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

Notes from the Beach Chair . . .

Just kidding! But don't we wish we were sitting somewhere warm? At least we have lots of this delicious sunshine! It may take some planning and preheating, but it is good flying weather; but make sure to take that arctic survival kit with you, just in case. . .

We are going to have a great program this month, photographer Fred Hirschmann will speak. He is well known for his books Alaska and Bush Pilots of Alaska (yes, the one that Ellen is in!) but he will be giving a talk and presentation on the Aurora Borealis - great photos and very informative! Bring your friends for pie and hot cocoa!

Hope to see you there,

Berta



Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 13,
2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Peggy's Airport Cafe

Calendar of Events

Wed., Feb. 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Thur., Feb. 14	Happy Valentine's Day
Tues., Feb. 19	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Mon., March 3	DEADLINE for submission to March Flypaper
Wed., March 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
March 13-15	19th Annual Int'l. Women in Aviation Conference, San Diego, California
Tues., March 18	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., 31	Flying Companion Seminar, Mat-Su Valley
July 28	AirVenture Fly-In, Oshkosh, Wisconsin



99s ONLINE

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

For website updates and additions, e-mail
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National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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



Deadline for the **March, 2008** Flypaper is **March 3, 2008**. 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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Feb. -- Sept. = \$10.00
June -- Sept. = \$5.00

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February Program

Our guest speaker at the February meeting will be Fred Hirschmann, well known Alaskan photographer. Fred is well-known for his books *Alaska* and *Bush Pilots of Alaska*. At the February meeting will give his presentation on the Aurora Borealis, including the 59 photos he submitted for a US First Class postage stamp that were rejected, and the one that was chosen!

Please feel free to bring a guest to the meeting and remember there is a \$5 minimum charge by the restaurant, which means if you've already had dinner, you can have a piece of pie and coffee!



Mat-Su Chapter News

The Mat-Su Chapter's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the new AT&T Sports Center, 1507 N. Double B Street. It is on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway about one mile west of the intersection of Trunk Road and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

We will be discussing the Chapter's participation in the 2008 International Conference among other business items. All are invited to attend.

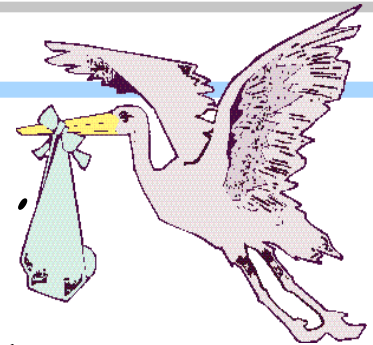
NOTE: The Mat-Su Chapter will be holding its February, March, April and May meetings at:

A T & T Sports Center
Conference Room
1507 N. Double B Street
Palmer, AK 99645

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)

Announcing the Arrival



Micheal Tristan Nutter was born on December 12, 2007 to parents Andre and Louise (Gettmann) Nutter. He was 20 1/4" long and weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. 9 oz. Mama Louise is still flying high on cloud 9. Mikey is reported to be "perfect and adorable with a mellow temperament." Judging by the photo, the report is right on.

Congratulations to the proud new parents!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sporty's Foundation Announces Four New \$5,000 Awards

Deadline is February 29 to Submit Application for Sporty's Awards to AEA INDEPENDENCE, MO. - Hal Shevers, founder and chairman of Sporty's, recently announced the Sporty's Foundation will sponsor four new recreational pilot training awards for individuals from AEA member shops. Each award, called the Sporty's Recreational Pilot Certificate for AEA Member Technicians, is worth \$5,000 and will be administered through the AEA Educational Foundation. To download the Sporty's award application, visit www.aea.net/scholarship.

*This year, the AEA Educational Foundation also will award nearly 40 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000 for the 2008-2009 school year to students pursuing careers in the avionics or aircraft maintenance industries. Anyone interested in applying for any of the Foundation's scholarships can visit www.aea.net/scholarship for information about each scholarship and to download an application. **The deadline for scholarship application submissions is Feb. 15, 2008.***

Scholarships and the Sporty's awards will be presented in April during the 51st annual AEA International Convention & Trade Show in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Mike Adamson at 816-373-6565 or mikea@aea.net.

New Book



Available from the Women in Aviation Online Store is a new book by Ann Lewis Cooper. The book has been illustrated with fine watercolor art created especially for the book by Sharon Rajnus, an award-winning artist.

The book covers the achievements of 50 women involved in aviation. Each story is a pivotal event in the lives of the women highlighted (from Aida de Acosta, Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell and Willa Brown to Jerrie Mock, Kitty Banner Seemann and Major Nicole Malachowski) and underscores the enviable strengths of a woman, an individual passionately involved in living life fully. Deborah and Stephen Coonts wrote, "Stars of the Sky will inspire young and old, male and female, to chase their dreams and live life with courage and conviction. a must read!"

*Available at the following website for \$24.95 with an approximate ship date of March 1:
<http://www.wai.org/store/merchant.mvc>*

2008 Convention

Meetings are continuing biweekly on Mondays to work out details of the 2008 International Convention. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Stewart Title, 2601 Denali Street. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to attend the meetings.

