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The Sunshine, Fly-Ins, Museum Display and Publicity Committee Chair positions are currently vacant.

March, that wonderful month full of Alaskan outdoor activities! Beginning with the Iditarod, and carrying over to any and everything you can think of to do outside in the ever increasing daylight! Tho' it was colder than normal (MY pipes froze up twice – and that was out in the yard, not here in the house!) we certainly did enjoy some beautiful sunny days and clear nights – great flying weather! Remember to send us photos of any aviation adventures you have out there – winter is too often filled with “hangar” flying.

On March 1st the Alaska 99s were represented at the meeting of the Anchorage Woman's Club as they celebrated Women's History Month. President Karen Kizus invited Lavelle Betz and Mathea Doyle to speak on their lives as women and pilots. I was proud to introduce both women to the group! Other 99s attended and enjoyed the wonderful stories as well a delicious lunch. It's time we get these women to tell their stories on film so that we will have a permanent record in their own voices. Let me tell you, they can spin a tale as well as they spin a prop!

Our March program meeting was held at the Medallion Foundations Lake Otis location. If you have not attended one of their presentations then call and stop by to check it out. This is a FREE program! And you can use it to stay current in your FAA Wings program. There is a day (or two evenings) of ground school with some great review of FARs and airport procedures. Then there are the simulators! Maybe we need to work up a buddy system to remind each other to take advantage of this program?

Our next program will feature our own Angie Slingluff, Statewide Aviation Education Coordinator for the FAA. Come hear her speak about the Smart Skies program.

We will have a board/business meeting at about 5 pm. before the program. Any and all members are welcome to attend. We thought it would cut down on some of the business discussion that drags on when you all really want to hear the program and visit!

I hope to see you at Peggy's Airport Cafe on April 11th!

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Deadline for the **May** Flypaper is **May 1, 2007**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone or FAX at 694-4571 or e-mail at flyquilt@mtaonline.net. (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Peggy's Airport Restaurant

Calendar of Events

<i>Wed., April 11</i>	<i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Tues., April 16</i>	<i>Mat-Su Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Deadline for articles for May Flypaper</i>
<i>May 5 & 6</i>	<i>Airmen's Trade Show & Conference</i>
<i>Wed., May 9</i>	<i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Tues., May 15</i>	<i>Mat-Su Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 11 - 13</i>	<i>Valdez Air Show</i>
<i>Sat., May 19</i>	<i>Spring Flying Companion Seminar, Mat-Su</i>
<i>Sat., May 19</i>	<i>Kenai Peninsula Air Fair</i>
<i>Sat., June 2</i>	<i>99s Short Field Clinic after FAA Pancake Breakfast</i>
<i>Aug. 23 - 26</i>	<i>Northwest Section Meeting, Gillette, WY</i>
<i>Sept. 11 - 16</i>	<i>Ninety-Nines International Conference, Denver, CO</i>

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National Website
www.ninety-nines.org

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

April Program

The speaker for April is Angie Slingluff. She will be presenting a program on "Smart Skies." This is a NASA online simulator to help young people get excited about aviation. She will also talk about the "Build-A-Plane" program.

We'd love to see you this month. Please join us and bring a guest.

Coming Programs

The May meeting was to be held at the FAA Weather Center. This activity has been postponed until this fall. Kristen Nelson, who was to have hosted our tour, will be in Washington, DC that week.

Short Field Clinic

The Alaska Chapter 99s and the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s will be sponsoring a Short Field Clinic on Saturday, June 2, following the FAA Pancake Breakfast at Palmer.

This is a great chance to practice your short field take-offs and landings and see just what you and your airplane can do. We suggest you load your airplane as though you were out flying on any given day, or maybe on a camping or hunting trip. The gravel strip at Palmer will be marked so that you will know just how much space you require for safe short field take-offs and landings. Lunch will be provided for a small fee.

More information will be available in the May Flypaper.



Scholarships

The Mat-Su Valley 99s will hold it's April meeting on Tuesday, April 17. Their featured speaker will be Dr. Bill Compton, Solo Single Engine (to Hawaii and other distant places) The meeting will be held at the Mat-su Title bistro area at The Real Estate Center, 1981 E. Palmer-Wasilla Hwy., Suite 100, Wasilla.

You are invited to attend and bring spouse or friend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Patty @ 746-2919 or Gayle @ 746-527.

The Spring Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. It will be held in the valley. Check this issue of The Flypaper for a copy of the flyer. Please feel free to pass the flyer to a friend who might be interested in attending. If you will be available to help, please contact Judy at 746-0991.

Three scholarships are available this year. There will be one Advanced Scholarship for \$1,000 (female private pilot seeking an advanced rating) and one \$500 Student Scholarship (female pilot who has soloed) awarded by the Alaska Chapter. One \$500 scholarship (woman who has soloed and is seeking her private license) will be given by the Mat-Su Valley Chapter, the Ruth Jefford Memorial Scholarship.

Deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2007. Award winners will be announced June 30 and the scholarships will be awarded on Wednesday, July 11, at the regular meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s.

Application forms are available at the Alaska Chapter 99s website: <http://www.ak99s.org/>

2008 Convention Committee

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Gayle Kase (746-5273)
Vice Chair	Judy Foster (746-0991)
Secretary	Patty Livingston (746-2919)
Treasurer	Toni Merrigan (373-6569)

Mio Johnson and Angie Slingluff presented the 99 International Board with information about the 2008 Convention at the Spring Board Meeting in Oklahoma City. The Board doesn't think we will get as many folks attending as we think we will -- we'll see.

Aviation Fun under the Midnight Sun is only 489 days (16 months) away. We need to have our advertisement page ready for the 2007 Convention Program booklet by July 1 - that's just around the corner. Time to pick up the planning pace.

Congratulations
to Carole Comeau. Carole is
now instrument rated
(as of January 31).

Anchorage Women's Club Luncheon on March 1, 2007 celebrating Women's History Month



Roberta Degenhardt, Mathea Doyle and Lavelle Betz at Anchorage Woman's Club Luncheon. Mathea and Lavelle were speakers at the luncheon honoring Women's History Month. Introductions were made by Roberta.

Roberta Degenhardt, Mathea Doyle, Pat Bening, Jean White and Lavelle Betz (all members of the 99s) attended as guests of the Woman's Club. Not pictured was Carole Comeau, who was kind enough to take the photos.



Airmarkings and Fly-Ins

Spring has almost sprung and it's the season to think about Fly-Ins and Airmarkings.

Some of you may be asking "What is airmarking?" Put simply, it is the name of the airport painted on a paved surface at the airport. Our first fly-in/airmarking of the season will be Valdez. The current plan is to go to Valdez Friday morning, May 11, and paint the name "Valdez" at the airport before the annual May Day Fly-In and Air Show starts later that day. The Fly-In/Air Show is scheduled May 11 - 13. More information is available at the Valdez website: <http://www.valdezalaska.org/events/FlyIn/flyIn.html>

Be sure to check the May Flypaper for more details. If you think you will be available to help, contact Melanie Hancock at 694-4571 or Patty Livingston at 746-2919.