



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
August, 2007

## Alaska Chapter 99s Officers

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| Roberta Degenhardt | 274-5168 |
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## Committees

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Scholarship</b>             |          |
| Helen Jones                    | 222-9977 |
| <b>Flypaper</b>                |          |
| Melanie Hancock                | 694-4571 |
| <b>Flying Companion</b>        |          |
| Angie Slingluff                | 337-0253 |
| <b>Membership</b>              |          |
| Mio Johnson                    | 696-3580 |
| <b>Scrapbook</b>               |          |
| Lavelle Betz                   | 243-1898 |
| <b>Airmarking</b>              |          |
| Melanie Hancock                | 694-4571 |
| <b>Aviation Museum Display</b> |          |

**2008 International Convention**  
Angie Slingluff 271-5228

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

## *Notes From Fish Camp . . . . .*

*It's August and the fish have been running! I don't know about you, but I went dip-netting this year and my fingers are pruned from washing off fish slime and vacuum-sealing, canning and smoking! It feels great!*

*We skipped the July Flypaper as our wonderful editor Melanie Hancock was out of town, but we are back now and ready to get back on track for the next year of activities. By the way, if anyone is interested in learning the ins and outs of putting out the Flypaper and want to work with Melanie part time so we have a backup, then please let Melanie know.*

*And speaking of needing backup for Melanie, those of you who attended our July 11 BBQ know that the main course was a little late getting to the grill. We all had our tasks down, had our desserts and side dishes prepared, and came ready to have some fun and congratulate the winners of the 2007 Scholarships. The only problem was that we all thought someone else was taking care of the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments – the job Melanie is always relied upon to do! So, in the true Alaskan spirit of surviving and improvising, everyone ate dessert first, and after a quick run to Carr's (thank you Dean!!!) we were back and had meat on the grill by 7 PM.*

*Our scholarship winners were both in attendance and brought*

*their own cheering sections. It was a grand time enjoyed by all.*

*This month we had not planned to have a meeting, but I think it might be nice to have one so that we can have a formal installation of the 2007-2008 officers. There is only one change, the position of Treasurer, but I think a little celebration and maybe some business to catch up would be in order. As Angie would tell you, "less than 365 days until the International Conference." So we need to figure out where we are and where we are going in the next 12 months. The plans are really shaping up; Mio even sent an email today that Amelia Earhart will be at the Colorado Conference so perhaps we can get her to come to ours! (Apparently a distant relative – but she did just get her ticket!!)*

*I also hope that Angie can give us a brief presentation about her trip to Oshkosh. If anyone else attended please come and share some hangar flying.*

*I am sad that there is not much left to the summer, but I am looking forward to seeing you all as we begin the final stretch toward the 2008 International Conference. We have done three air markings already – only ten or twenty more to do!*

*See you at Peggy's,*

*Berta*

## *Next Meeting*

*Wednesday,  
August 8  
6 pm*

*Peggy's Restaurant  
(across from Merrill Field)*

# Calendar of Events

|                        |  |
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| <i>Wed., Aug. 8</i>    | <i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>                                 |
| <i>Aug. 23 - 26</i>    | <i>Northwest Section Meeting, Gillette, WY</i>                 |
| <i>Tues., Aug. 31</i>  | <i>DEADLINE for submitting info for the September Flypaper</i> |
| <i>Wed., Sept. 12</i>  | <i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>                                 |
| <i>Tues., Sept. 18</i> | <i>Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting</i>                  |
| <i>Sept. 11 - 16</i>   | <i>Ninety-Nines International Conference, Denver, CO</i>       |
| <i>Tues., Oct. 16</i>  | <i>Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting</i>                  |
| <i>Wed., Oct. 10</i>   | <i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>                                 |

## 99 ONLINE

### Chapter Website ([www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org))

*For website updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cioppa at: [habataku@att.net](mailto:habataku@att.net)*

