



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
June 2008

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#### **2008 International Convention**

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*The Sunshine, Fly-Ins, Museum Display  
and Publicity need volunteers.*

## Notes from the Chair . . . .

*As you may have already heard, I have resigned as Chapter Chair of the Alaska Chapter 99s. While there were only three more months left in my second year as Chapter Chair, I felt it was necessary to step down now and let someone else take over.*

*When I accepted the position as Chapter Chair two years ago it was with the understanding that I would stay on for the second one year term and carry us through to the International Conference. I was excited at the prospect of sharing my experience in public events and nonprofit fundraising, and hoped to help make the conference a success. More importantly, I hoped to, through my enthusiasm, encourage more participation in 99s sponsored events and increase membership. I feel I have failed at both and that I must give someone else the opportunity to succeed where I have not.*

*I have always been committed to the mission of the 99s International Organization of Women Pilots, to "PROMOTE world fellowship through flight, PROVIDE networking and scholarship opportunities for women, and aviation education in the community and PRESERVE the unique history of women in aviation" and so I shall retain my membership in the organization.*

*My thanks to those of you who have been so supportive and contributed to the Chapter through your time and efforts.*

*Berta*

## Next Meeting

Wed., June 11, 2008

5:30 p.m. at

Birchwood Airport for the

Airmarking

followed by a potluck at

the Hancock Hangar

# Calendar of Events

Sat., June 7	Annual FAA Pancake Breakfast, Palmer Airport
Wed., June 11	Airmarking at Birchwood and Potluck Picnic
June 13 & 14	Palmer Colony Days Open House at Palmer Airport
Sat., June 14	Youth Aviation Adventure Event, Palmer Airport, 8 a.m. - Noon Short Field Clinic, Palmer Airport. Noon - 2:30 p.m.
June 17	Joint Picnic at Wolf Lake with Mat-Su 99s
June 20	DEADLINE for mailing completed ballots back to the Chapter
June 28 & 29	Arctic Thunder Air Show, Elmendorf Air Force Base
June 30	DEADLINE for submitting articles for the August Flypaper
Wed., July 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
July 11 & 12	Tentative date for Dawson City Memorial Fly-In
Aug. 6 - 9	2008 International Conference, Anchorage
Wed., Aug. 13	Annual Potluck Picnic and Installation of Officers



## 99s ONLINE

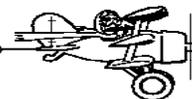
### Chapter Website ([www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org))

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 & more.

### Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the July, 2008 Flypaper is June 30, 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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net).  
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# Mat-Su Chapter News

The Mat-Su 99s will have the annual joint picnic at Patty Livingston's house at Wolf Lake (4890 Phantom Place, Wasilla) on Tuesday, June 17, starting about 6:00 or 6:30. Chapter will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone is invited to bring something (salad, fruit, dessert, etc.) for the potluck. Guests are welcome. Hope to see lots of you there!

The Mat-Su Chapter has been busy making luggage tags to be used as table decorations for the Saturday evening Food and Fun Under the Midnight Sun function at the conference. The attendees will be able to take a luggage tag with them when they leave. We will be starting on the table centerpieces for the Alaskan Fashion Show Luncheon soon.

*Driving directions to Patty's:* Take the Glenn Hwy. to the Parks. Turn right on Trunk Road. Go straight at the stop light. Turn left at the stop sign onto Bogard Road and go about 1/4 mil. Turn right on Engstrom (there's a Firehouse on the corner). Go 2 miles and turn left on Hart Lake Loop. Take the first right onto Phantom Place and an immediate left into Patty's driveway.

## 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)

We'd like to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to our charter member, Margo Cook. She is recovering from a mild stroke. If you would like to send a card to let her know you're thinking about her, her address is:

Margo Cook  
P. O. Box 240263  
Anchorage, AK 99524-0263



## Youth Aviation Adventure Event

This event will be held on Saturday, June 14. This is a four-hour aviation event from 8 a.m. - noon for kids grade 4 and up. The event will be held in the Forestry Service hangar at the Palmer Airport.

Children learn about airplanes, airport operations, flight instruments, aviation safety, careers in aviation, aviation maintenance, professional piloting and will meet people in these fields including firefighters and forestry service technicians.

Contact Angie Slingluff (271-5228) or Jane Dale (761-1311) for more information. Applications may be faxed to 907-271-5961. Participants must be registered to attend.



# 2008 International Conference

*Did you know we have an Updates & Notams on the conference website? Be sure to check it out periodically to see what's happening: [www.ak99aviationfun.org](http://www.ak99aviationfun.org).*

*Our thanks go to Heather Hasper for such a great job on the website. Heather has made us a first, also. This is the first time members have been able to register online!*

*We are having Amelia Earhart bears as centerpieces for the Friday evening Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Banquet. Various chapters and individuals are "dressing" a bear and adding something special to increase her auction value. We could use some help dressing some local bears. Got an idea, got an evening you can spare? Another option: If you aren't able to dress a bear, maybe you can donate something that will be "added value" to the bear, such as the bottle of wine, or aviation jewelry, etc. shown below.*

*(One bear has teeth so, that's going to be a TSA bear - let your imagination run wild with Alaskan or international themes!) If you can help call Petra Illig to pick up a bear. All bears must be dressed by July 15! 62 days to go!*

## Flying Companion Seminar

*We had fewer than ten participants at the Flying Companion Seminar on May 31. We decided to hold it anyway because we had canceled the seminar last year. In spite of the low attendance, we received good evaluations.*

*Thanks to Angie and Sara from the Alaska Chapter as well as Lani Kyle and Mike Pannone for their help.*

*Judy Foster*

## Here's an example of a bear done by the "Women with Wings" Intermountain Chapter



*Meet  
"Hewstern Hucklebear"*

*She is one of our Chapter's envoys to the 99s meetings in Alaska in August. She will be a centerpiece at the A/E Awards Banquet and will be auctioned off to raise funds for the AEMSP.*

*She includes a basket of huckleberry goodies, a bottle of huckleberry Riesling wine, sterling silver aviation jewelry, and a huckleberry themed quilt (which is not quite complete yet!).*

**Alaska Chapter 99s**  
**May 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes**  
**Stewart Title, Anchorage, Alaska**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Melanie Hancock, acting as Chair pro tem, at 6:00 p.m. There were 14 members and guests (C. J. Glasser, Ruth Schommer, Patty Livingston and Judy Foster from the Mat-Su Valley Chapter, and Aimee Kuprash) in attendance. Guests were .

Mio announced that Margo Cook was in the hospital. Members signed a card for her.

Brenda Staats gave the Treasurer's Report: Checking \$6,160.21, Museum Savings and the Scholarship CD balances were the same as last month.

Work continues on the 2008 Conference. Meetings will be held every Monday starting June 9.

Name tags were not ordered in April, but will be ordered after tonight's meeting.

Pearl Laska Chamberlain, a longtime member of the Alaska 99s turned 99 in April. Rosemary Dunn made a motion to reimburse Pat Bening in the amount of \$70 for flowers sent on behalf of the Chapter. Motion seconded by Helen Jones and passed.

Melanie will contact Caren della Cioppa to have the website updated.

Coming events were discussed, including:

Airmarkings - Homer will be scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

Scholarships - Applications forms have been distributed and were also available at the Trade Show. Helen Jones will contact Caren to have the website corrected to reflect her name instead of Berta's on the contact for information.

Short Field Clinic - The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, at Palmer, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A motion was made by Angie Slingluff, seconded by Melanie Hancock, to officially sponsor the event and appropriate \$125 for the insurance for that day to cover the event. Motion passed.

The Youth Aviation Adventure event will be held at Palmer Airport from 8 a.m. - noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. so the group could begin work on updating the photos from the scrapbooks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Hancock, Secretary

## Miscellaneous Items

### Lost Serving Bowl

Betsy is still looking for her serving bowl and spoon which was left at Ellen Paneok's memorial potluck. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please let me know. It is clear glass, about 8-9" tall, wide at the top, narrow at the base. There was a triangular shaped stainless steel serving spoon with it. . My number is 333-0262.. Thanks!

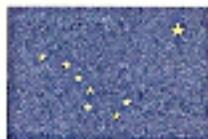
Betsy Nobmann

Jacque Biloff, a member of the Mat-Su 99s, has a website called [borntoflygraphics.com](http://borntoflygraphics.com) on which she sells her note cards and various other things, including some of the aviation fabric items 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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Fabric Crafts

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# Election of Officers for 2008/2009

*We have a full slate of officers on the ballot for the 2008/2009 term. They are: Chair - Gloria Tomich; Vice Chair - Mio Johnson; Secretary - Melanie Hancock; Treasurer - Brenda Staats.*

*If you receive the newsletter via e-mail, your ballot will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service. If your newsletter is via the postal service, your ballot will be included in your June Flypaper.*

*Ballots are mailed to members on the International membership list last updated June 5, 2008. If your membership with International is not current, you will not receive a ballot.*

*The ballot is being printed on colored card stock so you won't be able to miss it. Please mark your pre-stamped postcard size ballot and drop it back in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Friday, June 20, 2008. Ballots will also be accepted at the June 11 meeting.*

## Birchwood Airmarking

*Our regular monthly meeting will be held at Birchwood Airport on Wednesday, June 11. We will meet at 5:30 to airmark (or repaint the name on the taxiway) and then go to the Hancock Hangar for hamburgers and hot dogs and a very short meeting.*

*Please bring a side dish and a chair. Hot dogs and hamburgers and all the "fixin's" will be provided as will some soft drinks and water.*

*Directions: The Hancock Hangar on the south end of the airport along the fence near the water. The number is 19710 Birchwood Spur. Exit the Glenn Hwy. at the North Birchwood exit and follow the road around the airport past the tan Civil Air Patrol Hangar. Take the gravel road behind the Pilot Planning Building to the next to last blue hangar and you're there.*

*Guests are welcome. Please come in clothing appropriate for painting.*

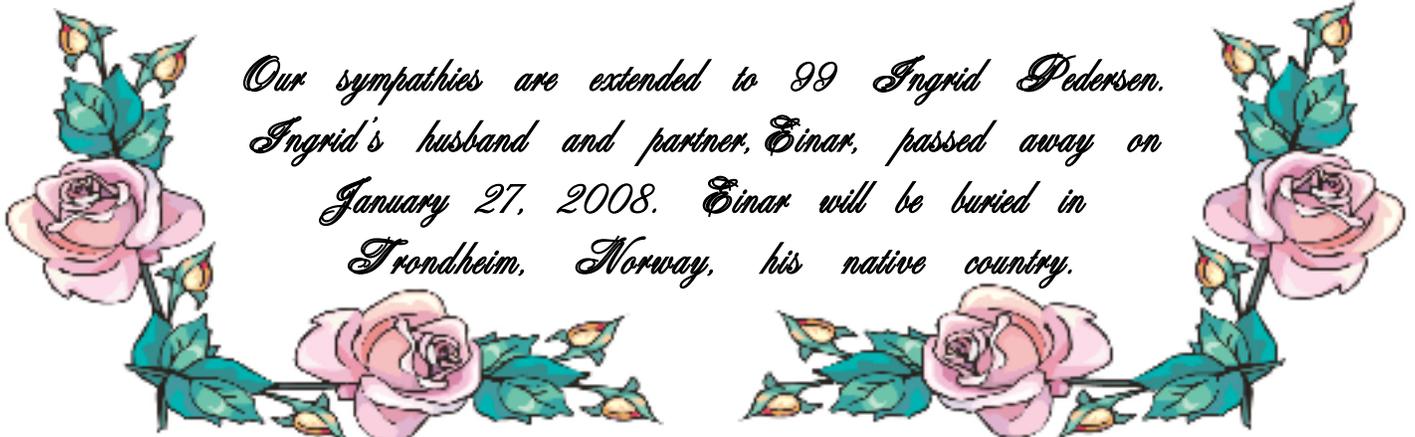
## Request for Help from Sandi Sumner

*Sandi asked me to include a request in the Flypaper for anyone who knows Ingrid Pedersen and her history in Alaska as a woman pilot/mentor. If you fit the bill, please send her an email at sandisumner@att.net. She will be writing about Ingrid to nominate her for a national award, and needs others to help her do justice to Ingrid's life story.*

*If you aren't sure you have something useful, please run it by Sandi anyway and let her make the final decision.*

*Ingrid is one of our own and we'd like to see this nomination be successful. She is a very deserving lady and part of our history.*

*Our sympathies are extended to 99 Ingrid Pedersen. Ingrid's husband and partner, Einar, passed away on January 27, 2008. Einar will be buried in Trondheim, Norway, his native country.*



# Homer Airmarking

*A good sized group of 99s, 49 1/2's and friends got together on Saturday, May 17 to do the airmarking at Homer. We started at 10 a.m. and by lunchtime we were finished.*

*Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped: Herb and Melanie Hancock, Patty Livingston, Brenda Staats and Megan O'Connor, Heather Hasper (our "official" photographer for the event), Gayle Kase, Mio Johnson and Dick Lounsbury, Gail and Charles Rigden, Tim and Dru Renschler [Rigdens' friends], and Kimber Amundson and Jon Conger.*

*Special thanks for their support goes to the Homer Airport management and to Arnie (airport staff person) without whom we would not have been able to get the job done.*

*Below: Aerial view of the finished product.*

*(Photo by Patty Livingston)*



*Crew at Homer finishing the second coat of paint. Front: Dru & Tim Renschler; Back: Patty Livingston, Gayle Kase, Charles Rigden, Melanie Hancock, Megan O'Connor, Brenda Staats and Herb Hancock.  
(Photo by Heather Hasper)*



*Above: Photo of Crew at the end of the project.*

*Front Row:  
Patty , Megan, Melanie, Mio, Kimber.*

*Back Row:  
Gail, Brenda, Gayle, Herb, Charles,  
Dick, Tim , Jon and Dru (hiding in back).*

