



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
August 2009



Notes from the Chair

Those summer days always seem to go by faster than we like. I hope all of you were able to get out and enjoy the Alaskan sun... I even got a light AK suntan, a rare accomplishment for me!

As always the joint picnic with the Mat-Su Valley chapter in June was an enjoyable social gathering. Many thanks to Patty Livingston and Jim Woodley for hosting it in their very large hangar.

Our July program, Col. John Dale, entertained us well with stories and videos of the "Flying the Dragon Lady" with its amazing take-offs and tricky landings! 99s and guests expressed thanks to Col. Dale for his time and enlightenment of the U-2 program.

Since I was not able to find a member attending the International Conference in Chicago I sent our chapter proxy votes with Marjy Leggett who will be the next NW Section Governor. The Alaska Chapter election ballots were returned with a quorum vote for all the nominated candidates and passage of our amended by-laws. The transfer of duties to the new officers will occur at the August meeting. This being my last formal message to members of the Alaska Chapter, I want to thank you for allowing me to represent the chapter this past year. And I encourage all members to contribute suggestions and volunteer time to make this organization viable and sustainable. As time passes, changes must be implemented and those changes must come from within. Please do your part.

See you at the August meeting!

Gloria

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Next Meeting

6:00 pm, Wednesday

August 12, 2009

*Peggy's Restaurant, Merrill
Field*

Program by Mike Pannone:

Understanding the Unique

Operations of the

Anchorage Control Center

Calendar of Events

Wed. Aug. 12	Regular Monthly Meeting, Installation of New Officers
Fri., Aug. 14	KAKM, Channel 7, Hangar Flying (Off-Airport Operations) 5:30 pm (see page 5)
Tues., Aug 18	Establishing and Managing Grass Airstrips in Alaska (see page 5)
Wed., Aug 19	National Aviation Day (see page 5 for more info on these following activities) Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum (free admission under 16 on 8/19 & 21) Annual Merrill Field Picnic Honors Aviation Pioneers, 12 - 1:30 pm Alaska Airmens Association Open House, 1 - 5 pm
Tues., Sept. 1	Deadline for submission of articles for September Flypaper
Fri., Sept. 4	"Aviation Day at the Fair," Alaska State Fair (see page 5)
Wed., Sept. 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Sept. 22	Mat-Su Valley 99s Regular Monthly Meeting

Alaska Chapter 99s Officers

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

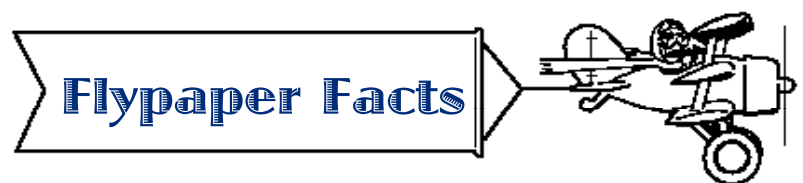
99s Online

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 **September 2009** Flypaper is **Sept. 1, 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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August Program

Program: Understanding the unique operations of the Anchorage Control Center

Mike Pannone is a retired Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist (SATCS), retired Professor of Aviation from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He has been an aviation professional for more than 51 years. Mike's aviation ratings are as follows: he has held ratings at 8 control towers, 4 terminal radar facilities and 2 en route centers. He holds a Commercial Pilot certificate with ratings in airplanes, single engine land and sea, and multi-engine land. He is instrumented rated. Mike has been flying in Alaska and Western Canada for more than 42 years. Mike holds Associate Degrees in Air Traffic Control and Professional Piloting, a Bachelor Degree in Air Traffic Control and Education, and a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science.

Anchorage Center is unique among United States Centers in numerous ways. Among these are:

Anchorage Center encompasses all the airspace in the State of Alaska, continuing to the North Pole, and into the Pacific Ocean south to 40 degrees North Latitude, and west to 160 degrees East Longitude (The other side of the International Date Line). This amounts to 234 million square miles and constitutes the largest piece of airspace controlled by any U.S. facility. It also includes more Class "A" airspace than controlled by any other U. S. facility. Some sectors in Anchorage center encompass more airspace than some entire "South 48" centers. It is one of only three U. S. centers to have control over oceanic airspace. (The others are New York and Oakland.)

