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Notes from the Chair

I am writing this on December 1st and the days will start getting longer only 21 days from now, next stop spring!! And there are so many winter projects to get done before then!

This fall Petra Illig visited the Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots and stated that it was very well done and encouraged anyone traveling to Oklahoma City to take time and see the history of women pilots. More information can be found on it's website at [HYPERLINK http://www.museumofwomenpilots.com/](http://www.museumofwomenpilots.com/)

Starting in January we will be taking applications for Mat-Su Valley's Ruth M. Jefford Memorial Scholarship for a student and the Alaska Chapter's Advanced Rating Scholarship. This is a great opportunity to get help for that very expensive instruction. If you know a woman that might be interested in either scholarship help them through the process and if they are not a member use your persuasive powers to encourage them to join. We are planning to have our regular February meeting at the UAA Aviation Technology complex to introduce the Ninety-Nines to women students and promote the student scholarship. Additional details and applications will be available soon.

Our ak99s website is currently being updated by the Brenda Staats / Heather Hasper team and we hope to have a view for you at the regular January meeting. Speaking of 99s and the internet, the International eNetworking Committee has a MySpace page on trial through January, 2009 at the following internet address – [HYPERLINK http://www.myspace.com/girflyer](http://www.myspace.com/girflyer) Let us know what you think! In addition the International website offers online networking forums. Information and enrollment can be found at [HYPERLINK http://ninety-nines.org/networks/index.html](http://ninety-nines.org/networks/index.html)

Join fellow members and friends at the Christmas dinner next week for a fun social break from our agenda packed business meetings. I wish you all a warm and happy holiday season!

Gloria

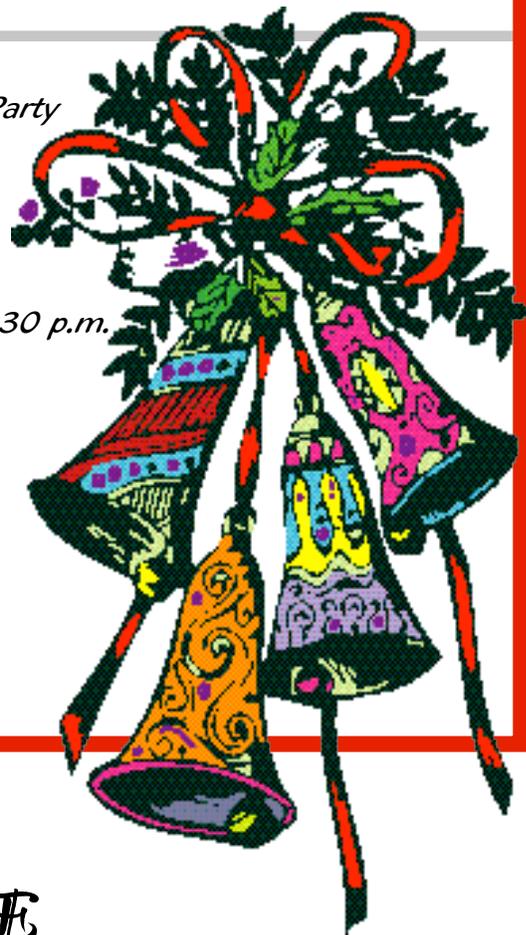


Next Meeting
Wed., 6 p.m., Dec. 10, 2008
Christmas Dinner Party at
Bella Vista Restaurant, Mile 21.5
Old Glenn Hwy., Peters Creek

**For reservations, call Melanie
at 694-4571 no later than
Mon., Dec. 8, 10 a.m.**

Calendar of Events

<i>Wed., Dec. 10</i>	<i>Alaska Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner/Party</i>
<i>Thur., Dec. 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
<i>Thur., Jan. 1</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>
<i>Tues., Jan. 8</i>	<i>Board Meeting, Stewart Title, Denali St., 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wed., Jan. 14</i>	<i>Regular Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Tues., Jan. 20</i>	<i>Mat-Su Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Wed., Feb. 11</i>	<i>Membership Drive, Pizza Party at UAA</i>
<i>Sat., Feb. 14</i>	<i>Valentine's Day</i>
<i>Tues., Feb. 17</i>	<i>Mat-Su Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>



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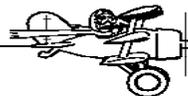
Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

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 & more.

Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the **Jan. 2009** Flypaper is **Jan. 5, 2009**. 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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Annual Christmas Dinner/Party

Come one, come all to our annual Christmas Dinner/Party on Wednesday, December 10, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek. Come at 6 to socialize. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

BE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS MADE WITH MELANIE AT 694-4571 (or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) NO LATER THAN 10 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008.

Choices for entrees are: New York Steak, Halibut, Chicken or Rib Eye Steak. Each of these comes with a baked potato, corn on the cob, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost will be \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to Alaska 99s.

We will have our "Chinese" Auction. Gifts for the "auction" should be wrapped

(value no more than \$20). This is always lots of fun so please plan to join us!

We will also have some silent auction items at the dinner. If you have an item to donate for the auction, please contact Melanie (info above).

We hope to see many of you there. It's a great time to catch up with folks you haven't seen for a while. Please bring your spouse, a friend or significant other.



Mat-Su Chapter News

The Mat-Su Valley Chapter will not hold a meeting in December. Members will join the Alaska Chapter at their Christmas Dinner Party on Wednesday, December 10, at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Toni Merrigan (373-6569)
Vice Chair	C. J. Glasser (746-7358)
Secretary	Elaine Base (357-1545)
Treasurer	Patty Livingston (746-2919)

Alaska Chapter Meeting Minutes - Nov. 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Chair Gloria Tomich. Twenty-two members and guests attended.

