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From the Chair

The flying season is definitely upon us! The days are longer and, for the most part, the weather has been great!

For those of you who didn't make it to the May Day Fly-In at Valdez, you really missed a great time. There were several 99s from the Alaska and Mat-Su chapters who were there. There were short field take-offs and landings, aerobatics performances, show planes and all the other things you get at air shows. The weather was great and many of us managed to come away with red faces due to the sun.

The Alaska Airmen's Trade Show and Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. If you will be able to help out at our booth, please be sure to let me know (694-4571 or fly-quilt@alaskalife.net). I have quite a few open spaces to fill. Don't forget that Saturday, May 14, at 4:45 p.m. there will be a program presented by the 99s in the mezzanine.

The Mat-Su Chapter has the next Flying Companion Seminar, organized for Saturday, May 21. It will be held at the Mat-Su Covenant Church on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway starting at 8 a.m. If you are available to help, there is always room for one more during the day. If you can only come for an hour or two, that is fine.

Merrill Field will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Tentative plans are for an all-day party at Merrill on Saturday, July 16. The Alaska Chapter 99s will be participating in this event, possibly starting the day with a pancake breakfast. There will be more information available at the May and June meetings.

Also in July, we will be scheduling a joint meeting (picnic) with the Mat-Su Chapter. More information on that event later.

See you at the meeting. Fly safely and remember to do random acts of kindness.

Melanie



Chapter News

NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday, May 11

What: Planning meeting

Where: Peggy's Cafe

Time: 6:00 p.m.

We will not be having a program at this month's meeting. We will be making plans for the activities for the summer, including, hopefully, airmarking activities and fly-ins.

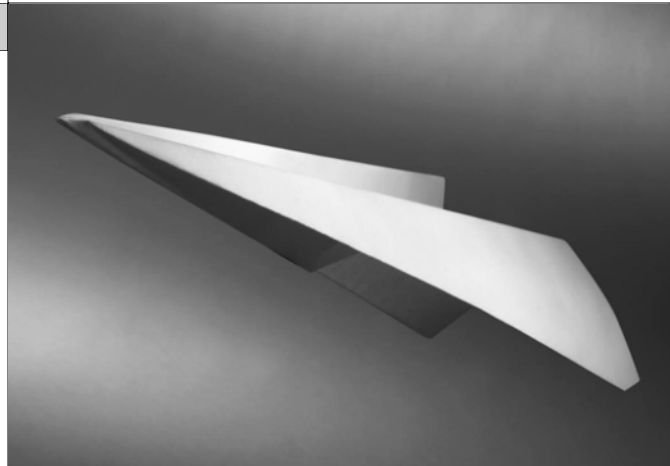
99s ONLINE

Chapter Web site
www.geocities.com/ak99s

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

National Web site
www.ninety-nines.org

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



Flypaper Facts

The submission deadline for the May issue is May 30, 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.

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June—September	(Summer)	\$ 5

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

Midnight Sun Chapter honors member

On April 29, the Midnight Sun 99s gathered to honor one of our cherished members.

At the home of Connie Cloud, our oldest member (and probably the oldest 99 in Alaska), Pearl Laska Chamberlain, was presented with a stunning quilt made by Phyllis Tate and Connie Cloud in commemoration of her 96th birthday. Pearl is an extraordinary woman who continued flying until well into her 80s!

When Pearl began talking about moving to Tennessee to live with her son, we knew we had to do something special. A quilt, filled with Alaska and aviation pictures, was the answer. A hand-made quilt, supported by heart-felt words, speaks loudly of the camaraderie and friendship she found while flying in this great land.

A dark blue fabric with small gold stars (representing our state flag) was sewn together in the shape of Alaska, and the border was laced with pictures of Pearl dating back to her first solo (in a long straight skirt, no less!) in



99 members gathered with author Sandi Sumner (far right) in Fairbanks at the beginning of April, including Pearl Chamberlain (second from right) along with Lee Ann Wetzel, Phyllis Tate, Ginny Wood and Dee Rice.

1933 in a Kineer Fleet. The colorful airplane blocks made up by members and photos from Pearl's flying days were put in a light blue background surrounding the state. A picture of the Midnight Sun 99s was placed on the back along with personal birthday greetings. The quilt was signed by members at the birthday celebration.

Earlier in the month, Sandi

Sumner, Anchorage author of the recently released book, *Women Pilots of Alaska*, visited Fairbanks for two book signings. Seven Fairbanks pilots are featured in the book and, again, Pearl was the center of attention.