### National Website ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org))

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



*Deadline for the **September** Flypaper is **Aug. 31, 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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)*

Subscription Rates:  
*Oct. -- Sept. = \$15.00  
 Feb. -- Sept. = \$10.00  
 June -- Sept. = \$5.00*

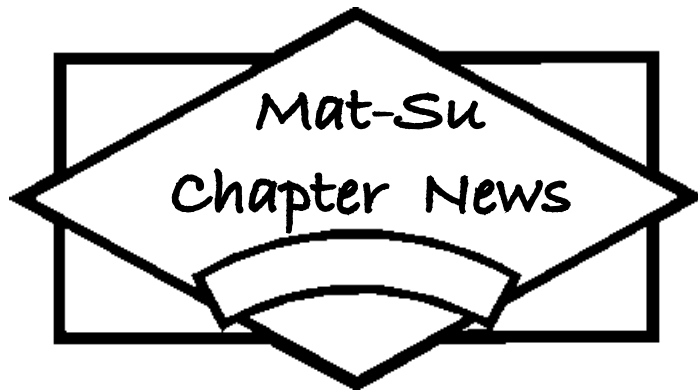
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 Anchorage, AK 99509*



## Flypaper Renewal 2007 - 2008

*It's Flypaper renewal time again. The subscription rate is \$15 per year (October - September). This year we are offering two options for receiving your newsletter:*

- 1. Traditional U.S. mail -- this gives you a paper copy in black and white. Electing this option to receive the Flypaper takes 2 - 3 days to get to you. It also is more expensive for the chapter with the postal rate increases and copying charges. (We hope to keep this option only for those who do not have e-mail capabilities.)*
- 2. E-mail -- this options moves us into the new century, eliminates mailing and copying charges. You will also receive the Flypaper as soon as it is ready to go to press. An added bonus is that as we publish more photos of our activities, you will get this information and more of the newsletter in color.*



Mat-Su Valley Chapter meetings will begin in September after the summer break.

### 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)    |



Three airports have been painted this year:  
Valdez ( layout of the name and new paint)  
Palmer (repaint of worn name)  
Wolf Lake (repaint of worn name)

Patty Livingston and crew have been busy this year. More airmarkings are being considered this year, possibly Talkeetna, Seward and/or Kenai. This is all conditional on a good paint day and prior arrangements with the airport managers. Gulkana was considered for this year, but the airport is resurfacing, so it has been moved to the 2008 schedule.

If you are interested in being notified of the dates for the painting as they are arranged, please contact either Melanie Hancock at 694-4571 or Patty Livingston at 746-2919.

## Election of 2007/08 Officers

*Congratulations to our newly elected officers:*

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Chair:      | Berta Degenhardt |
| Vice Chair: | Diane Erickson   |
| Secretary:  | Melanie Hancock  |
| Treasurer:  | Brenda Staats    |

*The "official" passing of the gavel will take place at our August meeting. The officers will take over their new positions in September.*

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Pilot - Colorado Springs*

*Sanborn pilots operate Company provided aircraft to fly mapping missions in support of our aerial photography and data acquisition projects as required. Sanborn operates as FAA, Part 91. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. In this position, you will: Coordinate flight plans; Perform flight operations as required by projects within schedule and budget; Maintain records of flights; Oversee maintenance of aircraft; Coordinate with all authorities in obtaining flight permission/clearance.; and Perform other duties as assigned.*

*Following are the requirements: Bachelor of Science in Aviation or equivalent experience; Current commercial pilot license and medical, along with 2,000 hours total flying time, 1,000 hours multi-engine land, 100 hours in make and model of designated aircraft; IFR rating, Familiarity with computers and software. Overnight travel required.*

*Flying experience: Twin Aero Commander time preferred. Company aircraft include Twin Engine Commander 500S, Piper PA31-310, and/or Piper PA31-325. Annual ground and flight training required in make and model of designated aircraft.*