Anchorage Center interfaces with only one other U. S. en route center, Oakland, and that is only at their common boundary in the Pacific Ocean. All other interfaces are with foreign centers; Edmonton (Canadian), Vancouver (Canada), Fukuoka (Japan), Anadyr (Russia), Mys Schmidta (Russia), Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski (Russia), and Magadan (Russia). All IFR flight Plans in the Anchorage Center airspace are effectively ICAO flight plans.

Anchorage Center is required to utilize non-radar control procedures in more airspace than any other U. S. facility.

Anchorage Center does not use HOST, ERAM, or URETS, but uses MEARTS. (This is the same system used by Houston Approach Control).

Anchorage Center does not have auto processes to communicate with adjacent facilities. Most communications are done manually and in non-standard format.

These are only some of the things that set Anchorage Center apart from other facilities. These factors create the need for specialty knowledge that is not always easy to come by, and has contributed to the long standing difficulty encountered when attempting to get Anchorage Center fully staffed.





The next scheduled meeting of the Mat-Su Chapter 99s will take place on Tuesday, September 22. Check the September Flypaper for more information.

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

Notes from the July 8, 2009 Meeting

On July 8, 2009 an impromptu chapter meeting was held after the program at the Aviation Heritage Museum. Nine members were present to vote for obtaining the liability insurance for the August 1 Short Field Clinic. Angie Slingluff. made the motion with Liz Kester seconding and it was passed with all ayes.

There was no other business conducted at this meeting.

Submitted by,

Gloria Tomich, Chair

Thank You Note from Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska

The following note was received by the Chapter:

Dear Gloria,

Thank you so much for sharing your booth space at the Aviation Tradeshow recently with me. We were able to sell quite a few raffle tickets those days. We had the drawing last weekend at our annual Amblin' for Alzheimer's event at Kincaid Park and our quilt winner took it home yesterday.

Gloria, I appreciate your generosity and that of the 99s!

Sincerely,

Fran Kelly, Development Director

NOTAMS

HANGAR FLYING

When: August 14

Where: KAKM Channel 7. time: 1740-1750

Description: 5th in a series, this segment is on Off-Airport Operations, part of accident reduction initiative.

ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING GRASS AIRSTRIPS IN ALASKA

When: Tue, August 18, 2pm – 4pm

Where: 809 S. Chugach St, Palmer Alaska ([map](#))

Description: Properly maintained grass airstrips can greatly enhance aviation safety by reducing propeller, engine and airframe damage from rocks. Learn from aviation turf research conducted by the U of A Fairbanks how to cheaply establish and maintain grass strips. Learn about runway preparation, grass selection, establishment techniques, fertilization strategies and soil samplings. For more info contact Stephen Brown 745-3639 or ffscb2@uaf.edu

ANNUAL MERRILL FIELD PICNIC HONORS AVIATION PIONEERS

When: Wed, August 19, 12 - 1:30pm

Where: UAA Aviation Technology Center, 2811 Merrill Field Drive ([map](#))

Description: The new access roads to Merrill Field were suitably named to acknowledge Merrill Field pioneers, Richard and Ramona Ardaiz, Oren Hudson, Bob Reeve, Wesley Stoddard and Joe and Anne Wilbur. Sponsored by the Municipal Airports Aviation Advisory Commission.

NATIONAL AVIATION DAY

When: Wednesday August 19

Where/Description: Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum. The Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum will offer free admission for youth under age 16 on August 19 and Saturday August 21.

Where/Description: Lake Hood Office. The Lake Hood Office will have an open House on Aug 19 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Where/Description: The Alaska Airmen will have an Open House from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Description: Angie Slingluff will kick off a statewide Aviation Art Contest. Info and contest rules can be found at the Federation Aeronautic Internationale website: http://www.fai.org/education/young_artists_contest (This year's theme is "Flying with the Sun".)