Members Dee Rice along with Chairman Phyllis Tate are also included in the book and attended the book signings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WED MAY 11

6:00 PM

Alaska 99s meeting @ Peggy's Café (across from the Merrill Field Tower).

Pilots and non-pilots are always welcome.

For more information, contact Clarissa Quinlan at 248-5530.

TUES MAY 17

6 PM

Mat-Su Chapter 99s monthly meeting @ Mat-Su Evangelical Church. See left for more information.

SAT MAY 21

All day

Flying Companion Seminar. More information to come.

SAT JULY 16

9 AM—6 PM

Merrill Field 75th Anniversary Celebration

Anyone you know that may have an interest in Merrill Field or has history at Alaska's oldest official airport is welcome to get involved. If you are interested, planning meetings are Fridays at 11:30 AM at the Merrill Field Airport Manager's office.

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

MAT-SU CHAPTER MEETING & POTLUCK

Tuesday, May 17, 6 p.m.

Mat-Su Evangelical Church,
Mile 7 Palmer-Wasilla Highway

The Mat-Su Ninety Nines meeting will be held Tues 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mat-Su Evangelical Church (mile 7 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy). We will do final preparations for the Flying Companion seminar. Plan to be there.

The Spring Flying Companion Seminar is coming up fast: Saturday May 21. If you haven't already, call Judy Foster 746-0991 to get involved or for more information.

UPDATES...

Northwest Section meeting >>>

NW Section Meeting will be held in Spokane WA over July 1-3, 2005. Anyone thinking about going? Let Angie know (907-271-3422). For more info go to:
<http://www.nwsection99s2005.com>.

Girl Scouts Flying Companion >>>

Girl Scouts Flying Companion Seminar was a resounding success. Nineteen girls attended. THANK YOU Judy Foster and Patty Livingston of the Mat-Su Chapter for helping out! Also thanks to Roberta Degenhardt, Ellen Paneok, Kristen Schultz and Linda Rader who rose to the occasion with their fine talents!

Volunteers needed for Girl Scout Jamboree >>>

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help out with the Girl Scouts Top of the World Jamboree at the State Fair Ground on June 18. We will do aviation related activities with small groups of girls over three or four sessions. It's another way to share your enthusiasm for aviation and encourage young girls to believe that they too can fly! Contact Angie at 271-3422 days or 337-0253 eves. or ak-woman@ak.net.

2008 International Convention >>>

2008 International Convention - the Committee has selected the Anchorage Hilton Hotel as our Host Hotel. We will begin negotiating a contract with them. We have a list of entities that have previously sponsored / supported 99s events and will be looking for Corporate Sponsors. If you have any ideas or contacts, please pass them on the Angie or Mio Johnson.

MAY 14-15, 2005

Alaska State Aviation Trade Show and Conference

*FedEx Maintenance Hangar
 Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport*

2005 Conference Schedule

SUNDAY MAY 15 — 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

10:30 AM

"Capstone Project Statewide"

John Hallinan, FAA

The FAA is looking to extend technologies tested by the Capstone Program to the entire state. Capstone Project Manager, will give an overview of "operational demonstrations" the FAA has conducted in southwest and south east Alaska. Based on the lessons learned from five years of operations, the FAA believes these technologies offer improved aviation safety, as well as increased access across Alaska. John will share an overview of the technologies, and how they are making a difference already in Alaska's safety record.

11:45 AM

"Mountain Pass Charting Project"

Kolie Lombard, presented by AOPA

Mr. Lombard will give an overview of The Mountain Pass Charting Project, an effort by the FAA's Flight Standards Division to enhance safety of flight through the nation's 180 mountain passes by providing site-specific and improved general guidance to pilots.

1:00 PM

"Nome to Provideniya VFR Flight"

Felix Maguire, AK Airmen's Assoc.

The Airmen were successful in opening an official VFR route from Nome to Provideniya in 2002. Route B369 is an official route published in the Alaska Supplement and open to anyone wishing to fly to Russia. This power point presentation covers the procedures for operating your aircraft through the newly established VFR corridor.

2:15 PM

"Flight of Fantasy," - The Imaginarium

Some things fly and some things don't. Come join the Imaginarium for a fun and fast paced introduction to the physics of flight. Keep your head down as we examine gliders, powered flight and lighter than air flying machines through the eyes of our flightless chicken friends Orville and Wilbur.

