



The Flypaper



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

While Berta's Away

*Berta is traveling again to help her parents "size down."
(Something we should probably all consider doing, but it's sometimes
difficult to determine which of our treasures we should keep.)*

*A phone number and address has been included on page 5 for
Ellen Paneok for those who might want to phone and chat for a few
minutes or drop her a note.*

*Thanksgiving is almost upon us, with Christmas close on its
heels. Where has the year gone? Our November meeting will be held
Wednesday, November 14. Hope to see lots of you in attendance.
Details of the program are on page 2.*

*We should have some details for our Christmas Party at the
November meeting. It's not too early to look for some "fun" Chinese
Auction gifts. Our Christmas Party will be held on our regular meeting
night, Wednesday, December 12. Be sure to mark your calendars
accordingly, and REMEMBER spouses and guests are welcome and
encouraged.*

Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 14. 6 pm
Peggy's Restaurant
(across from Merrill Field)

Calendar of Events

<i>Wed., Nov. 14</i>	<i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Tues., Nov. 20</i>	<i>Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Thur., Nov. 22</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Wed., Dec. 12</i>	<i>Annual Christmas Dinner Party</i>
<i>Tues., Dec. 18</i>	<i>Mat-Su Chapter Christmas Party</i>
<i>Tues., Dec. 25</i>	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>

99 ONLINE

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

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

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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

Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the December Flypaper is December 3, 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.)

Subscription Rates:

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

Mailing Address:

*P. O. Box 91962
Anchorage, AK 99509*

November Program

UAA's Aviation English Program

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Community and Technical College (CTC) Aviation Technology Division has established an Aviation English Language program. The program is being developed to respond to an international aviation industry safety need to improve language communication in the flight deck.

Announced two years ago, new international rules to address an aviation safety issue require that by March 2008 all international flight crew must meet International Civil

Aviation Organization language proficiency standards for Aviation English - a level that thousands of flight crew do not currently meet.

UAA faculty will provide instruction to foreign in-flight crews at the Merrill Field classrooms and sim lab. Through this program students will experience five to six weeks of intensive language instruction.

Christina Gheen, the UAA Aviation English Coordinator will tell us more about this program that will begin in Spring, 2008 at UAA.

2008 Convention

Committee Report

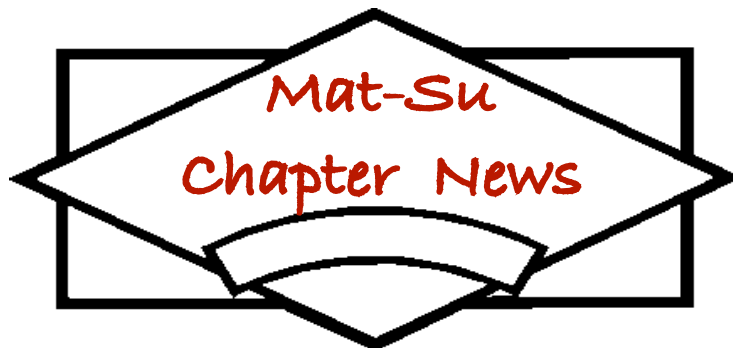
2008 Conference: The International Board of Directors has approved our proposed budget and we will soon be turning on the online registration page on our Conference website. There is a lot of interest and questions coming in from people who are preparing to enjoy your hospitality! Look for a spread and an article in the January issue of the 99s News!

Flying Companion Seminar



We had a very successful Flying Companion Seminar with 21 participants, including one young man from Highland Technical High School.

Thanks you very much to the volunteers who helped out: Patty Livingston, Gayle Kase, Roberta Degenhardt, Jamie Patterson-Sims, Mathea Doyle and Melanie Hancock. The FAA provided Sherry Kitzak, a controller from MRI Tower for the radio work. And, of course, thanks go to UAA for allowing us to use their facility and Flight Simulator!



The next meeting will be held at the Palmer Jr./Middle School beginning at 6 p.m. The purpose is to acquaint folks with the Medallion/School Aviation Training Device that is now located there. We did find out a little more about it. The school actually owns it and the Medallion Foundation will maintain it and have the ATD in its system for booking purposes. At the school it is also available every day after school for their aviation club and CAP.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Party at Gayle Kase's house on Tuesday, December 18. More details will be available in the December Flypaper.

The Mat-Su Valley Chapter voted to loan \$1,000 to the 2008 Convention Committee for use in advance expenses.

Mat-Su Chapter members Gayle Kase and Patty Livingston volunteered at the Flying Companion Seminar.