AVIATION DAY AT THE FAIR

When: Friday September 4

Where: Alaska State Fair at Palmer

Description: The Alaska State Fair is having its first dedicated . They will have tethered balloon rides. Medallion will have a simulator there as well as several booths for FAA aviation safety and educational lines of business. Join us at the Fair! The Ninety-Nines will also be represented!

Alaska 99s give input to Chinese Government Regarding General Aviation

99s' Liz Kester, Angie Slingluff, Jane Dale and Mio Johnson attended an interesting luncheon meeting Monday at the UAA AvTech complex at Merrill Field. Sixteen Chinese, government officials, including one pilot, came to the USA to learn about how to possibly structure General Aviation in China. They previously visited Washington, DC and California before coming to Alaska. Most didn't speak English and every presentation was thru a translator. Alaska aviation non-profit organizations gave a brief presentation on their niche and mission - Air Safety Foundation, EAA, Sea Plane Association, Alaska Airmen's Association, 99s (Women Pilots), the Alaska Airports Association, Alaska Air Carriers Association, etc; the FAA was there also in various capacities. Liz spoke on behalf of the 99s.

One of the driving factors for the Chinese to develop General Aviation is earthquakes & the lack of airports they have for emergencies. Their current large airports are controlled by the military and weren't much use for moving emergency supplies to where they were needed.

After our presentations, the question that floored us was, "how do the members of an association protect themselves if the government punishes the association? Are all punished as members?" It was a bit difficult explaining this one and on how an association could take a stance against a proposed government regulation and not get punished; we included lobbying as one of the things we did. We also explained bylaws and how an undesirable member could be expelled for a good cause and an entire association couldn't be punished for the acts of one member.

An interesting statistic that came out is that Alaska has roughly 10,000 pilots and 1,200 FAA employees, almost one FAA employee for every 10 pilots!

2009 SHORT FIELD CLINIC REPORT

The Short Field Clinic at the Palmer Pilot Adventure 2009 this past Saturday, August 1st, was a great success as was the entire day of safety seminars, vendor tables, and static displays. It was a real treat to see the C-17, with a woman pilot, land and takeoff in very short distances – should have participated in the SFC!

We had 7 airplanes, from Cubs to Cessnas and a Maule practicing their landings and takeoffs on the gravel strip. I was at the threshold and the Maule gave me a great gravel bath! Considering a fair amount of other traffic it went well and the pilots really appreciated our work. Lots of volunteers helped to make it a success.

Many thanks for volunteering time and radios to Jackie Siegel, Lorena Knapp, Clarissa Quinlin, Kris Ogonowski, Gerard Amzallag, Petra Illig, Cindy Michaelson, CJ Glasser, Melanie Hancock, Tamar Bailey, and a special thanks to Gayle Kase who brought safety vests/cones and did the orientation of the volunteers and pilot briefing. Additional thanks to Ernie Walker, John Steuernagle, and Chris Gates for loaning hand held radios of which we had lots. The organizers want this to be an annual Palmer event so we'll keep you posted for next year.

FROM AK 99S MEMBER ROSEMARY DUNN:

I just got home from going for a joy ride in N13122 tonight. It was doubly special because this plane used to belong to Jim Magoffin and I was there the day he presented it to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum.

We took off from Lake Hood and flew across the inlet to do a splash'n'go at Keyhole Lake. This was the most fun I have had all year!

The museum had a 4th of July fundraiser...and I was one of many volunteers. Tonight they gave a volunteer appreciation gala and selected a few of us to get this special gift!



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Alaska Chapter Ninety-Nines Announce New Officers and Board of Directors

The Alaska Chapter's newly-elected officers and members of the board of directors are:

Officers:

Lani Kile, Chair
Melanie Hancock, Vice Chair
Brenda Staats, Treasurer
Jay Laxon, Secretary

Board of Directors:

Gloria Tomich, Director
Angie Slingluff, Director
Mio Johnson, Director

The new officers and board members will be installed in their positions at the August meeting and will officially begin their duties with the September meeting.

Congratulations to each of you!