3:30 PM

"Put That Computer To Work - Everyday Tools That Can Simplify Your Job and Make Your Life Easier"

Terry Dickinson, CFII

What the computer can do for you, not how to use the computer, but what to do with it? Presented are some common sense solutions to those everyday paperwork chores that every CFI, Pilot and Mechanic face each day.

4:45 PM

Alaska Airmen's Association Annual Airplane Raffle for an American Champion Scout!

SATURDAY MAY 14 — 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

9:30 AM

"Diversity United by a Singular Passion for Flight"

Scott Spangler, Editor EAA Publications

Aviation is as diverse as the people interested in it, but no matter what aspect causes them to look up when an aircraft passes overhead, they can find a warm welcome among the members of the Experimental Aircraft Association

10:45 AM

"The Medallion Program for Part 91"

Steve Franklin, Program Manager and Juli Eichler, Program Technician

Learn about the mission and benefits of this free voluntary Medallion Flyer Program for Part 91 pilots.

12:00 PM

"Salvaging Sunken Warbirds: Is There a Future for Our Underwater Past?"

Peter E. Hess

Wilmington, Delaware maritime attorney Peter Hess share his expertise in the legal battles over access, salvage rights and ownership of historic shipwrecks and sunken military aircraft, or "War Birds."

1:15 PM

General Membership Meeting

Russ Painter, President

Review with us the past accomplishments, the current programs and the future goals of the Alaska Airmen's Association.

2:30 PM

"Presenting the New Kodiak"

Quest Aircraft Company

Quest Aircraft Company has been diligently working at their Sandpoint, Idaho headquarters to create a company dedicated to serving humanity through a next generation aircraft - the KODIAK.

3:45 PM

"Flight of Fantasy"

The Imaginarium

After you have explored the flying machines and machinery, join The Imaginarium for a high energy introduction to the science of flight. We have all been in planes but do we know why they fly? Our presenter, along with a few volunteers from the audience, will investigate the science of flight with our own super scientific flying things.

5:00 PM

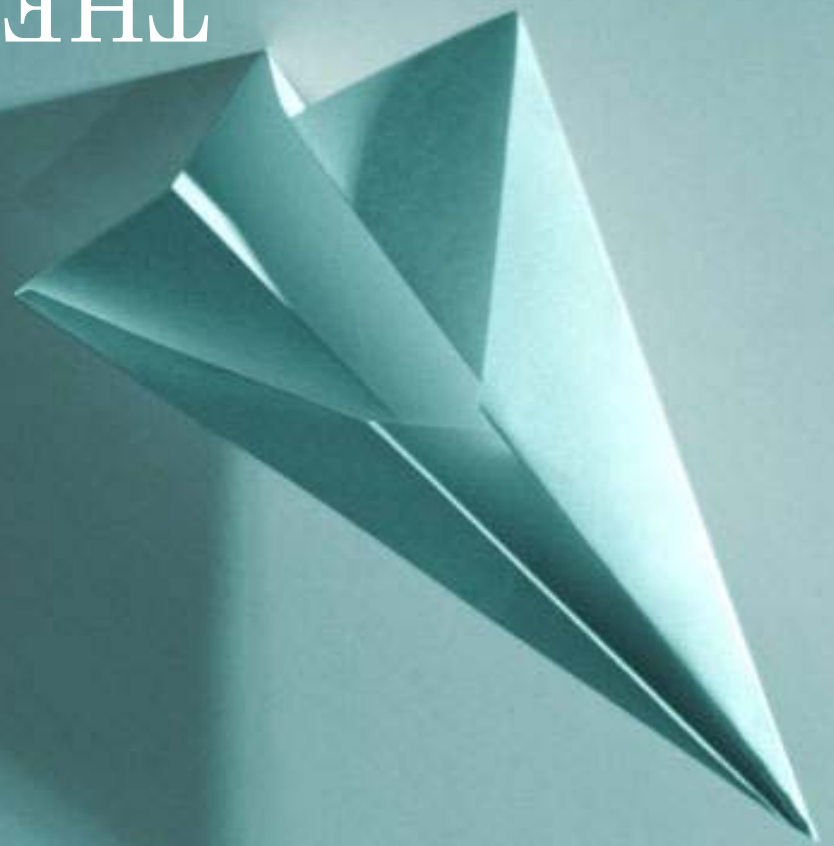
"Alaska Chapter 99's - Open Forum"

THE NINETY-NINES

A non-profit corporation, the 99's is an international organization of licensed women pilots, founded in 1929; Amelia Earhart was the first president. Alaska has three active 99s chapters. Find out more about the Alaska Chapter, their programs and membership.



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