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For Web site updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cioppa at habataku@att.net.

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www.ninety-nines.org

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

From the Chair

February was quite a month for activity! The Aviation Museum had a wonderful event to induct Bob Reeve into the Aviation Hall of Fame. The following night we had a great turn-out for Sandi's book signing and reception. Thanks to all who helped in that success!

Pat Prentiss, 99s International Vice President, was here for a 3-day whirlwind tour of Anchorage and our facilities in preparation for presenting our bid for the 2008 International Convention. The Anchorage Visitors and Convention Bureau did a great job in preparing for her visit and by the end of Saturday evening, Pat was totally in favor of Anchorage for 2008!

We'll be having lots of discussions about the 2008 convention from now on in preparation for the event. Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Until then, fly safely and do random acts of kindness!

Melanie



Chapter News

NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday, Mar. 09

What: Ninety-Nine Martha Clark will give a presentation on the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Interested pilots and non-pilots are welcome.

Where: GCI facility in Denali Towers, 2550 Denali St. 11th floor Conference Room.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

There will be no food available this week, so be sure to eat dinner before, or bring something with you. For more details see the calendar on page 02.

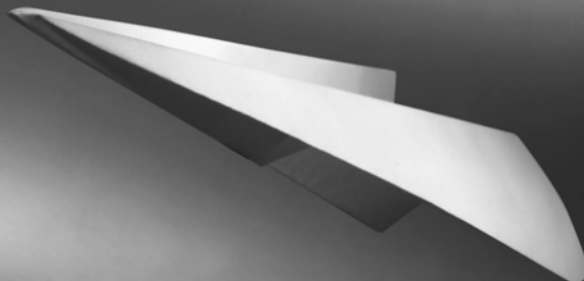
Flypaper Facts

The submission deadline for the April issue is Mar. 28, 2005. If you have an article, ad or information for the Flypaper, please contact Michelle Bartleman by phone or fax at 868.4736 or by e-mail at michelle@loscher.ca. Ads in the Flypaper are free for members.

Subscription Rates:

There are no dues for the Alaska Chapter of the 99s. Instead members are asked to subscribe to the Flypaper, with rates as follows:

October—September	(Full year)	\$15
February—September	(Half year)	\$10
June—September	(Summer)	\$ 5



Gratitude...

A note from the author...

There was a book signing at Aviation Heritage Museum last month for Sandi Sumner's book, Women Pilots of Alaska. It was very well attended and we had a lot of fun. Call Sandi if you haven't gotten your copy auto-graphed! Pictured right are many of the pilots featured in Sandi's book.



Back row (l-r): Sandi Sumner (author), Petra Illig, Pat Prentiss (99s Vice President), Ellen Paneok, Phyllis Tate, Heidi Ruess, Dee Hanson, TQ LaClaire, Audrey Cole, Roberta Degenhardt. **Seated Center (l-r):** Ruth Jefford, Pearl Chamberlain, Margo Cook, Ingrid Pedersen, Ruby Pappas. **Kneeling Front (l-r):** Carol Redding, Charlotte Luckett, Dee Rice and Caren della Cioppa. (Photo by Jaimie Patterson-Simes)

To all the Ninety-Nines in Alaska: Your help and support throughout my effort to capture the history of our amazing women pilots is what made my book a reality. I knew I had reached my goal, which was to honor these women, when the Anchorage Daily News did a two page spread on February 24, 2005. Nothing could have pleased me more than to be part of recognizing ALL of you, whether or not you have a chapter in the book Women Pilots of Alaska.

I don't believe any other state has captured the history or given credit to their women

pilots in this way, so together, we've started a trend.

Thank you for the wonderful celebration and book signing at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on Feb. 28. A number of people bought the book to give to others which means they are helping you "pass the torch" and inspire others to take to the skies and go on to explore other worlds beyond earth.

