S AIRPORT CAFE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE SLINGUFF @ 337.0253 OR MIO JOHNSON @ 696.3580.

DID YOU KNOW? Christmas Trivia

"White Christmas" (1954), starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

According to historical accounts, the first Christmas in the Philippines was celebrated 200 years before Ferdinand Magellan discovered the country for the western world, likely between the years 1280 and 1320 AD.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, Americans buy 37.1 million real Christmas trees each year.

Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday. This tradition began in 1836.

An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year and see 28 eight cards return in their place.

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

America's official national Christmas tree

is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree," is over 300 feet (90 meters) high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925.

An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees. A spider web found on Christmas morning is believed to bring good luck.

At lavish Christmas feasts in the Middle Ages, swans and peacocks were sometimes served "endored." This meant the flesh was painted with saffron dissolved in melted butter. In addition to their painted flesh, endored birds were served wrapped in their own skin and feathers, which had been removed and set aside prior to roasting.

Animal Crackers are not really crackers, but cookies that were imported to the United States from England in the late 1800s.



Barnum's circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so that they could be hung on a Christmas tree.

As early as 1822, the postmaster in Washington, D.C. was worried by the amount of extra mail at Christmas time. His preferred solution to the problem was to limit by law the number of cards a person could send. Even though commercial cards were not available at that time, people were already sending so many home-made cards that sixteen extra postmen had to be hired.

Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character in "A Christmas Carol," three other alliterative names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

California, Oregon, Michigan, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina are the top Christmas tree producing states. Oregon is the leading producer of Christmas trees - 8.6 million in 1998.

Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorate the Christmas trees. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided have the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook and he would pass them out to the children to keep them quiet during the services. It wasn't until about the 20th century that candy canes acquired their red stripes.



A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.

--- Garrison Keillor

Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. (Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man (and woman!) has to be himself (or herself!))

[FRANCIS C. FARLEY]



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