*To apply, please submit your cover letter and resume with "Pilot - Colorado Springs" in subject line [toemployment@sanborn.com](mailto:toemployment@sanborn.com). Only qualified applicants who meet the hours requirements, please. Sanborn is an equal opportunity employer.*



# New Horizons

*John W. Rogers, a former Alaska resident and 49 1/2 of Betty Rogers, died at his home in Paulden, Arizona on June 4, 2007. John was a flight instructor, A&P mechanic, designated mechanic examiner and a designated airworthiness examiner. He taught at the Career Center from 1978 - 1990 and was an instructor at UoA. Many 99s remember John for a variety of reasons. For many years until his retirement and move to Arizona, John graciously served as our Master of Ceremonies for all our 49 1/2 Installations.*

*His humor on these occasions was always a joy.*

*Friends may write to Betty at P. O. Box 565, Paulden, AZ 86334.*

## 2008 Convention Committee Report

*Just over a month and a half to the CO conference - we issue our formal invitation to the Ninety-Nines to "come on up" for AVIATION FUN UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN. If you are going to Colorado help us to make them smile and come bide awhile!*

*Ninety-Nines Vice President Susan Olsen will be here from August 25 - 29. She writes: "I'm really looking forward to meeting the other 99s you're working with to plan the conference and will be intrigued to see your plan for an 'invitation' to be presented at Denver/Boulder. I must admit that I'm expecting something 'regional' and hilarious, perhaps a skit?" And we have a good one! There's only 370 days left till the 2008 conference!*

## 2007 Scholarships Awarded

*Two scholarships were awarded at the July picnic. (The Alaska Chapter did not award a student pilot scholarship in the amount of \$500 as there were no qualified applicants.)*

*Mat-Su Chapter Ruth Jefford Memorial Scholarship for a student pilot in the amount of \$500 - Kelly Moore of Willow, AK*

*Alaska Chapter Advanced Rating Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 - Sarah Fraher of Anchorage, AK*

*Congratulations and best wishes for success to these two ladies.*

# New Books . . . . .

## *Finding Amelia*

For those Amelia Earhart fans, a new book has been published: *Finding Amelia - The True Story of the Earhart Disappearance* by Richard E. Gillespie (Naval Institute Press, [navalinstitute.org](http://navalinstitute.org), \$28.95)..

The book covers all aspects of Amelia's flight which left Oakland, California and was last heard from on July 2, 1937. The story is told from letters, telegrams, logs and other newly researched information and as Gillespie says, is a "day-by-day, and in some cases minute-by-minute, record of what really happened." He uses the most human details of the famous aviatrix to piece together the story that tragically ended with no trace of pilot, navigator or airplane.....until 1940, when Gillespie writes in his Epilogue, on a remote Pacific atoll, workers made a discovery: a woman's shoe (size 10), a sextant box and a woman's skeleton. Now readers decide for themselves if this is really the end of the mystery.

*From a review in Flying Adventures, July 2007*

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## *Touching the Ancient One*

Berta, Lavelle Betz and Carol Comeau with Rupert Pratt, author of *Touching the Ancient One*, the story of his survival of the airborne breakup of a C47 over the Susitna Valley. He, along with five other men, were rescued by Don Sheldon and Cliff Hudson.

Check out his website for photos - just Google "Rupert Pratt"



# Joint Picnic: Alaska and Mat-Su valley Chapters

*The joint picnic for the Alaska and Mat-Su Valley Chapters of the 99s was held on Tuesday, June 19, at Patty Livingston's home at Wolf Lake.*



*Patty and Jim were presented an award for being "Outstanding Volunteers" The plaque was given by the Valdez Air Show Committee in appreciation of their work connected with the Valdez airmarking.*



*Jim Woodley (Patty's husband/49 1/2) did the honors as cook, appropriately wearing his 49 1/2 apron.*

# 2007 - 2008 Flypaper Renewal Information



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## **Suggestions for Programs, Fly-Ins, Meeting Places, etc.**

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