A teacher in Kotzebue saw the ADN story and invited me to come there sometime in March or early April and help inspire her students to interview their elders and record their rich heritage in Alaska. I jumped at the invitation to fly somewhere in Alaska where I've never been and share your stories again!

You're in my heart forever,
Sandi Sumner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WED MAR 09

6:30 PM

Alaska 99s meeting @ Denali Towers.

Ninety-Nine Martha Clark will give a presentation on the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). A CAP member since 2000, Martha is now a Captain in the Arcturus Squadron on Elmendorf AFB with three life-saves to her credit. Martha will describe the CAP's mission and as well as opportunities for non-airplane and airplane owners alike to get flight time while participating as a volunteer in this critical organization to all Alaska pilots and their passengers. Interested pilots and non-pilots are welcome. Should you have questions, contact Clarissa Quinlan at 248-5530.

TUES MAR 15

6 PM

Mat-Su Chapter 99s monthly meeting @ Mat-Su Covenant Church. See below for more information.

SAT MAY 21

All day

Flying Companion Seminar. More information to come.

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.

MAT-SU 99s

News from the Valley

Joel Caldwell of Arctic Barnabas Ministries will be the speaker at our March meeting. His presentation about how their group flies to many of the villages. Come with a friend and questions. This is also a potluck. See you there!



MAT-SU CHAPTER MEETING & POTLUCK

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 6 p.m.

Mat-Su Covenant Church,
Mile 7.1 Palmer-Wasilla Highway

REMINDERS

The Flying Companion Seminar is just around the corner - scheduled for May 21. Start to get the word out now!

You can still place an order for Ninety-Nines vests They are \$35 each and the order will go in when there are 20. E-mail your name phone number, color and size to TQ at sac@gci.net. The colors are charcoal, black, violet, sky blue, celery, tea rose and navy. Sizes are s, m, l, xl, xxl.

JUMP FOR THE CAUSE

Mat-SU 99 will be jumping in a record-breaking attempt

Carol Redding, a Mat-Su 99, pilot and skydiver will be participating in Jump for the Cause, Sept. 26 at the skydiving center in Perris Valley, Calif.

Jump for the cause is a by-invitation-only record-breaking attempt. 150 women will be jumping in an effort to break the previous record of 131. All the participants are required to raise at least \$2,500 which is subsequently donated to the City of Hope for breast cancer research.

This year's jump will include several women pilots along with breast cancer survivors. For more information on Jump for the Cause and how it got started (mainly by Sherri Lewis's daughter - remember Lamb Chops?), log on to their website at www.jumpforthecause.com.

Donations can be made at the web site, or for more information contact Mio Johnson.

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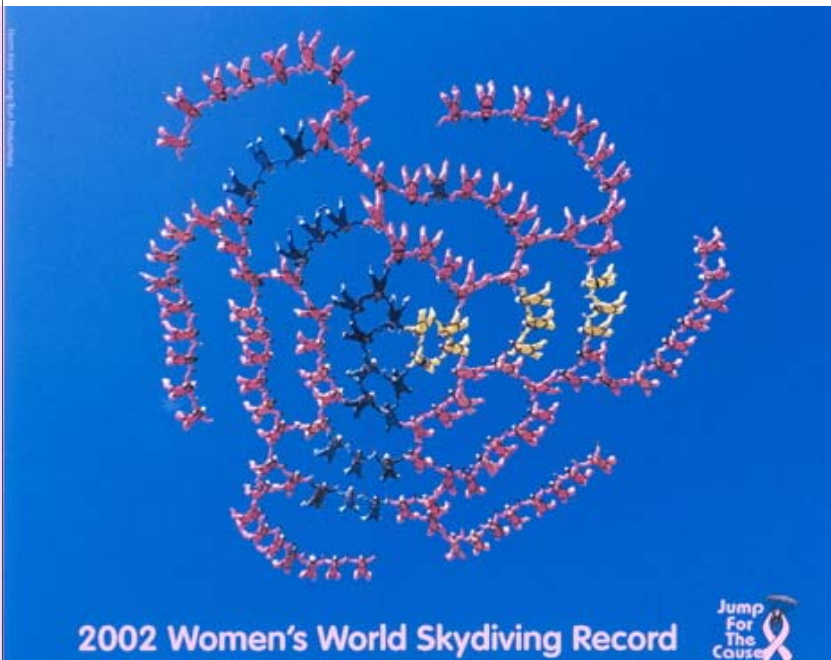
ANCHORAGE 2008!

