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JULY 2006

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From the chair

Summer is in full swing and we have some fly-ins scheduled (see page 03). We will also be working on scheduling an air marking for Soldotna and/or Kenai. These are both re-markings, so they won't take a long time to complete. Check inside the Flypaper for more details.

Our regular August meeting night (Aug. 9.) will be our annual potluck picnic and installation of new officers for 2006/2007. Please be sure to mark your calendar for the date and feel free to bring a guest. More details will be published in the August Flypaper.

Join us on July 12, when our guest speaker will be Kate Dolsky, a commercial pilot who recently moved to Anchorage.

99s ONLINE

Chapter Web site www.ak99s.org
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.



DETAILS

WHAT: MONTHLY MEETING
WHEN: WED. JULY. 12
WHERE: PEGGY'S AIRPORT CAFE
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
WHO: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Kate spent 13 months in Africa flying for Air-Serv (a humanitarian non-profit relieve agency). She will be sharing photos from Africa also. I'm sure you will enjoy the evening. As usual, you are always welcome to bring a guest with you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Fly safely,
Melanie

FLYPAPER FACTS

The submission deadline for the August issue is July 25, 2006. If you have an article, ad or information for the Flypaper, please contact Michelle Bartleman by phone 1-877-552-8926 or e-mail at michelle@loscher.ca. Ads in the Flypaper are free for members.

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July meeting information

The speaker for the July meeting will be Kate Dolsky who always wanted to “see the world.”

Her Mother strongly recommended that becoming a flight attendant would get her there, but a meeting with flight attendant changed all that by telling Kate, “if you are going to be on this airplane, you might as well be in the front.”

That’s when her life took a major turn including flying in Africa for Airserv, a humanitarian non-profit relief agency. Kate now flies for Empire Airlines, a FedEx feeder arriving in Anchorage last October.

Kate will talk about her work and adventures with AirServ with photos from her 13 months in Africa.

Pilot and non-pilots alike are welcome.

We will meet at Peggy’s Airport Café, across from the Merrill Field tower on July 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact vice-chair Clarissa Quinlan at 248-5530.



SAT.JUL.08

Nicolai Creek Fly-in

See details page 03.

WED.JUL.12 @ 6 P.M.

**Alaska chapter
monthly meeting
(Peggy’s Cafe)**

See details left.

SAT.JUL.22

Quartz Creek Fly-in

See details page 03.

SAT.AUG.05

Seldovia Fly-in

See details page 03.

AUG 8—10

**ACE Aviation Camp
(UAA Aviation Building)**

For more information see PG 03.

WED.AUG.09

**Alaska Chapter
Summer Picnic and
Installation of new
officers**

See details in August Flypaper

OCT. 19—21

**Aviation North Expo
(Fairbanks Princess
Riverside Lodge)**

For more information logon to the
Aviation North Expo Web site at:
<http://www.aviationnorth.org/>

AUG 6—9, 2008

**99s Women Pilots
International Conference
(Anchorage, AK)**

If you have an event you
would like published in the
calendar, please contact
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So long Sandi!

In June the Alaska Chapter of the 99s said goodbye to a valuable member.

Sandi Sumner, although not a pilot, was welcomed as an honorary member after she authored the book “Women Pilots of Alaska.”

In her time with the chapter she became indispensable taking on roles and responsibilities as any flying member would. She acted as the publicity coordinator, making sure that the newspaper got the monthly information about our meetings, as well as volunteered on the Museum display committee.

At a going-away BBQ in June, the chapter presented Sandi with a gold pan which read “In Appreciation for your commitment to preserving the unique history of Alaskan Women in Aviation.”

**Thank for everything, Sandi—you
will be sorely missed.**

2006 SUMMER FLY-IN SCHEDULE

Women pilots and friends are all invited to share in some fun nearby fly-ins with the Mat-Su and Alaska Ninety-Nines Chapters. We are looking to sharing the joy of flying and good conversation with anyone interested in exploring Southcentral by air.

If you are interested in joining the fun, contact one of the following people so we have a good idea of who is coming. If you have a plane and are willing to take along a passenger or two, let us know also.

Melanie Hancock (Eagle River)	flyquilt@mtaonline.net	694-4571
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JULY 8TH — NICOLAI CREEK (SHIRLEYVILLE)

Shirleyville is a remote manned camp facility located approximately 15 miles southwest of the Native Village of Tyonek on the west side of Cook Inlet. The facility provides lodging and meals to workers, primarily in "oil patch" related work.

The facility originated as a fish camp and converted to an oil field support camp during the boom days of drilling activity. The facility ultimately became a bar and restaurant until the owners retired. Aurora, in partnership with the Native Village of Tyonek, purchased the facility in 2001 and re-established it as a manned camp to support renewed drilling and development activities in the area.

10:00 a.m. for	Meet at Merrill Field below the tower and at Wolf Lake at the fuel pumps weather briefing.
11:30 a.m. the	Arrive Shirleyville & have lunch at Aurora Energy's camp. We'll be eating \$10 lunch-of-the-day and understand it is very good.



JULY 22ND — QUARTZ CREEK

It's time for a picnic! We'll supply the grills, charcoal, hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments. You bring salads and desserts and drinks.

10:00 a.m.	Meet at Merrill Field below the tower and at Wolf Lake at the fuel pumps.
11:30 a.m.	Arrive Quartz Creek

AUGUST 5TH — SELDOVIA

In case you haven't been there, Seldovia is a wonderful one-day getaway destination located 10 minutes across Resurrection Bay from Homer. Things to do Kayaking, bike rentals, bird watching, hike the Otterbahn Trail to the Outside Beach or just hang out and enjoy the beautiful scenery. There are a couple of restaurants and snack bars.

9:00 a.m.	Meet at Merrill Field below the tower and at Wolf Lake at the fuel pumps.
11:30 am	Arrive Seldovia and walk to town which is about 1/2 mile from the airport.

MINUTES: Alaska Chapter meeting June 10, 2006

1) INTRODUCTIONS

- 11 present (plus guest speaker Dr. Gary Hufford)

2) PROGRAM

Dr. Gary Hufford, weather professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Regional Scientist for the National Weather Service Alaska Region.

3) UNOFFICIAL MEETING

A) Notices of public rulemaking

B) Convention

- Won't be meeting in July – first Thursday of every month at Peggy's
- Please consider giving some time and energy as we start to approach the convention dates, Aug 6-10, 2008
- Northwest Section Business meeting will also be held during the convention time.
- Keynote speaker possibility:

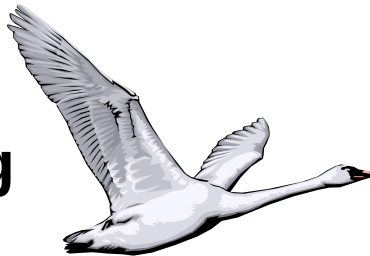
- NASA's Colleen Robbins – can't contact until 6 months before event
- Polly Vasher – first women to solo around the world via the poles.
- Cap. Samantha Weeks (from Elmendorf) – made it to the Thunderbirds
- Petra Illig – space tourism

- All these speaker possibilities could also be seminar presenters
- Sheet passed around to vote on Keynote speaker and services that are needed for the convention.
- Janet Oxford – talking about logo

C) Public relations volunteer

- Now that Sandi Sumner is gone we are looking for someone to fill this position. The tasks include publicizing our monthly meetings

NOTE: There were not enough officers at the June meeting for official business to be conducted.



A note from Pat Benning

OK — pre-chemo induced menopause (cause, really, I am not that old!) I would have thought paradise was a little lower in the latitudes and much warmer - I am however, fine with this now!!!

The cygnets have hatched - for those of you I haven't kept apprised, the last few years a solitary swan was living in the swamp on the road I drive by every day. They mate for life and I was feeling sorry for her (but maybe he was a jerk and she threw him under the wheels of an oncoming truck) But this year there were two with a nest very close to the road, so everyday I stop with my binoculars and watch.

As of yesterday there are five new cygnets, already swimming. Whoever wrote the "Ugly Duckling" book, was just wrong — they are so dang cute and fuzzy. Then, Mama duck and her brood came in for a landing. Flight training, just like an airport.

Speaking of which, I took my first float plane

lesson on Sunday. Very rusty behind the controls but gosh, what fun! Have a new fishing pole and license, so I'm ready to fish. Trying to squeeze that in after work.

To all my pilot friends, this is absolutely the place to come for mountain flying and float plane ratings. Two in one combo and incredibly beautiful — not to mention I have a two-bedroom condo and lots of extra room for a free stay.

Scenic Mountain Air also has a friends and family discount for current students. Take a gander at there website, book a few days, rent a car in Anchorage, and come on down!!! Pass on to your friends, truly any and all are welcome!

If you are looking for Pat you can contact her at patbenning@hotmail.com

It is best to live with honor for just a day than with dishonor for many decades; better a short lived celestial swan than a century-lived crow.

SUMMER SNAPSHOTS

You can always tell when summer has arrived in Alaska! The Alaska 99s have been busy, and they have been taking photos too!



Angie shows off her new bumper sticker, which reads "Grab here — Now turn me into a table!"



Alaska chapter member gathered to say good bye to honorary member and true friend Sandi Sumner, who is moving to Colorado. The get-together involved airplanes, and apparently flamingos too!



Pioneer aviatrix Margo Cook poses with a new favorite ... is she trying to tell us something?!?

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Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world.

[ADA LOUISE HUXTABLE]



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