Petra Illig made a motion to accept the October minutes as published. Motion seconded by Brenda Staats and passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Brenda Staats. As a result of the sale of the Amelia Bearhart bears at the Convention, two new pilot scholarships for \$1500 each at the International level will be offered, one from Mat-Su Chapter and one from Alaska Chapter. The Board recommended that we sponsor a day at the Women's Museum (\$125) in Oklahoma City in Ellen Paneok's name on her birthday, October 17.

Brenda distributed a tentative budget. Suggestions and feedback were requested. The new budget will be finalized at the January meeting.

Brenda also brought up the fact that our website needs to be updated and modernized. We would like to have it cover 99s activities for the whole state.

The Christmas Party was discussed and information reviewed.

The next board meeting will be held on December 2. Members are welcome to attend.

The Air Carriers Conference will be held the first week of March. Vendor space is available if we are interested. Kathy Anderson with the Air Carriers requested volunteer help and told us we could have a table free for 16 volunteer hours. We need to let them know by December 15. We also have been given the option of holding a Flying Companion Seminar during the conference. Patty Livingston, Mat-Su Chapter, indicated there would be no problem holding the Seminar in Anchorage rather than the Valley in the spring.

Angie Slingluff passed on a suggestion from Tom George, AOPA, that we might consider using our Flying Companion Seminar as a "Introduction to Flying" to educate the general public about aviation.

Scholarships were discussed. It has been decided to move up the time line for applying for our local scholarships. We will begin advertising in January with the application deadline of March 20. Awards will be made in April. This will allow successful applicants to take advantage of the summer for flying. Also, it will allow us better contact with UAA students.

We are planning our February meeting at UAA as a Pizza Party for women students. This is being done as a membership activity. A room will be available at UAA for this event.

Donations from the Chapter were discussed. Two possibilities are KAKM and the Aviation Safety Foundation. Melanie Hancock made a motion, seconded by Petra Illig, to donate \$120 to KAKM for two \$60 spots mentioning the 99s.

Petra requested help in reviewing Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation tapes of hangar flying in order to catalog the programs.

Gloria requested a volunteer for Publicity Chair. This job includes publicity regarding our meetings and activities.

Gloria brought books to sell for \$1 each, with the proceeds donated to the scholarship fund.

Patty Livingston asked about the simulator on Craig's List. Brenda Staats is still working with the man selling the simulator. Hopefully this will be on its way to us soon. The "new" simulator is similar to our desktop models and will be used in place of one of ours that is not working well.

Petra Illig made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Angie Slingluff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary

Member Update

The "baby" is almost 2.5, but we do have a new baby in the house. Her name is Emma, she was born July 9th. And as dark haired and browned eyed Sofia is, like Steve, Emma is blond and blue eyed like me!

I've attached a few pictures. Hope you are doing well. Tell everyone I said Hi!

Eunilla (Hellsten) Pendleton



New Aviation Website: Powder Puff Pilot

If you're surfing the net, check out this site: www.powderpuffpilot.com

They have a few "feminine" style products for sale, among which are a pink logbook, clothing, headsets, calendar and a few other items. The back of their T-shirt sports the verse to the right.

Why Women Prefer Airplanes

- An airplane takes gas, a man passes it.*
- Airplanes can be turned off when you don't want to fly.*
- An airplane can be overhauled when its engine sputters.*
- Airplanes do not perform over-gross.*
- Airplanes don't come with drinking buddies.*
- Airplanes eventually stop whining.*
- Airplanes don't mind if you just want to position and hold.*
- Airplanes won't take off without you.*
- Airplanes don't discourage you from trying to do it all.*
- Airplanes come with pretty twinkling colored lights.*

Flight Simulator Availability at Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe

by Petra Illig

In the interest of creating a "pilot lounge" at Lake Hood, I approached the Medallion Foundation last year and offered to house one of their Aviation Training Devices (ATD) at my pilot shop. I was very excited that they set up a dual monitor ATD a few months ago, and it is available and ready to go!

The ATD's provide the latest in software and provide the opportunity to fly 12 major passes in Alaska, practice recognition and avoidance of bad weather, and fly instrument procedures and approaches. They also provide a procedures training environment for many common emergency procedures associated with several aircraft types.

It is my understanding that the ATD can also be used to log IFR time when used in conjunction with a flight instructor. More information and a list of volunteer instructors can be found at the Medallion Foundation website (www.medallionfoundation.org). <http://www.medallionfoundation.org>)

A GA pilot does not have to be a Medallion member to use the ATD's, and they are free to the public.

To encourage flight safety activities, I have also set up a desk with internet connection and am collecting a variety of aviation safety materials. Additionally, Heather Hasper painstakingly pieced together WAC charts to cover the entire State of Alaska on one wall in the ATD room.

Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe is co-located with Aviation Medical Services at 5011 Spenard Rd.(intersection of Spenard and International Airport Rd.). We are open 6 days a week, 9-6 M-F, and 10-4 on Saturdays in the winter, and 10-6 in the summer. Phone: 243-4349.

I encourage any 99 to come by, give the ATD a try, and also offer any suggestions as to how to make this a better resource for GA pilots in the community.

Alaska Air Carriers Association to Hold Annual Convention in March, 2009

The Alaska Air Carriers will be holding their annual convention March 2 - 7 at the Captain Cook Hotel. Kathie Anderson, Membership & Marketing Coordinator, has requested volunteers to help with registration, badges, handing out gift bags, selling meal and seminar tickets, etc.

This year's convention is during the Fur Rondy and the Iditarod starts Saturday, the 7th. If you are considering spending time in downtown Anchorage, this is a great opportunity. If you will be available to assist in any way, please contact Kathie at 277-0071 or kathie@alaskaaircarriers.org.