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)

Meeting Minutes - Alaska 99s - Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Treasurer Brenda Staats. Introductions were made.

The program was presented by Sam Maxwell, a long-time Alaska pilot, who spoke about his experiences flying the Iditarod. An interesting program was followed by a question and answer session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report were postponed to the November meeting.

Committee Reports:

Airmarking: Melanie Hancock reported that Kenai was painted on September 22 and that it would be the last airmarking this year. There will be several airmarkings scheduled in 2008, beginning in the spring, in an effort to get everything in good shape for the Convention.

Sunshine: No report. Melanie Hancock will send Joe Wilbur's (49 1/2 of Anne Wilbur) obituary to the 99 News.

Historian & Scrapbook: No current chair for either of these committees, but we do need to get the scrapbooks in shape.

Flypaper: Melanie Hancock reported that as many subscriptions as possible were being sent out by e-mail.

Web Site: No report.

Programs: Diane Erickson has been doing a good job setting up monthly programs. Suggestions were made for possible future programs" Charlotte Lockett (Mat-Su member and FAA employee); Mr. Bannish (aviation program at Dimond High.

Museum Display: Desperately need a coordinator for the display at the Aviation Heritage Museum.

Public Relations/Publicity: A request was made for anyone wanting to write a grant proposal and assisting with sponsorships and fundraising.

2008 Convention: Angie Slingluff reported the next meeting would be held at 5:15 p.m. on October 22 at Stewart Title on Denali St. She asked for more volunteers to attend the meetings. Roberta Degenhardt sent an e-mail suggesting members consider using part of this year's PFD to pay for their registration for the Convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation will hold its safety seminar on October 13. A signup sheet was circulated for members to sit at our table.*
- 2. Alaska Airmens Association will hold their Octoberfest on October 13 from 4 - 9 p.m.*
- 3. Aviation North Expo is scheduled for Oct. 17 - 20 in Fairbanks.*
- 4. Flying Companion Seminar will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Angie sent a sign-up sheet for member assistance.*
- 5. Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12. A volunteer was solicited to schedule a location and pick the menu. Information should be in the November Flypaper.*

Announcements:

- 1. Phone number and address for Ellen Paneok will be published in the November Flypaper.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary

Miscellaneous Items

From the Airmen's Association

Address Info:

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Below is an update on Jenn's condition. Jenn, who works for Smoky Bay Air, was hospitalized for one month following her plane crashed on 19 June. All four passengers aboard survived.

Dear Friends and family,

I am writing you from Sunny Florida. Tiny lizards, warm weather, music playing. I am here with an incredible group of people. Another family of mine that you all would love and enjoy. Michael, my brother is also with me, looking out for me in a way that only a bro could. We are having quite an adventure together. Both on our own paths but walking side by side for support.

I am interning at the International Avatar course in Lake Mary Florida. Michael is my first student, although I am just as often his student, learning from him.

This course teaches us to look at our beliefs. By looking at our beliefs, we learn more about ourselves. By learning more about ourselves, we can identify what we would like to experience and what we would not.

All of you that have been supporting me through this traumatic event have felt first hand the pain and suffering I have been experiencing. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for carrying me through the difficult times. I could not have done it alone, nor would I want to.

I am happy to tell you that I am now walking with out crutches or braces on my feet. Just two plain tennis shoes, one much cleaner than the other. When I started this course 9 days ago, I was using two crutches. My wish was to be walking unassisted by the end of the course. Today is the last day and my wish has come true.

I love you all and thank you for your love. Take care until we meet again,

Love,

Jenn

ALERT! COMMENT DEADLINE November 19th: "Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and departing the United States." The Alaska Airmen are concerned with the proposed border crossing rule, which would require pilots to file electronically with customs before entering the US. An advance article on this appeared in our last September/October Transponder. This ruling essentially requires pilots to have internet access prior to takeoff, which is not practical, especially in remote locations such as along the Alaska border with Canada. We also question the need to get permission to leave Alaska or the Lower 48. The Alaska Airmen's Association will submit comments along with other general aviation groups such as AOPA and the California Pilots Association.

Comments from you, our members are also encouraged. Submit comments online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Docket no: USCBP-2007-0064-0001 or mail to Office of International Trade, Customs and Border Protection, 799 9th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC.

Jacque Biloff, a member of the Mat-Su 99s, has a website called **borntoflygraphics.com** on which she sells her note cards and various other things, including some of the aviation fabric things that Judy Foster sells. Proceeds from Judy's sales benefit the Mat-Su Chapter 99s. Be sure to check it out when you need these items.

Judith A. Foster

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