Hotel reservations are going well, but actual registrations for the convention are slow. Please register as soon as possible. This will assist the committee in planning.

Check out the website at: <http://www.ak99aviationfun.org>

Miscellaneous Items

Don't forget that tickets are available for the Chapter's raffle quilt. They will be available for purchase at the meeting in February.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Ticket packets will also be available for members to sign out to sell.

REMEMBER:

This is a fund-raiser for the chapter. We'd like to sell all the tickets by the drawing date of August 9!



A rule of thumb

To figure out when you should start your descent on a cross-country flight, take the altitude you need to lose, drop the zeros, and multiply by 3. That equals your distance in miles to begin your descent. Now take half of your ground speed and add a zero. This is your rate of descent. For example: If you have 5,000 feet to lose and are making 150 knots, start the descent at 15 miles out at a rate of 750 fpm.

Jacquie 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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Alaska Chapter 99s - Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chair Roberta Degenhardt.

Introductions were made. There were 15 in attendance. Sarah Fraher, recipient of the 2007 Advanced Rating Scholarship was a guest at the meeting. Sarah will be going to Arizona for her final ratings and then on to Haageland Air for ground training.

Angie Slingluff reported on the Convention. The Hilton has 587 room nights (approximately 215 people) and the Marriott has booked 120 room nights (no report on how many people). The next conference committee meeting will be held on January 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Stewart Title on Denali. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Our program was presented by Jim Amundson, Project Manager with DOT and Anne Brooks, a consultant. They discussed the expansion of 5th Avenue to 3 lanes each way from Gambell to Airport Heights. The right-of-way acquisition has been a \$10 million effort. The project will cost \$14.4 million. Construction will begin this year. The program was very informative.

The business meeting continued with the Treasurer's Report following the program. Brenda gave the following information: Scholarship CD at Northrim Bank was \$13,246.43 at the end of the third quarter; savings and checking accounts as of 12/31/07 were \$2,713.58 and \$2,884.98, respectively.

The November minutes were published in the December Flypaper. Copies were not available at the meeting. Copies will be taken to the February meeting for review and approval.

The subject of dues/Flypaper subscriptions was raised. It was decided that the by-laws need to be reviewed before any decision regarding dues can be made.

Angie reminded everyone of the coming events and that volunteers were needed to help:

Girl Scouts Science Day:

Saturday, Feb. 2, in Anchorage

Saturday, Feb. 9 in Soldotna

Saturday, March 1 in the Valley

ACE Academy: March 27 -- 29

Alaska State Science Fair: April 11

&12

Elmendorf Air Show: mid June

Scholarship dates and deadlines were discussed. Moving the dates up earlier is desirable in order to let recipients use the scholarships during the summer months. Specific dates will be published on the website with the scholarship applications.

Melanie Hancock reminded everyone that we need to be distributing raffle tickets to members for sale and that tickets should be available at all our events. She will bring photos of the quilt to the February meeting to be given to members along with the tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES - ALASKA 99S - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Treasurer Brenda Staats. Introductions were made. There were 14 people in attendance.

Airmarkings were discussed. Melanie Hancock will check with Merrill Field to get the status of a new compass rose there.

Janet Oxford volunteered to help with the Sunshine Committee.

Our program was presented by Christina Gheen, the UAA Aviation English Coordinator, and Charlene Derry, Coordinator, International Affairs, with the FAA. The program at UAA is going to start soon and it is scheduled to assist with the ICAO recommendation that all pilots/controllers, etc. be conversant in English as it regards aviation and aviation safety. The program was quite interesting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Committee Reports:

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. She announced that advertisements were placed in the Flypaper free-of-charge to subscribers. Members were encouraged to send relevant info to her for inclusion in the Flypaper.*

Web Site: *No report.*

Programs: *We will resume programs in January as our next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner/Party. Melanie will check on places to have the meeting and get the info out to everyone.*

Museum Display: *We still need a coordinator for the display at the Aviation Heritage Museum. Norm LaGasse at the Museum does have the info to get into the system.*

2008 Convention: *Angie Slingluff reported the Board has approved our budget and registration fees. Mio said she had found a place (Backpacker's Inn on Eagle Street) for those who needed budget rooms. There will be a link on the website. There are 167 room/nights reserved at the other hotels.*

December 1 is the deadline for the 99 News article on the convention. The tour information will be available at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christmas Dinner/Party. *Petra checked with the Aviation Heritage Museum and reported that there would be a \$500 charge to use the facilities. Melanie will check with caterers and with the Marriott to see what our options are for the meeting.*

2. Scholarship *applications and time frame were discussed. Melanie Hancock made a motion to open the application process on February 1, 2008 and close on May 31, 2008, with the scholarships awarded at the June meeting. Janet Oxford seconded and the motion passed.*

3. Mio Johnson *displayed a small, stuffed bear and told us she had letters she would be sending to all the chapters. The letter requests their support of the convention by committing to decorate one of the bears as "Amelia Bearhart." The bears will be used as table decorations and then auctioned off to support the AE Scholarship.*

Announcements:

Petra Illig announced that the Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe now had a large assortment of handmade aviation jewelry and passed around samples.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary