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The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
May 2009



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Fly-Ins, Aviation Museum Display & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

Notes from the Chair

I am proud to report the following success stories for April.

The Train the Trainer brought in new potential instructors for our Flying Companion and Prepared Passenger Seminars and we are very excited about that! It also gave instructors who had not participated recently a refresher of the presentations and materials we are currently using.

The April 8 meeting at Petra's Pilot Shoppe showed us a simulator resource that is readily available and FREE for anyone to use.

We awarded 3 well deserved scholarships.

The Seaplane Seminar gave us 2 more registrations for the May 16 Flying Companion plus free press.

The 6 instructors who traveled to Fairbanks on April 20 were very successful in presenting the Prepared Passenger Seminar to 25 employees of state agencies held at the Department of Natural Resources offices. Their time and willingness to make the journey is very much **appreciated** and a special thanks to Phyllis Tate who was the local Fairbanks support! Over \$900 was the net for EACH chapter (AK & MSV) towards scholarships and operations.

Speaking of press your very own Chapter Chair consented to be taped for Hanger Flying discussing Flying Companion Seminar. It will be aired Friday, May 8 (I really do hate the camera!). Oh and about May – MANY visitors to the 99s booth at the Aviation Trade Show resulted in potential new members and additional registrants for the May 16 FCS. Many thanks go to the booth volunteers.

So it is very true that the 99s are a busy, productive group and we need more and new help. Volunteering for an office or committee chair is rewarding and fun. The more people helping the less time each person will spend helping to organize or participate in activities. Please contact any of the current or past officers if you need more information about a particular position. Don't wait to be called, self nominations are acceptable!

See you all on May 13th!!

Gloria

Next Meeting

Wednesday,

May 13, 6 p.m. at
Peggy's Restaurant

Speaker: Audrey Cole
Ricks, Grant Aviation

Calendar of Events

May 8 - 10	Valdez May Day Fly-In
Wed., May 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., May 16	Flying Companion Seminar in Eagle River, UAA Campus
Tues., May 19	Mat-Su Valley Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., May 30	10th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
Mon., June 1	99s Board of Directors Meeting
Sat., June 6	FAA Pancake Breakfast, Palmer Airport
Tues., June 16	Joint Picnic with Mat-Su Chapter at Wolf Lake
Wed., June 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
June 27-28	Dawson City Fly-In
Wed., July 8	Regular Monthly Meeting
July 22 - 26	International Conference, Chicago, Illinois

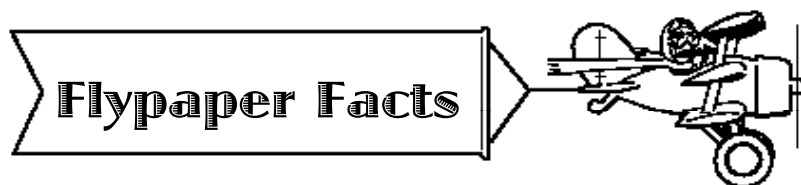
99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

For website updates and additions, e-mail Heather Hasper at: 747sp@arctic.net

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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



Deadline for the **May 2009** Flypaper is **May 5, 2009**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone 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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May Program

The 2001 Aviation Trade Show changed the course of Audrey's life. A Texas girl with the ink barely dry on her Private Pilot's license, she dared to dream of a life as a professional pilot. She always wanted to come to Alaska. Talking on the phone for mentoring to a pilot friend of a pilot friend of a pilot friend she was talked into coming to Anchorage for the weekend to the Trade Show. Since she had a free airline pass and about a day's notice, why not?



Adventurous and falling in love with Alaska, Audrey decided to come up to get her IFR and Commercial ratings here. She returned to Texas, packed, relocated Anchorage and completed all her ratings. By then she was an Alaskan!

Audrey was able to build flight time through several volunteer flying opportunities. Arising at 5am she flew the Traffic Watch airplane which was painted with black and white spots like a Holstein cow. Building time, Audrey flight instructed before moving on to fly for Grant Aviation and Pen Air. Although Audrey got laid off last fall from Pen Air in these economic hard times, she was able to return to Grant and is flying as a medevac pilot in a Cessna Caravan based in Bethel, Alaska. Throughout her journey, the 99's provided Audrey with a wealth of aviation minded mentors and fellow aviatrixes who helped fuel her passion to fly. Audrey's goals are to continue flying in Alaska and she would like for one day to fly for Alaska Airlines.



Flying Companion Seminar

Our next Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 16,
at the UAA Complex in Eagle River.

If you are available to assist with the seminar, please contact Gloria Tomich at 279-1560 or Angie Slingluff at 337-0253. A big benefit for helpers is that the class is a good refresher to get ready to go flying this summer!

It's not too late to register, so if you know of someone interested in attending this seminar, please have them contact Angie or Gloria at the numbers above as soon as possible.

Alaska Airports Association (AKAA)

The Alaska Airports Association General Meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 19, 4:30 pm, at the University of Alaska, Lucy Cuddy Building. A conference room has been provided by the FAA Airports Partnership Conference. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet everyone involved in the association, discuss issues and plan for the future.

May 19 and 20: Registration for the FAA Airport's Partnership Conference, 2009 is available. The FAA Airport's Partnership Conference 2009 registration link is now "Live" at <https://regstg.com/Registration/Introduction.aspx?rid=33459ace-9f8e-46fe-a411-36e27e543c98>.

Located in the left column of the registration site is the conference information, Draft Agenda, and additional opportunities. If you have any questions or any problems please inquire via email to tinav@uaa.alaska.edu or by calling (907) 751-7211.



Please contact Toni Merrigan at 373-6569 for more information regarding a May meeting of the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s.

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

Brief Description of Chapter Officers' Duties

Once again it is time to elect new officers for the Chapter. Following are brief descriptions of the duties associated with these offices:

Chair: Leads meetings (regular membership meetings and Board meetings) once a month. Represents the Chapter in the community.

Vice Chair: Assumes responsibilities of Chair when necessary and arranges programs and speakers for the meetings.

Treasurer: Keeps track of the Chapter's finances, income and expenses. Maintains a balanced checkbook and follows the chapter budget.

Secretary: Responsible for keeping minutes of the membership meetings and board meetings and handles any correspondence required for the Chapter.

Spotlight on Our Scholarship Winners

Holly Adamson, Anchorage, AK

(Student Pilot – Alaska Chapter)

Holly is currently enrolled in the Aviation Technology program at U of A Anchorage. She has worked for three years in the business world but has decided her true vocation is to be an airline pilot.

She excelled in sports in high school and maintained a 3.8 GPA. In college, after spending a semester abroad at the University of Indianapolis in Athens, Greece, she graduated from the University of Kentucky with a 3.2 in 2005 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. At this point she spent five months working at the University of London Pharmacy School, which allowed her to travel to other countries.

Holly's dad is a retired Naval Aviator and Assistant Professor in the Aviation Program at Eastern Kentucky University. He encouraged her to look into flying, but at this time decided she decided to complete her studies in business, seeing how costly the change to aviation would be. After considerable soul searching she ended up giving up a lucrative career in sales to pursue aviation.

She currently has 2 part-time jobs to help pay for her education, and is utilizing student loans to help cover a majority of the expenses.

We are very happy to help Holly on her way to fulfilling her dream.

Kaasan Faerlight Braendel,

Chickaloon, AK

(Student Pilot – Mat-Su Valley Chapter – Ruth Jefford Memorial Scholarship)

Kaasan is currently flying an R-22 helicopter with Alyeska Helicopters. When Kaasan had a chance to fly in a helicopter that was it, she would become a pilot.

She will work this summer for the Dept of Fish and Game in late May, and hopefully have her private license by then. Her goal is to earn her

private license by then. Her goal is to earn her commercial license, CFI, and a professional license.

While at UA-Mat Su College she was on the Dean's List and chancellor's list, but longed to find something she really wanted to pursue. Not wanting to waste time she obtained a Tech II , permanent seasonal job with the Dept of Fish and Game, Palmer, and filled in with other part-time jobs.

Kaasan has played the violin since she was 5 and also plays the piano and flute. Just a side note, both of her grandparents retired after many years playing with the Anchorage Symphony. She is also a member at large on the Chickaloon Community Council, and assistant MYAC basketball coach.

We are happy to help Kaasan reach her goal of becoming a Whirly Girl.

Brenda Staats, Anchorage, AK

(Advanced Rating – Alaska Chapter)

Brenda is currently flying a Cessna 182 and plans to enroll in UAA for instrument ground school. After their two children left for college husband Doug, who is a pilot of 30 years, asked Brenda to fly right seat. Not expecting to be a PIC but wanting to learn as much as possible to be a help to her husband. In April of 2006 she received her private license.

She registered for Instrument Ground School in Dec. 2008 but the class was cancelled. Now she will wait until the next session to enroll. Brenda is looking for a new instructor since the last two have left the state.

With a BA in Management Information Systems from U of A, Anchorage she is currently President of Stewart Title of Alaska, and Managing Member of United Title Company. Brenda is also a member of the Alaska Chapter 99's, where she is currently serving as Treasurer, as well as treasurer for her hanger association.

Brenda, the 99's are proud to support you in this endeavor.

Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Meeting, Alaska Chapter 99s

Meeting at Peggy's Restaurant, Anchorage, called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Gloria Tomich.

Introductions were made.

March meeting minutes were not available and will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

Detailed Treasurer's report was not available. Balance of \$21,416.90 needs to be adjusted for purchase of computer and DVD player.

Following announcements were made:

Aviation Trade Show will be held May 2 & 3. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help at the booth.

Seaplane Seminar: Gloria will be helping with registrations. The 99s won't have a table, but will have Flying Companion Seminar flyers available at the registration table.

Prepared Passenger Seminar will be held in Fairbanks on Monday, April 20, at the Dept. of Natural Resources building. We could use more instructors. Instructors for the class need not be current.

Flying Companion Seminar will be held for the spring on May 16 at the UAA facility in Eagle River. We will be renting 2 rooms at \$50/day/room. We have 12 people registered.

Nominating Committee: Gloria asked for volunteers to be on this committee. We will be sending out the by-law revisions with the ballots that will be mailed in May. One of the changes to the by-laws is the terms of officers. Short descriptions for the officers' positions will be published in the May newsletter. Gloria indicated that we would like to have 3 members-at-large on the Board of Directors.

Sunshine Committee: Jean White will send a card to Heidi Reuss, who recently lost her husband to cancer.

Scholarships were awarded to:

- Dawn Braendel was awarded the Ruth Jefford Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 as a student pilot.
- Holly Adamson, a student at UAA, won the Alaska Chapter student scholarship of \$1,000.
- Brenda Staats received the advanced rating scholarship of \$1,500.

Angie Slingluff announced that the Civil Air Patrol, Polaris Squadron, was holding an Open House on Sunday, April 19, from noon - 3 p.m.

Petra Illig, who hosted the meeting at her Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe, indicated that she appreciated everyone's attendance at the meeting. She then introduced the speaker, John Stuernagle, with the FAA Safety Team, who gave us some history about flight simulators up to the present. Attendees were then able to get a first-hand look at the ADT which had previously been located at the Medallion Foundation's facility. This unit now resides at Petra's shop and is available for use.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary

Think about this . . .

--When you open a bag of cotton balls, is the top one meant to be thrown away?
--Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

Alaska Chapter 99s Monthly Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chair Gloria Tomich at 6:05 pm. Introductions were made. Seventeen guests and members were in attendance.

Tom George, AOPA representative in Fairbanks, presented the progra on MOA's and special use airspace in the Fairbanks area at Eielson Air Force Base. Information may be obtained by telephone at 800-758-8723, or 907-372--6913. There was also discusstion about the new proposed TSA rule, electronic filing with Customs to enter or leave the country and information about the Canadian 406MHZ ELT rule. We enjoyed a good program with lots of information.

Announcements:

- A computer and projector have been purchased for the 99s use.
- Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, at Stewart Title, at 5:30 pm.
- Sign-up sheet for the Trade Show booth was passed around for volunteers.
- Anyone having information or articles for the newsletter may contact Melanie Hancock.
- The Northwest Section Meeting will be held Mrch 14. International has requested ideas for improvements to technology, public relations, membership and communication.
- The Rasmusson Foundation has limited grants available this year. The 99s will not submit a request this year.
- The 99s table at the Alaska Air Carriers Association Conference was "sponsored" by Penn Air.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship deadline is March 20. Alaska Chapter has two scholarships available: \$1,000 for student pilot and \$1,500 for advanced rating. We have no applications to date.

The By-Laws have been sent to International for review. We jave been requested to change the fiscal year to June 1 to coincide with International and to change steps taken to dissolve the chapter.

Business Items:

The 2011 Northwest Section Meeting will be held in Alaska. Idaho will host the 2010 meeting, giving us a break after the International Conference here in 2008.

The next Flying Companion Seminar will be held in Fairbanks on April 20 at the Dept. of Natural Resources. Currently, there are 8 registered.

There will be a "Train the Trainer" class held on Saturday, April 4, at Stewart Title. The purpose is to get more people trained to help with the Flying companion Seminars.

Discussion was held regarding the length of the regular Flying Companion Seminar versus the Prepared Passenger. Ideally we believe the FCS should be 8 hours and the Prepared Passenger should be about 6 hours long. We believe that there are about 60 people with Emergency Management Services who might be interested in the Prepared Passenger Seminar.

On Saturday, June 6, the City will hold an airport emergency exercise at Anchorage International airport. Jesse Deavis will be the coordinator for volunteers.

Angie Slingluff announced that also scheduled for June 6 is the FAA Pancake Breakfast and the Youth Aviation Adventures program at the Palmer Airport. Jamal Larkins will be a featured speaker at the Trade Show.

Summer is approaching and we will be scheduling some airmarkings and hopefully some fly-ins.

Jane Dale announced that a new airport association is in the process of being organized. The Alaska Airports Association has drafted a charter and has nominations open for officers. The organization's goals are to improve communications to airports statewide and to improve education opportunities for airport managers, users, etc.

Gloria announced that the chapter needs a Publicity Chair and that anyone interested should contact her.

Angie Slingluff made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mio Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Hancock, Secretary