WOMEN'S AIR RACE CLASSIC ANNOUNCES WINNERS TEAMMATES FROM MICHIGAN AND GEORGIA PRONOUNCED AS FASTEST FEMALE FLYERS

June 30, 2009, Aurora, Colorado – Although the 4-day, transcontinental Air Race Classic ended in Atlantic, Iowa last Friday, its 69 competitors had to wait until Sunday to learn the results of the handicapped air race. Winners of the \$5000 top prize were pilot Kelly Burris, 44, of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan and copilot Erin Recke, 34, of Newnan, Georgia .

Burris—a 950-hour pilot and a patent attorney with the Chicago-based firm of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson, and Lione—owns the 1962 Beechcraft Debonair in which the couple competed for their second Air Race Classic. During last year's race, they were disqualified for entering IMC (clouds), as ARC rules stipulate that all racers must fly under visual flight rules. Recke is a 4000-hour commercial airline pilot with Delta Connection ASA.

Before the announcement, the two had an inkling of their winning performance. "We knew we felt really good about our race," said Burris. That suspicion was confirmed when they received a phone call "very late" on Friday night that their airplane would be inspected in the morning, indicating that they may have finished in the Top 12. After signing their official scorecard, they were given a W-9 tax form to complete, suggesting that they might receive a chunk of this year's \$15,000 purse. It wasn't until the Sunday night banquet that their suspicions were confirmed, and they learned that their plane had the best time (compared to its calculated performance figures).

Burris and Recke flew the sixth airplane to take off from Centennial Airport near Denver on Tuesday morning (June 23), although an early start is not necessarily an advantage since each individual airplane's time starts when it takes off, not when the race starts. The race continued with stops in Liberal, Kansas ; Sweetwater and Lufkin , Texas ; Russellville , Arkansas ; Grenada , Mississippi ; Sparta , Tennessee ; Jacksonville , Illinois ; and Racine , Wisconsin , before a final landing in Atlantic . Burris credited diligence and planning; support from family, friends, and other racers; and the experience from last year's race for her team's success. When asked if she would consider competing again, she responded with a resounding, "Yes! It was way too much fun!" Burris and Recke maintain a blog about their race experience at nocloudsforus.blogspot.com.

This year's competition marked the 80th anniversary of the first women's air race held in 1929, which started in Santa Monica , California and ended 8 days later in Cleveland , Ohio . Of the 20 airplanes registered for the Women's Air Derby that year, 19 took off but only 14 finished. Despite a fatality on the first day, the racers forged on to finish what Will Rogers, the race's Grand Marshall, dubbed the "Powder Puff Derby." With today's sophisticated aircraft engines, radio communications, and GPS, air racing is much less grueling and dangerous as it once was, but nonetheless remains a feat of endurance and skill.

This year's field of competitors ranged in age from Jessica Miller, who just finished high school, to Bee Haydu, former member of the World War II-era Women Air Force Service Pilots. In experience, racers varied from student pilot Lydia Baldwin, who raced with three-time Air Race Classic veterans Terry Carbonell and her mother, Caroline Baldwin, to first-time racer and retired airline captain Nancy Aldrich, who raced with fellow Texan Sherry Walker . Among the seven university-sponsored teams, Indiana State University's duo of Jessica Campbell and Victoria Dunbar came in second.

The Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and educating current and future women pilots; increasing public awareness of general aviation; demonstrating women's roles in aviation; and preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation. For complete 2009 results and other information, go to www.airraceclassic.org.

Powder Puff Pilot, a sponsor of the Air Race Classic Start in Denver , was founded in 2008 by Sue Hughes of Aurora , Colorado . She has authored *This Day in Women's Aviation*, a page-a-day calendar, and a series of children's picture books featuring Claire Bear, a pink-clad aviatrix. Her first two titles, *The Pilot Alphabet* and *Claire Bear's First Solo*, are currently on sale with a third, *Claire Bear Explains... What Pilots Fly*, in development. For further information or to order Powder Puff Pilot products, visit www.PowderPuffPilot.com or call toll-free at 888-801-6628.

Sue Hughes