The Governing Board of the International Ninety-Nines met in Oklahoma City of Mar. 4-5. Pat Prentiss, Vice President, presented the bid from the Northwest Section and the Alaska Chapter of the 99s to bring the International Convention to Anchorage in 2008.

We are 99 percent confident (because we're 99s!) that the bid will be successful. We will need to beef up our moose nugget collecting (winter nuggets are best) to be able to produce 600-800 moose nugget leis in three years! Roberta Degenhardt has the "recipe" for curing them. She will bring it to the next meeting.

Thanks go to Berta Degenhardt, Mathea Doyle, Helen Jones, Mio Johnson and Melanie Hancock who helped show Pat around during her site visit last week. Pat and the planning committee visited the major downtown hotels and venues. We had help from the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau to prepare an outstanding bid package for the Board. We included letters of support from Governor Murkowski, Mayor Begich, FAA Regional Administrator Pat Poe, the Alaska Airmen and the Medallion Foundation.

Pat was able to join us for the book signing at the Aviaiton Heritage Museum for Sandi Sumner's book, Women Pilots of Alaska. (See previous page)



99s VESTS >>>

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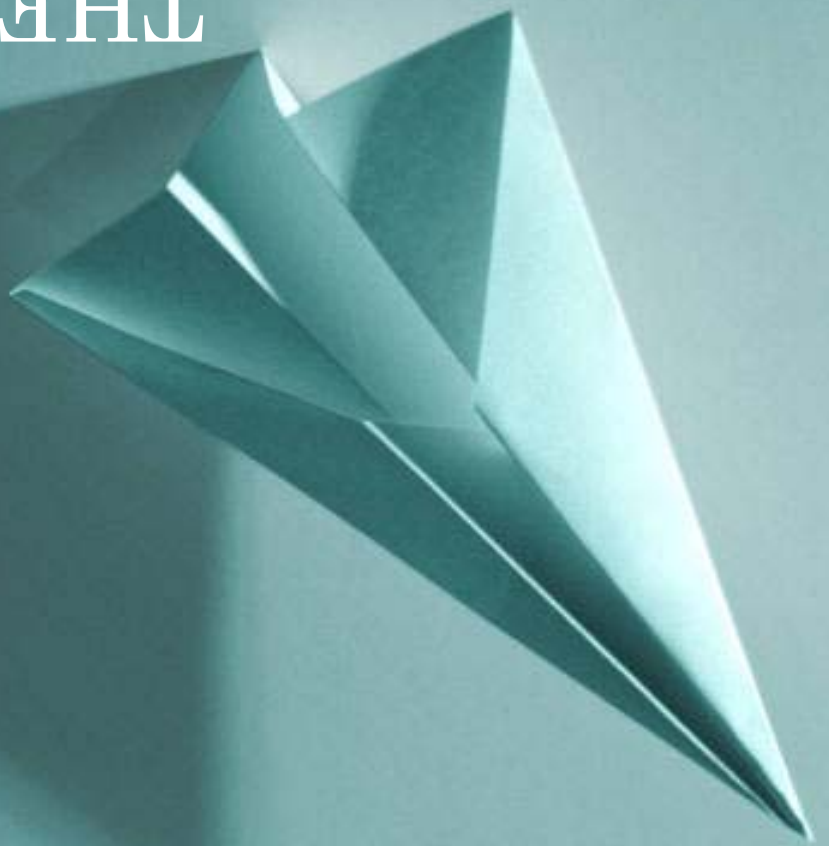
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